

1 I am still a little astonished at how it was
2 possible for 142 delegates and I don't know how many
3 additional people of the staff to keep that secret so
4 closely guarded that I had not the slightest suspicion
5 of it.

6 On a pleasant note, I think it is interesting,
7 and I know you will want to hear of it, that today, as a
8 very historic date, is also a very important date to one
9 who has played a very large role in preparing for this
10 Convention and seeing it through to this day. Today happens
11 to be, among other things, the 31st birthday of the Chief
12 of Staff, John C. Brooks. (Applause)

13 I have been asked to advise you about several
14 more more mundane matters. Your pay checks will be sent
15 to you by mail, as will also be the expense checks, and
16 to those delegates who have requested copies of the
17 transcript, they will be forwarded by mail -- not first
18 class mail, but the cheapest possible method of getting
19 it there.

20 The Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

21 DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. President, on this most