

1 THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant at Arms will clear
2 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 Bruce K. Price, delegate to this Convention.

6 Reverend Price.

7 DELEGATE PRICE: May we pray.

8 We thank Thee, O God, for the privilege of bear-
9 ing witness in this terrific generation in which our lives
10 are set. We thank Thee for the faith of our fathers living
11 still -- the most precious thing we have received from the
12 past -- the most precious thing we have to pass on to those
13 who come after us.

14 To be alive is to participate in drama. Yet,
15 as individuals, we confess that we have not always played
16 our parts with grace. We have called things God which are
17 not God. We have worshipped at the wrong altars. We have
18 burned incense at the wrong shrines. We have not loved
19 when we have been loved. We have not trusted each other
20 when we have been entrusted with life by Thee. We have
21 refused to accept wholeheartedly the good intent of others