

The loud hum which you hear is caused most often by the voice directly hitting the sensitive microphone. I think if you will get in the habit of holding the microphone about six to eight inches from your mouth and below it, talking over it, rather than into it, the operator of the equipment here at the desk can control the volume; and if your voice is too low, he can easily increase the volume, but at least that will prevent the annoying hum.

I believe there were a few delegates who came in after the roll call. If there are any such who are now present, will they please stand so they can indicate their presence? Delegate Mitchell?

DELEGATE MITCHELL: I would like to indicate my presence, and I would like to ask the Chairman if it is possible for a delegate to make a comment at this point, after the other delegates have indicated their presence?

THE PRESIDENT: This is the period for announcements. If it is pertinent to the business and is in the nature of an announcement, I would say so.

DELEGATE MITCHELL: I simply, Mr. Chairman, would like to be corrected, but I would like to state for the purpose of the record of this historic Convention that I must disagree with the description of the federal government, which our distinguished Chairman and President of the Convention gave in his opening address yesterday afternoon. It is my hope that this Convention will not be a sounding board for anti-federalism. I believe that we are one nation. I believe that the demands of the times are so great that teamwork among the officials of the federal and state governments is essential to our survival; and I hope I am wrong, but it seemed to me that our President was declaring war on the federal government, which in reality would be declaring war on ourselves.

I believe that we must face the fact that there are some problems of this State, and the rest of the states of this Union, such as the protection of human rights, the building of highways, the conservation of our natural resources, which are so intertwined that no one state can resolve them alone, and if there is error in the federal government, it is not the error of a foreign power. It is our error. In a democratic government we are the instruments for correcting mistakes, without portraying our fellow Americans as villains at the worst, stumblebums at the best; and I believe that in these days of rapid transpor-

tation and electronic communication, Washington, and certainly Maryland, is as near as the telephone and is as accessible as the airport ticket counter. I think that in this Convention we must continue to emphasize to our citizens and the State of Maryland that Washington is our property, and the officials are our officials; that we are the government, federal and state; and I would hope that in this Convention we develop a stronger partnership because as no man is an island, no state is an island, and we need each other.

THE PRESIDENT: I assure Delegate Mitchell that the President was not declaring war on the national government or anyone else.

Delegate Miller?

DELEGATE MILLER: I wish to record my presence, Mr. Chairman. (*Applause.*)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Miller, inasmuch as we are preserving this record on tape, we have to ask you to repeat that in the microphone. If you will use the microphone.

DELEGATE MILLER: In compliance with the statement of the Chair that those that came in a little after the roll call should rise, I have risen.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other delegates? Delegate Bamberger?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. President, I wish to report my presence.

THE PRESIDENT: Are any other delegates present who were not present at the roll call who desire to report their presence? Delegate Della?

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. President, because of the court assignment of Delegate Bushong, I move that he be excused from attendance today, only because of his court assignment. He had to be in court.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della, I will ask you if you will consider it to withdraw your motion and hold it for awhile, with this explanation. The Enabling Act, which deals with the matter of pay and allowances of delegates has some very explicit but unclear language. I think we will have to have an opinion of the Attorney General in order to know just how far the Convention can go, and if you would not mind withholding your motion, I would give you an opportunity to make it at another day.