

He feels that the Convention should not start with this draft, but from the beginning, only using the Commission's work as helpful study material. If there is anything in the draft that you do not like, do not blame him. He may well have voted against it himself.

Now, something about the man. He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, the University of Baltimore and Johns Hopkins. He is married and has two daughters and six grandchildren. He practiced law for more than 35 years, interrupted by service as an air combat intelligence officer in the Navy during World War II. He is known by bench and bar throughout the State as a formidable advocate and a warm and sympathetic counsel. For over two years, he was assistant attorney general of Maryland, in the late thirties, and has been active in the bar association and other professional organizations.

He served faithfully and well on several gubernatorial commissions, on taxation and other matters and, what everyone knows, he most recently was Chairman of the Constitutional Convention Commission which unofficially has borne his name from the inception. Incidentally, since 1954, he has been a trustee of Goucher College, of which most of us are now alumni.

Vernon Eney has the intellectual ability which is of vast importance, because of the unusual high degree of wisdom, talent and experience possessed by the men and women who were so carefully chosen as delegates to this Convention. He will recognize and utilize these qualifications. In addition to this, he will bring to the rostrum of this historic chamber a unique combination of intelligence, ability, experience, devotion, tenacity, fairness and kindness.

No delegate can deny that our paramount purpose must transcend personal considerations and ambitions. We must sublimate personal feeling to the overpowering objectives of this Convention.

Vernon Eney has no political ambitions, only a fierce determination to do all in his power to accomplish these lofty purposes. No one will ever be able to accuse Vernon Eney of subverting the public interest for any reasons. If we delegates do not do our job well and the result is not accepted by the people of Maryland next May, we will have spent a vast amount of effort in a hollow exercise in futility and frustration. Vernon Eney is the man with whom we are most certain to avoid this.

Mr. President, I take great pleasure in placing in nomination for President of this Convention the name of H. Vernon Eney.

ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: The name of H. Vernon Eney has been placed in nomination. Are there any seconds? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the Third District of Baltimore City.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention: I think this Convention has already given recognition to a duty which it feels it has when it has nominated by acclamation the Honorable J. Millard Tawes as Honorary President. I think it would be the further and necessary next step to select the man whom Governor Tawes selected to be the Chairman of the Commission that labored for over two years and worked studiously and diligently to produce the draft which is now before you.

We have a duty, it seems to me, during the next 120 days to shape the future of at least the next century. What kind of a man do we need as a President under these circumstances? We need a man, first of all, of great intellectual ability. We need a man who knows the complexities of a Constitution. We need a fair man. We need an impartial man. We need a man of dignity, a man of calm, a man of massive ability, if you will, and I think that we have such a man in H. Vernon Eney, and the best proof I have of it is the talks that I have had with the 27 people who made up the Constitutional Convention Commission, because never have I seen among so many men of great ability and personality and diversity, if you will, such admiration for one man as they have for their Chairman, H. Vernon Eney; and if nothing else, that one fact, it seems to me, bespeaks the ability which he has and the reason why this body should honor him with its presidency.

We have in Mr. Eney a man in the prime of his life. We have a productive man. We have a man who gives great attention to detail. We have an impartial man. We do not have a man embroiled in politics or political factionalism. We have a man who wants to do a job and get it done and get it done well.

I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, in seconding the nomination of H. Vernon Eney, that we have an obligation to select a man as President who deserves to be elected, the man who has labored for 24 months, the man who knows this state and