

1 address this Convention during this 1967 Convention session.

2 Delegate Fornos came and borrowed that letter
3 a little while ago from me, and I had no idea what he was
4 going to do with it, but I do appreciate the kindness of
5 my good colleague Delegate James.

6 I might say, Mr. President and delegates of the
7 Convention, that a few years ago under the auspices of our
8 United States State Department, this country inaugurated
9 the Alliance for Progress programs. Maryland was one of
10 the pioneer States of the United States to become a part of
11 the Alliance for Progress, partners of the Alliance program,
12 and we selected the ~~State~~ of Rio in Brazil. And the State
13 Department invited me to visit Brazil a few years ago, and to
14 carry our good wishes to them, and to explain to the Governor
15 of the State of Rio, whose guest I was while there.

16 This honor comes as quite a surprise. We are
17 going over on the 28th of December at 10 o'clock in the morn-
18 ing to the Brazilian Embassy and I extend an invitation to
19 the delegates of this Convention to be there if they so
20 desire, and to witness the presentation of this honor.

21 What it is I know not of, but it is something I