

1 base, the better it would be.

2 DR. BARD: One other factor in explaining
3 that is if you start out with 10 per cent spread, by
4 the time you get to the next decennial census, you have
5 at least a 20 per cent spread. This was what concerned
6 us. If you start with 20, you have a 40 per cent spread
7 toward the end.

8 JUDGE ADKINS: It seems to me this is a
9 problem which is in the process of constitutional
10 evolution. I suspect we haven't heard the last on this
11 problem from the Supreme Court, drastic as some of us
12 think their decisions have been. If we have not heard
13 the last, it seems we should not tie our constitution
14 to their latest pronouncement. Whatever the Supreme
15 Court provides, we know full well the Maryland Legisla-
16 ture has to abide by. We have been through those birth
17 pangs. It seems to me logical to leave the Maryland
18 constitution with the flexibility of developing as the
19 Federal constitutional principles develop and hence I
20 would think it unwise to tie ourselves to 5 or 15 per
21 cent or any other. We can express the general principle