

The invocation will be offered by the Reverend William F. Murdock of Lansdowne Christian Church, Lansdowne, Maryland. Reverend Murdock.

REVEREND MURDOCK: May We Pray:

God of all things and peoples, we come to Thee for Thy blessing at this time. We thank Thee for the heritage which we have from the past. Many of our rivers are tinged with the blood of those gone before to make it possible for us. We thank Thee for liberty, for duty, for opportunity, for truth. Grant to us, oh God, a sense of dedication to the task which is before us. We seek justice and equality even in the midst of wealth and power. May we pursue righteousness when the way is unpopular and the sacrifice great. Take from us the greed and prejudice which give the lie to our boastings of democracy. Awaken in us, oh, Father, an awareness of the extent of the need. Help us to overcome our tendency to divide, to place race against race, and city against city. Unite us together for the opportunities which Thou hast created in the midst of us. May we find in Thy presence that Thy Spirit has returned to our work. May we do our task in this spirit of freedom and joy, seeking Thy truth and wisdom that we may find when it is finished no sense of shame. Make us good citizens and loyal servants as we bend our hearts and minds to this task.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: Roll call. Have all delegates indicated their presence?

(At this point a roll call was taken.)

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will record the roll call.

There being a quorum present, the Convention is now in session. The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: I move adoption of the daily calendar and agenda.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second? Delegate White.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

DELEGATE WHITE: Mr. President, I would like to have the calendar amended in order that I may seek clarification at the proper moment on certain rules.

THE PRESIDENT: I am not sure I understand. Seek clarification on—

DELEGATE WHITE: On Rule 28 [29]*.

THE PRESIDENT: Seek clarification from whom?

DELEGATE WHITE: From the Chair in the presence of the entire Convention since there seems to be some misunderstanding among some delegates with whom I have spoken on the meaning. I can bring it to your attention at the proper time or may I do that now?

THE PRESIDENT: I should think that would be permissible without amending the calendar, Delegate White. I will recognize you for that purpose at the proper time.

DELEGATE WHITE: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the question?

(There was no response.)

All those in favor of the motion to approve the calendar, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered. The Calendar is approved.

The first on the agenda is the Eighth Report of the Committee on Rules. The report is relatively short and has been circulated today. It should be on your desk. I will ask the Clerk to read it in its entirety because I think we can dispose of it today.

READING CLERK: The Committee Report No. R&C-8 by the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget, Alfred Scanlan, Chairman, Report on Resolution No. 3.

The Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget has considered Resolution No. 3 introduced by Delegate Malkus on September 20, 1967. The resolution concerns both budgetary and financial affairs of the Convention, as well as matters relating to public information. The committee is of the opinion, and Delegate Malkus agrees, that under Rule 47 [51] of the Rules of the Convention the questions raised by Resolution No. 3 are divisible. Accordingly, the committee requests that a portion of Resolution No. 3 which pertains to public information be returned to the presiding office of the Convention with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Public Information. The committee also wishes to advise that Delegate Malkus has informed the committee that he regards those parts of Resolution No. 3

*The number in the brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.