

nomination the name of Gerald D. Morgan as Second Vice President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Gerald Morgan has been nominated for office of Second Vice President of this Convention. Is there a second? Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I am happy to second the nomination of my neighbor and friend, while a member of rival political faith, a distinguished son of our county.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to second the nomination of Gerald D. Morgan. My experience in the legislature, my personal experience in contact with Mr. Morgan made me feel he is eminently qualified. Since he is not as well known as some of the others, I wonder if it would be in order to ask Mr. Morgan to stand.

THE PRESIDENT: I think so. Mr. Morgan. Thank you. The next person to make a nomination is Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, I would like to withdraw my request.

THE PRESIDENT: Next person to make a nomination is Delegate White.

DELEGATE WHITE: Honorable President of this great Convention, my fellow delegates, 100 years ago I could not have stood in your Convention as I am now. 100 years ago you decided in a convention in Annapolis that I could testify in court but I had no more rights.

I say this to indicate that this is a history making occasion. We came here to rewrite the Constitution. We are making history. I challenge you that if we are going to make history, let us be bold about it and imaginative about it. Let us go all the way. A hundred years ago there was some doubt about women's rights to participate in certain phases of American life except for childbearing.

So with this background, I wish to place in nomination for the Second Vice Presidency a female and a member of a group who, too, could not have stood here a hundred years ago because of the color of her skin. I offer you a friend, a person whom I have known over the years in struggles in the community, a person who comes highly qualified. I might paraphrase the words of our great President Lyndon Johnson when he nominated Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court of the United States. He said in effect that this was the right

thing to do and that Thurgood had earned the right to be nominated.

I say to you that the nominee which I shall present to you has earned the right. She is qualified. It is the right time. Briefly I submit to you some of her formal qualifications. She is a graduate of the public schools of Baltimore City. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with honors with a Bachelor of Science Degree, also Master of Arts. A graduate of the University of Maryland Law School with a Bachelor of Law, having served on the editorial staff of the Law Review for three years. General law practice 17 years with emphasis on constitutional law. Practiced before the Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth District, Federal District Court of Maryland, and the Court of Appeals of Maryland. She was a member of the White House Conference for Children in 1940, appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She was a member of the White House Conference for Women and Civil Rights in 1963, appointed by the great President John F. Kennedy. She was a member of a White House Conference to fulfill these rights by Lyndon B. Johnson.

Members of this Convention, I submit to you the name of a fighter, a friend, a mother, Juanita Jackson Mitchell. I ask her to stand so you may know her.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Juanita Jackson Mitchell has been nominated to office of Second Vice President of the Convention. Is there a second?

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. President, members of the Convention, if there is any person present in this Convention who has lived constitutional law, it is Delegate Mitchell. She has been closely associated on the firing line of constitutional theory and constitutional development. I believe that in the creation of a well balanced staff to organize and supervise this Convention, Delegate Mitchell will be a real asset. She stands on her own merits, not as a member of a double minority, that is, both Negro minority and the female minority, but she stands on her own merits as a fine, able, and capable person. I recommend to you Delegate Mitchell as Second Vice President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a further second?

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. President, I would like to second the nomination of Juanita Mitchell. I think the nominator has extolled her virtues and her credentials adequately. I stand as a seconder.