

1 ient to him. I also forwarded to him a copy of the
2 resolution adopted by this Convention.

3 In addition, our two United States senators,
4 Senators Brewster and Tydings, conferred with the President
5 and informed him personally of the invitation of this
6 Convention. The President is unable to address the Conven-
7 tion today. He delayed his response until the very last
8 moment because he hoped to be here. Yesterday, about noon,
9 I received a letter, and an hour later a telephone call
10 from an assistant to the President in the White House,
11 expressing his regrets at his inability to be present
12 today because of circumstances which had arisen.

13 I was given to understand that the President would
14 be pleased to have the invitation remain open, and on
15 behalf of the Convention, I have, therefore, indicated that
16 the invitation will remain open; and if the President can
17 address us at some future session, I have indicated that
18 we will arrange a special session, if necessary.

19 I wish also to announce that the Governor of
20 the State is unable to be here, and to read a telegram from
21 him which I received this morning. The telegram addressed