

*(There was no response.)*

A quorum being present, the Convention is in session.

The very handsome floral display on the rostrum is the Christmas gift to the Convention from Delegates Audrey Cicone and Anne D. Hopkins. I thank them both very much.

Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE SICKLES: In the gallery opposite the President are thirty seniors from Northwestern High School and with them is their teacher, Mrs. Barbara Goldstein, and I know the Convention will want to extend their usual warm greetings.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Freedlander.

DELEGATE FREEDLANDER: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I should like this group to welcome in the gallery above the rostrum Mrs. Samuel Richelman and her two children, students of Park School.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Barrick.

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I should like you to welcome my wife, Joan J. Barrick, my son, Paul Barrick, and my daughter, Linda Barrick, and also James P. Mause, Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Mr. President, I would like this group to welcome if they would, a distinguished professor and educator, a former chairman of the political science department of the University of Minnesota, a former president of the League of Women Voters in the State of Wisconsin, a former president of the Midwest Political Science Association, and the most distinguished political scientist in the Penniman family, my sister, Claire Penniman of the University of Wisconsin.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Rush.

DELEGATE RUSH: Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE RUSH: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you a gentleman's son with whom I served in the House of Delegates for two sessions, David Hickman, the son of David Carter Hickman. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. He is presently a clerk to the Chief Judge of the circuit court.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate E. J. Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I have a communication from Mrs. Tift's Civics Class Kensington Junior High:

"Dear Mr. Clark,

"After reading in the newspaper that the Constitutional Convention wanted high schools to submit preambles, our class decided to write one. We think our preamble is good because it's short and to the point. We hope you will find it interesting and perhaps consider using it.

"Thank you for your consideration."

Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen, this is what the class wrote:

"We, the citizens of Maryland, adopt this constitution to define our freedoms, insure our rights, liberties, and to maintain the general welfare; in order to form a more united State."

I thank you.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: I regret to advise you that the first vice-president of the Convention met with a mishap yesterday working around his home. He slipped as a result of which a heavy battery fell on his hand, broke several bones in his right hand, and lacerated it pretty badly.

He is in the hospital receiving antibiotic treatment to prevent infection. Mrs. Clark tells me the doctor will keep him there the rest of this week, so that he will not return to the Convention until after Christmas.

I have a belated announcement that should be entered on the journal. I will ask the reading clerk to read it.

READING CLERK: Please enter on the journal that pursuant to the mutual request of Delegate Joseph L. Johnson and Delegate J. Hardin Marion, on December