

the demands that the Constitution is going to make of it like the back of his hand. I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, with all due respects to the other fine men who have been and will be nominated, that there is one man to get this job done and get it done well and get it done within time and that man, I submit to you, is H. Vernon Eney.

**ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:** Any further nominations? The Chair recognizes Marvin Smith.

**DELEGATE M. SMITH:** Mr. Chairman, I think that we all would agree on one thing, and that is that the one great desire that we all have is to do the job here that will be best for the people of Maryland and it is with that thought and in that spirit that I rise to second the nomination of Mr. Eney.

I have heard some of my liberal friends say he is too conservative and I have heard some of my conservative friends say he is too liberal, which to me indicates he is in the middle of where the great mass of American people want to be. Now, I submit to you that the President of this Convention, and it should be a man of substantial intelligence, that he should be a man of vision, a man who has understanding of the job that is to be done, of the job that has gone before, of the job that we have yet to reach out to do, who has visions of the future of this great State of ours.

He must be a man who has ability to turn words and set time limits to see that we all do the job and when it should be done, in order that we may accomplish the purpose for which we have come to Annapolis. I submit to you that we need a man of tact and yet one of toughness, one who has the ability to persuade and to cajole, to see that we meet our deadlines. Vernon Eney is that kind of a man.

**ALTERNATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:** The next name on the list is that of Delegate Sybert of Howard County. Delegate Sybert.

**DELEGATE SYBERT:** Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen constituting the delegates to this great Convention: I rise to place in nomination the name of an outstanding fellow of Howard County. He is a man who by background, training and experience and personality is well able to preside over this historic Convention. I do not subscribe to the theory that only one man is qualified or should be elected President. There are a number in this great

body who could handle that high position with distinction and with respect.

The man whom I am about to nominate is the son of former Judge James Clark of the Fifth Judicial District of Maryland. He attended Iowa State University. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree. When World War II broke out, he enlisted promptly and served four and a half years during that unfortunate conflict as a glider pilot in the European Theater of War. He came back and he has farmed a large farm in Howard County, taking place in many civic matters that have gone on in Howard County and in the State. He married a former Anne Arundel County school teacher and he and his wife are the parents of three children. He is a Rotarian, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he has been a moving spirit in the Howard County Y.M.C.A.

He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1938, and very soon it became apparent that he was a man who was going to make his mark because of his originality of thought and independence of action. As a matter of fact, an event proved that prognostication, because towards the end of his term in the House, he was selected as Legislator of the Year, in 1962, by the Maryland Legislative Correspondents Association, for his outstanding leadership in the reapportionment fight in the House of Delegates.

He was elected to the State Senate from Howard County in 1962, and again in 1966. His record in both branches of the legislature has been outstanding. For the first time, he had legislation passed to set up an extension of the park system in his own county, Howard County, as well as a people's court to replace the old, out-moded magistrate system in Howard County. He also sponsored legislation for a Fire Commission of Maryland. He was a sponsor of legislation to curb excessive interest rates on revolving credit accounts. He was the sponsor of a fair housing bill. He introduced a series of water pollution bills, anti-pollution bills. He was chairman of the committee which was responsible for recommending legislation to strengthen the regulation of campaign expenditures and contributions and he was instrumental in securing legislation to improve the state's program in education and mental health.

Now, without taking up any more of your time on this rather warm day, I submit that the record of the nominee whose name I am about to place before you, as well as that background as training, as I