

1 THE PRESIDENT: I am sure that I speak for
2 all the Delegates of the Convention in expressing to
3 Governor Agnew our very sincere thanks and appreciation
4 for his most informative and splendid address.

5 Arrangements have been made to have distributed
6 to each delegate a copy of the Governor's address.

7 The Convention will come to order, please.

8 I think a word of explanation as to the resig-
9 nation, or as to the form of the resignation of Delegate
10 Webster is desirable at this point. As I am sure
11 every Delegate knows, Delegate Webster has been very
12 seriously ill since August. He has been hospitalized
13 and his condition is very grave.

14 In accordance with a resolution of this Con-
15 vention adopted some time ago, we sent him our best
16 regards and wishes for a speedy recovery. It became
17 obvious to him, however, that his illness was prolonged
18 and that his absence from the Convention deprived Allegany
19 County of the additional fourth representative to which
20 they were entitled. He communicated this to his wife,
21 and through her to the other delegates.