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Oral as well as written comment received indicates that the item on public defenders aroused more than passing interest, and some very effective thinking is being done.

Some of the suggestions of a constructive nature, which have in mind the more prompt and efficient administration of justice, do not make any appeal to us, however. These are the suggestions for Conciliation Tribunals and the Legal Aid Society efforts.

Our State is large in area and not pock-marked by overgrown civic centers. It is, practically, one great rural community. Legal Aid Societies would find it difficult to function at a cost in money that one might even hope to accumulate thru any form of subscription, to say nothing of the incidental demands of time and effort. Conciliation Tribunals, at least such as have labored here during the past few years, are inadequate and very unwieldy. They accomplish little or nothing; they just won't do; in fact, they are a nuisance more than anything else.

But the Small Claims Court might be made available, and round out the program of relief suggested by Public Defender statutes, at least in the larger centers, and by larger centers we mean counties that are territorially tributary to a city of more than 5,000 population.

We prefer the Public Defender, paid from public tax moneys the same as the Public Prosecutor, to the efforts of voluntary Legal Aid Societies; and we favor the Small Claims Court over any form of Conciliation Tribunal.