

1 everyone agreed, I assume, I thought, or most of us agreed
2 that it was hoped that the election would be truly non-
3 partisan, that the Democratic and Republican Central
4 Committees in a particular area and various civic
5 groups such as League of Women Voters and other types
6 of groups would attempt to agree upon or solicit a
7 list of distinguished citizens of the area of the
8 county to stand as delegates for the convention.

9 I think it is more difficult, I believe,
10 to do that when -- it is easier for my county of
11 Montgomery, entitled to 16 delegates, much easier to
12 put together a list of 16 distinguished citizens if
13 we could draw from the county as a whole without being
14 confined to the artificial boundaries, they certainly
15 are artificial, highly gerrymandered boundaries of
16 the legislative districts as they now exist.

17 The reason for the legislative districts,
18 as I recall it in the reapportionment bill, was to
19 cut down the opportunity to have a countywide political
20 machine dominate. I remember certainly our friends of
21 the Eastern Shore gave this as a reason and I think it