

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other motions or resolutions?

*(There was no response.)*

THE PRESIDENT: If not, we will proceed to announcements. I have a very few announcements.

We have run into a problem that can cause us some embarrassment outside by reason of requests to outside agencies beyond the State for materials being made directly by committee personnel. In a particular instance, a request which required a good bit of research and digging and additional printing by the Government Printing Office was addressed by personnel of two separate committees to the two United States Senators separately. Each spent a great deal of time in obtaining exactly the same material. They were a little disconcerted to find they were duplicating the efforts. May we, therefore, request that all requests for materials from outside agencies, either state agencies or agencies outside the State, not be submitted directly by committee personnel, but be directed to the librarian, Mrs. Keller, and in the event of duplication, she would then know it. Any request you want, please present it to Mrs. Keller, the librarian, who is in the library in the Jeffrey Building. In connection with the library, let me also announce that it will be substantially augmented very shortly by delivery of a number of volumes being loaned to the Convention by the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore City. As soon as those volumes are received and a few other volumes that have been ordered, a complete library list will be prepared and circulated to all delegates so that you will know what is available in the library.

If, in addition, there are publications which you think would be very helpful and of considerable use to delegates or the committees and they are not in the library or not otherwise readily available in the State Law Library, will you please give Mrs. Keller a memorandum so that a decision can be made whether to obtain the material, and if so, how many copies?

You should have on your desks today the first part of a memorandum which was requested by the Convention some days ago, which is a memorandum assigning for purposes of study and consideration to the various committees all the provisions of the present Constitution. This is called the President's Memorandum No. 13. It com-

prises presently four pages. There are six additional pages which have not been reproduced but have nothing different. It is merely a restatement of the same material on these four pages by committees, so do not bother to look through and pick out the assignments of your particular committees. This has already been done. As soon as it can be duplicated, you will receive the additional sheets, which we will make available for you.

Just one word about this. In order to not diffuse responsibility, assignments have been made to only one committee. In some instances, this has required that an existing section be assigned to committees, but not the entire section so assigned, but parts of a section assigned to a committee. In addition, there are some instances where primary responsibility for a section ought to be in one committee, but one or more other committees ought to take a look at it or know about it so as to be familiar with the fact that it is in the Constitution and is being considered. Therefore, the secondary assignment is for your consideration. The primary assignment fixes the responsibility.

In connection with this memorandum, let me urge you to use the two-column comparison of the present Constitution and the draft constitution which is in the Commission's final report. You will find it helpful as a means of getting on one page a precise language of the constitution that you have. The present Constitution, as you know, is in the left-hand column of that comparison.

We have now got into a volume of proposals and are approaching the point at which committees may be making reports with respect to various proposals. It is contemplated that it will be more convenient for you to have the proposals in your book in this room; that is, your book which contains all the proposals, will be regrouped, not by number, but by committee, and then within the committee, by number. This will mean that you will have within this book a number of tabs, with the name of the committee, and your proposals will be rearranged under those tabs numerically. If you do not desire your book rearranged in this manner, but prefer to leave it as it is, please leave a note in your book; fasten it to one of the rings. In that event, the page will not tamper with your book. If there is no such note, you will find either Monday or Tuesday your book rearranged so that all proposals referred to one committee will be in one place.