

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: I would like for the record to show I was present at roll call. My button did not work.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to announce the delegate to my right, Delegate Weidemeyer, had the pleasure of celebrating another birthday yesterday. He has requested that I withhold the exact age from the minutes of the Convention. (*Applause.*)

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any delegates present now who were absent at roll call desire to indicate their presence? Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: Mr. President, I wish to indicate my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Delegate Hardwicke, present.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other delegates present now who were not present at roll call desire to indicate their presence? If not, the chair recognizes Delegate Powers, Chairman of the Committee on—just a moment, Judge Powers. There was one other matter that I wanted to call to the attention of the delegates. I am sure all of you are aware that at the end of this week we will be at the mid point of the Convention. I am sure all of you are likewise aware that in committee you have been moving very rapidly in the past week to crystallize your thinking and that the reports are beginning to shape up.

I want to mention to the delegates generally several things that I mentioned to the chairmen last Thursday evening in connection with the reports of the committees. I make this announcement to the other delegates in connection with the minority reports.

As I think all of you realize, the reports of the committees and the minority reports are very important historical documents, historical in the sense that they are the documents to which the courts in the future will have primary recourse to determine the intent and meaning behind the various provisions adopted in the constitution.

They are therefore not casual memoranda to be dashed off hurriedly. They should receive the best attention of the

committee chairman in the case of majority reports, and of the spokesman for the minority in the case of minority reports. Remember that 20 per cent of any committee can file a minority report. It should be done just as carefully as the majority report. The two rules you have to keep in mind necessarily, if you desire your report to have an effect on the remaining delegates, it must be short enough to be read. We are all going to be deluged even more than we have been in the past by a mass of written material. It is going to be necessary for all the delegates to try as best they can to familiarize themselves with all the mass of material accumulated in the hearings held by the committees in the past six weeks. This in itself is a tremendous volume of reading to assimilate in a very short time. It is, therefore, even more important that the reports of the minority not be repetitious, be short enough to be read, but be long enough to be truly informative and, if you desire them to have that effect, to be persuasive.

The chair now recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 2:00 P.M. tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(*Whereupon, at 4:25 P.M., the Convention adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 24, 1967.*)

PLENARY SESSION

OCTOBER 24, 1967—2:00 P.M.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
WILLIAM S. JAMES,
PRESIDING

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: The prayer will be offered by the Reverend W. Curtis Draper of Upper Marlboro Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Reverend Draper.

REVEREND DRAPER: Let Us Pray:

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, without Whose help our labor is in vain, renew in those who are gathered here at this hour a sense of Thy Gracious Presence. May it be to us this day a constant impulse to courage, trustfulness, and a united effort. Thou has committed to us a