

1 THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant at Arms will
2 clear the aisles and close the doors.

3 The Convention will please come to order.

4 The invocation today will be offered by the
5 Reverend Alphonse Rose, of St. Margaret's Catholic Church,
6 in Bel Air, Harford County.

7 Reverend Rose is a cousin of Delegate Vecera.

8 Reverend Rose.

9 REVEREND ROSE: Ladies and gentlemen, I would
10 like to begin first by reading a few sentences from the
11 Scripture. This is from Paul to the Athenians.

12 Live life, then, with a due sense of responsi-
13 bility, not as much who do not know the meaning
14 and the purpose of life, but as those who do. Make the
15 best of your time, despite all the difficulties of these
16 days. Don't be vague, but firmly grasp what you know
17 to be the will of the Lord.

18 Let us pray.

19 Oh God, your word remind us of the great personal
20 responsibility which devolves upon us here in this
21 chamber. To be a representative of the people is not