

an administrative assistant very soon. We feel the need very much.

THE PRESIDENT: You will have. I might add that your committee is the most neglected committee in the assignment of staff of any. It is now high on the agenda of replacement.

The Committee on General Provisions, Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, unaware of the contemplated announcement of the Chair that the chairmen of the committees will meet this afternoon, the Committee on General Provisions had tentatively set a short organizational meeting for this afternoon. I do not think it is quite that important; so I think we will cancel our meeting for this afternoon and meet tomorrow morning in the committee room at 9:00 A.M. sharp. At that time, I would like to announce at this time to members of the committee, we will have a witness who will be very important, and I would suggest that you attend on time.

THE PRESIDENT: The Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement, Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: At this time I have no announcement to make. We will hold a meeting beginning sometime next week, but at this time there are no meetings scheduled for this Committee.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any other announcements? Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: One of the members of my committee suggested that we postpone the meeting until 3:30 P.M. and so that is what the Committee on the Executive Branch will do. We will meet at 3:30 P.M. down in the committee room.

THE PRESIDENT: What is it, Delegate Leitzel?

DELEGATE LEITZEL: I would like to make an announcement of interest to the Baltimore County delegates. A meeting has been called for 1:30 P.M. tomorrow afternoon in the Ways and Means Committee Rooms in the basement of the State House, 1:30 P.M. tomorrow, Baltimore County delegates.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me suggest to you, Delegate Leitzel, that you cannot use that room except by the permission of the chairman of the committee assigned to it. Have you talked to him about it?

DELEGATE LEITZEL: Miss Jacqueline McCurdy talked to me. She said that had been cleared. That is all I know about it.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not remember at the moment which committee has that room. Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. President, Miss McCurdy did speak to me, and since it is a 1:30 P.M. meeting, I told her it is all right since it is so close to the 2:00 P.M. session.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I just want to announce a short meeting of the Rules Committee at 12:00 noon tomorrow in the committee hearing room, another basement meeting in the basement of the Shaw House.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Scanlan, are your members aware of which room that is? It is not the large Baltimore City delegation room?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: No. It is not. We have not been around there. We have been holding our meetings in more commodious quarters, but they might as well face up to it now.

THE PRESIDENT: It is the room on your right as you face the door to Main Street in the basement. I do not know the number, but you will not have any difficulty. Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: May I suggest to the members of the various subcommittees appointed this morning to the Legislative Branch that the committee room will be available to them should they desire to meet this afternoon to take up the various sub-matters that were assigned to them; so the six subcommittees are invited to meet voluntarily.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Any further announcements? Let me make one comment about the audio system, which is a little too much in operation, perhaps; but I think most of the difficulty is in our use of it. The audio system that is here now is a new system; it has just been installed. It is a very sensitive, high fidelity system. It is difficult, I am told, to adjust it at the controls here to pick up with the same fidelity and degree of volume the voices of different people, when the voices are of such a wide range and timbre and tone. This is complicated by the fact that we all differ so in our habits as to how far from our mouths we hold the microphone.