

1 the committee room, and therefore will distribute them
2 here on the floor, put them on your desk just before
3 the session tomorrow. If you desire them before that,
4 you can pick them up at the library later this afternoon.

5 I have been requested to announce that absence
6 of Delegate Frank C. Robey is due to the fact that his
7 grandmother is being buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock.
8 He asked particularly that the announcement be made
9 because he thought there was some possibility that there
10 would be action taken this afternoon on several matters
11 in which he is interested. That is not the case.

12 His request, however, prompts me to state to
13 the Convention that I have not followed a policy of
14 stating to the Convention the reasons for the absence of
15 delegates because the matter of absence is under, or
16 excuse for absence, is under consideration by the
17 Committee on Rules and I thought it would be more
18 appropriate, once we had acted upon the report of that
19 committee and had determined what, if any, action we
20 should take with respect to absences that I at that
21 time would announce, if such be the purpose of the rule,