

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I do not think the gentleman is presenting a parliamentary inquiry. He is making an argument for amendment. He should have appeared before us Friday night. I assume he will have the opportunity to offer such an amendment here, and when he argues, I assume the Chair and others will have the opportunity to respond to it; but I do not think it particularly pertinent now. Mr. Weidemeyer has a motion pending, and I yielded to what I thought was an inquiry, not a debate.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will ask the Secretary to read the proposed new Rule 3A.

THE SECRETARY: Introduced by Delegate Weidemeyer, on page 2 of mimeographed proposed rules at Rule No. 3 and in lines 3, 4, and 5 thereof, strike out the following: "all of whom shall be elected by the Convention by the vote of a majority of all the delegates, by a roll call vote"; and following the last line of Rule 3 thereof, insert the following new rule:

*"3A. Election of Officers.*

(a) In the election for the President of the Convention, delegates may make nominating speeches placing names before the Convention for consideration. A secret written ballot of delegates to the Convention then shall be held, and each delegate shall write in at least four and not more than five names on his ballot. Delegates, while casting ballots, may vote for names other than those actually placed before the Convention. In the tally of votes on this secret ballot, the six highest names become the nominees for president of the Convention. Delegates then shall cast another secret written ballot voting for one of these six nominees. If one of the nominees does not receive a majority vote of all the delegates elected to the Convention, the delegate with the lowest vote shall be removed from the list and the same procedure followed until a president is elected.

(b) After the election of a president to the Convention, the same procedure shall be followed separately for the election of the honorary president, the first vice-president and the second vice-president."

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Bennett from Montgomery County.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, a parliamentary inquiry. I suggest that these amendments to the rules be considered in the order that they bear on the rules. For example, Delegates Clark, Fornos, et cetera, have an amendment to Rule 1, which is in conflict with the proposed amendment of Rule 38 [40], in that under this amendment by Messrs. Clark, et cetera, they propose that the rules be promulgated, which do not in any way infringe upon the public's right to information by this Convention. If we have a secret ballot, it is in conflict with that amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rules we will have to vote on the amendment as presented. If there are any conflicts, we will have to iron them out. Delegate Weidemeyer?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members of the Convention: We have no rules of the procedure specifically. On all of them, it shall be by a majority vote. The proposed new rule to be added to these rules covers the method of nomination and inasmuch as each delegate has had one copy placed on his desk and it has been read to him, I do not think it requires detailed explanation, except to say that candidates for office of president may be placed before the Convention by speeches recommending them, not nominating them. The delegates, each and every one, will play a part in nominating candidates for the office of president by giving his secret ballot a list of not less than four, nor more than five names. When all of the names submitted by all of the delegates are counted, then the six highest become the nominees for the office of president of this Convention, and after those six nominees are made, then each delegate will vote for one candidate. The candidate first receiving the majority becomes the elected president of the Convention.

On the amendments that I have suggested, it was not my original thought to drop the lowest one on each ballot, and if my amendment may be amended, I would like that portion of it stricken so that the lowest name would not be stricken on each ballot, but we would keep balloting until one of the six received the majority of the seventy-two votes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you offering an amendment to your own amendment?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I would like to offer an amendment to my own