

troller, judges, and numerous local officers, yet they now want to reduce the voting age.

My good friend, Ralph Hostetter, has just handed me a copy of *American Heritage*. I am not going to read all of it except that Alexander Hamilton and Noah Webster collaborated on how to check the Jeffersonian system in this country. Noah Webster, later of dictionary fame, and a high Federalist of the old school, said that a solution for rampant Jeffersonianism was to raise the voting age to forty-five.

(*Laughter.*)

Mr. President, my good friend from Baltimore County told you right. He did not come here to reform the State, but he did come here to help the youth. I am going to vote for his amendment to reduce the age to eighteen. If that fails, then I am going to vote for Amendment No. 1 to restore it to twenty-one.

(*Laughter.*)

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I would like to know, Judge Dorsey, how old is Ginger?

DELEGATE DORSEY: I just had a note signed Frank saying Ginger wanted her voting rights.

(*Laughter.*)

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the amendment calling for the age of eighteen. I support the majority report of nineteen. I attended a hearing one night, the public hearing on Suffrage and Elections. There were several hundred young people there.

I am sure when it comes time for the document to be ratified, the people that were at this hearing that night will know well what it did in this document. There was only one person who opposed lowering the voting age.

We have been very pleased in this Convention in having fine young people with us, and I wondered if they, the pages, would voice their opinion at this time, letting us know.

Everybody says the young people do not want the voting age lowered. I wondered if

they would voice their opinion now and let us know how they feel, the pages here in the Convention?

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair suggests they are not registered as lobbyists and would not be able to do that.

(*Applause.*)

Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor?

Delegate Boyles.

DELEGATE BOYLES: Mr. President, I have a question I would like to have answered before I vote. I do not know whether the question is in favor or against.

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom is your question addressed?

DELEGATE BOYLES: I do not know that. It is an open question. Anybody could answer that.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your question.

DELEGATE BOYLES: Thank you.

I would like to know what percentage of high school students do go to college.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Thirty-five percent of those who graduate from high school enter college. However, not all those thirty-five percent who enter college ever complete that education.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor?

Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I have had fifty years of experience with eighteen-year-olds and from the beginning I was about eighteen or nineteen myself. I think I taught three generations and I say each generation is better than the other.

Maryland is one of the most civilized spots in the world, and to so splendid a place so many of us have come. I would like all of those outlanders born outside the State of Maryland please to hold up their hand. Do not let us be ashamed of it.

I do not think all of them are responding, Mr. Chairman.

We came here—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, the Chair suggests possibly they are not of voting age.