

day. That is the stenographic transcripts for the proceedings yesterday which have been reproduced. I do not know whether they have yet been collated to be available for you this afternoon before you leave. They may be here. If not, they will be sent to your committee rooms. Again, as soon as we have sufficient equipment, and in this we simply underestimated the demand for the equipment, it will be our attempt to have the stenographic transcript on your desks in the committee room early each morning. As long as the sessions are short, this will not pose any problem. The reporter types up the transcript almost immediately. We will have to have a night crew working, but they will do so and distribute the transcripts to you.

These transcripts, as the sessions continue, are likely to become more and more bulky, and this will, of course, at times cause some slowdown in the distribution. In order to enable you to keep tabs of what you have, the pages will be numbered consecutively, not separately for each session. The first session, I think, went to page 59; the second session from page 60 to 88. We will continue that way so that you can always tell which, if any, sessions are missing from your compilation by reference to the pages.

In order to retain that continuity, there will be a title page for each session, but it also will bear the regular page number in order. In other words, the title page for the first day, the second session, is page 60.

I do not know what your pleasure is as to retention and use of these transcripts. They will, of course, be very interesting and valuable to you in the future as a historical document, and I am sure you will want to preserve them. More immediately, they will be very valuable to you hereafter as being a record of what is actually said in debate. The purpose of having the transcripts reproduced, or at least one of the purposes, is that when committees meet on a morning following a session in which a proposal or a question may be debated, there will be no uncertainty as to what action was taken by the Convention or by the Committee of the Whole, or as to what points were made in the debate. You will have the stenographic transcript in front of you. This should expedite the work of the committees.

I have no doubt that there will be a very considerable demand for these transcripts. To a reasonable extent we are planning to have copies available for public use. We cannot possibly reproduce enough copies so

that any member of the public may get one. They will be made available in libraries and other places. We are making them available to the press.

Please let us know if any of you have any suggestions or thoughts, either as to distribution, different or wider distribution of these transcripts, because as all of us realize, it is absolutely imperative that the public be kept informed as to exactly what is being debated and what is being transpired, but also if any of you have any suggestions as to some method that would be more convenient for you to keep and use these transcripts while we are in session. We have not provided a means because we are a little puzzled as to what is the best way to do this. The storage space for the delegates is at such a premium already that if we attempted to provide looseleaf notebooks, each of you would end up with a great mass of notebooks, which in themselves would take up space. One suggestion is simply to leave them loose and you put them in envelopes. Another is that we provide these, what I call shoestring binders, these big cardboard binders that are expandable to any degree.

I would suggest that since this a matter of your own use and the feasibility of different methods, that you give consideration to a discussion in committee meetings and any suggestions that you have, pass along through your administrative assistant or chairman so that we can work out a method of handling that will make it of the highest utility.

Again, let me urge you to safeguard the transcripts. It will not be possible to reproduce once we have exhausted whatever supply is originally reproduced. The time taken in reproducing the transcripts is considerable, and if we get to a point of trying to interrupt the production line and go back to it, we might slow down the work of the Convention; so please regard those as very important documents, much more so than your proposals. It will be much easier for us to furnish you with additional copies of proposals. The transcripts are a very valuable document.

Now, we are still, as everyone is fully aware considerably disorganized. We have not been able to iron out all the problems. We are woefully short of sufficient, really competent secretarial help and typewriters. The staff has not become fully acclimated on doing the routine things, and accordingly, we have not yet been able to put into effect what is regarded also as very important for your use, and that is the two daily calendars.