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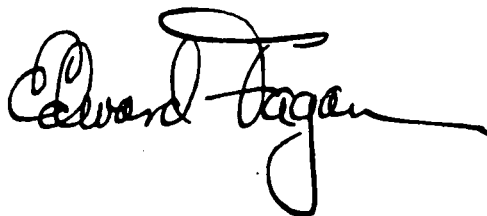
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The recent Maryland Constitutional Convention, sitting from September of 1967 until January of 1968, resolved many issues, among them being the controversial problem of Church-State relationship. In the matter of religious freedom, it adopted language identical with that contained in the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Since Marylanders will vote upon the proposed new constitution on May 14th of this year and since many other states are presently in the process of constitutional revision, the historical study of Kenneth Lasson upon the immediately following pages, dealing with the Maryland Constitution and religious freedom, is singularly appropriate. His personal conclusion is in line with that of the Convention.

Elsewhere in this issue is an interesting article dealing with the recent controversy in New York City over the proper formula for dispensing free legal services to indigents under the Economic Opportunity Act. Entitled "The Ghetto Lawyer" and authored by James J. Graham, it is offered as additional background material for the symposium on legal services under the O.E.O. which will appear in the Spring issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Tagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

EDITOR