

Therefore, there is no need for me to repeat those on this hot night except to tell you that the candidate whose name I am about to offer you presents those talents, those attributes, in full abundance. The disadvantage under which I labor is the fact that while he has appeared before you earlier today in presenting a candidate's name in nomination for the presidency, his biographical sketch, his life, his experience, have not been enumerated. I will not dwell long on these.

He is a native son of Prince George's, graduate of University of Maryland, and George Washington University Law School. He long practiced at the bar where he enjoyed a distinguished career serving as Solicitor for the City of Green Belt, Counsel for Maryland National Park and Planning Commission. He served in the House of Delegates from 1936 to '42. He interrupted that public service with a distinguished war record in Africa, in France, and in Germany. He came back to resume the practice of the law. He served on many Governor's commissions including Governor Lane's Commission on Corporation Law and Governor Tawes' famous Commission on Reapportionment.

Finally recognition of his talents as a lawyer, as a public servant, brought him to elevation to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County where he has served with distinct impartiality and prestige for seven years. He has watched and been part of the growth of the metropolitan area. When he was a young man in Prince George's, it was a small, I suppose it is fair to say, rurally oriented county but he has grown with the county, he has enjoyed the confidence of the older citizens and residents who knew him as a young man and he has captured also the confidence of the many, many thousands who have come into Prince George's since that day.

We in other counties surrounding Prince George's know his talent and know his abilities. While I would be the last to suggest that this Convention should base its decision on purely geographical considerations any more than it should base its decision on ideological considerations, I do suggest that the experience that my candidate gained over the many years with the problems of the metropolitan area and his familiarity with them give him a special talent to serve effectively in this Convention as its First Vice President.

Mr. Justice Holmes once said that an ounce of charm is worth a pound of intellect. I am fortunate in offering you a

candidate that has both these attributes in full abundance, a charming man, an easy man to work with but with a keen cutting edge to his mind. I offer in nomination as First Vice President of this Convention Ralph W. Powers of Prince George's County.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Ralph W. Powers has been placed in nomination for the office of First Vice President of this Convention. Is there a second. Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Mr. President, it is indeed a privilege and honor for me to second the nomination of Honorable Ralph W. Powers. This nominee is a working Southern Maryland gentleman. Delegate Scanlan has detailed his experience and accomplishments. I would only like to add that he has had the experience of living and working in an area of Maryland during a period of transition from rural to suburban and he is still a leading citizen of Prince George's County, the fastest growing county in the State.

He is a favorite son of Southern Maryland, an able lawyer and experienced Legislator and distinguished jurist. It is an honor and privilege for me to second the nomination for First Vice President of this Convention the Honorable Ralph W. Powers.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a further second? Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I am happy to second the nomination of Ralph W. Powers because here we have a delegate of outstanding ability but with an attribute that is so important in this office of First Vice President, warmth and understanding. We need one with administrative ability. This he has. But also of vital importance the need to work in harness with others. With this combination of abilities, we start off well and I am very happy and pleased to be able to second the nomination of Honorable Ralph W. Powers.

THE PRESIDENT: That closes the nomination. Delegates nominated for office of First Vice President are Delegates James, Clark, and Powers. Before asking the Clerk to call the roll, I think I should say that I do not believe the President of this Convention should in any way influence the election of other officers by voting or in any other manner. For that reason I shall ask the Clerk in calling the roll to pass my name. I will ask the Assistant Journal Clerk to call the roll and have the Assistant Journal Clerk as Secre-