

First Vice President must have a sense of fairness and objectivity. Those of us who served on the Commission know that when Mr. James as President of the Senate appeared before us, there was a sense of detachment, he spoke with objectivity with detachment and with a good deal of scholarship in terms of the requirements of our Constitution.

He must be one who is firm, yet fair, and any who have watched him in the legislature know that this is certainly true of him. At no time does he advocate his own opinions. He has them fairly and firmly but he does not force them upon others. He has this sense of detachment which is important in this work. He has carried it on within that frame of reference.

The First Vice President must have a sense of organization. It will be important in terms of his responsibilities as a member of the steering committee as one who helps to select committee members that he know how to marshal the forces that are here. This we know he can do. He knows how to use the resources of the Convention and he knows how to integrate ideas into a fullness and a firmness of the matrix that is desirable for this Convention.

A First Vice President must have a sense of inspiration and this Mr. James has. He tends to inspire people to create, to give them latitude to create and at the same time he does not impose his own will upon individuals. He is highly respected as he is because of his writings, because of his work in the legislature, long time work and in Harford County his colleagues, this is one way to check, respect him highly throughout the entire state as they do. In a very quiet way, he has a way of getting things done though often he gives the credit to others.

Finally he must have a sense of vision which is perhaps more important than anything else. Mr. James is familiar with past Constitutional Conventions. Indeed in the coming year he brings to us all of the other four Convention views. Those of you who are familiar with his writings in these areas know he can marshal facts immediately with regard to any aspect of the Constitution. He will bring inspiration to us, he has a sense of what other states have done so he will have a sense of geography as well as time, so if we are discussing any particular issue, he would know what has been done in other states, particularly in terms of the frontier of

ideas, what has worked and what has not worked.

In conclusion, I would say he has a sense of the future and knows the urgency required in terms of the future. He blends the best of the past with the requirements of the future. It is in my way of thinking highly important that we have side by side with Mr. Eney one who can complement the strong assets he has. These are the chief characteristics of William James. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate William S. James has been nominated as First Vice President of this Convention. Is there a second?

DELEGATE BUZZELL: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I am honored to second the nomination of Delegate William S. James as First Vice President of this Convention.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. President, fellow delegates, it is with pride and pleasure that I second the nomination of William S. James. Bill James is a close personal friend of mine and a fellow and eminent Harford Countian but it is not for those reasons that I rise to second his nomination. Rather it is because I think he is most qualified and eminently so to fill this position and to work side by side in harmony with our newly elected and always respected President, Mr. Eney. Therefore, I second the nomination of Mr. William S. James for First Vice President of this Constitutional Convention.

THE PRESIDENT: Next delegate to be recognized for purpose of making nomination is Delegate Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr.

DELEGATE O'CONNOR: Mr. President, fellow delegates, in view of the fine nominating speech which was made this afternoon in behalf of the Delegate from Howard County, I will not attempt to summarize his biographical data. I feel you all know him well, you heard today the things that are generally listed in his pedigree.

Two things which occur to me which have not been touched upon, one happens to be personal, I apologize for that, but we all look at things like this, make our judgments from the standpoint of our personal experiences with people.

The first thing which is not at all subjective is the fact that this gentleman was chosen by the ladies and gentlemen of the press two or three years ago as the outstanding legislator in Annapolis.