

whether TV should be permitted on the floor. Assume for the moment the officers rejected this idea. We have this, I believe, in the Capitol, I think on the House side, due to the precedent of the former Speaker Sam Rayburn. They do not have live television in the committee hearings. On the Senate side, you do. Suppose this controversy came here, the officers of the Convention, thinking it would not be a good idea and the Committee on Public Information thinking that it would be a good idea. Obviously, the Committee on Public Information would introduce a resolution supported by a report, recommending that this policy with respect to TV be reversed and that TV be permitted, and the matter would be put to the Convention; and in that respect the committee could have an appeal to the Convention. I mention that as purely hypothetical, but I thought the hypothetical case was not too far removed from the context of the situation we are discussing.

So with that understanding of the purpose of the committee, we have recommended favorably the creation of a Committee on Public Information. It is not, however, to be an administrative committee. It is to be an advisory committee, to assist in recommending general policy to the officers and to the Convention with respect to public information.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions for clarification of the Chairman of the Committee? Delegate Wheatley?

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, I am very interested in the committee, as I am sure all the members of the Convention are, and I think it is very important to spell out any details that might arise as to the exact intent. Therefore, I would ask the Chairman about what I consider to be his concluding remark of the report, "Rather, the committee's basic function would be to recommend policy regarding the Convention's responsibility in informing, educating and explaining the work of the Convention and its results to the public."

I find that the actual delineation of this responsibility is somewhat difficult to verbalize in that if it is not an administrative function and if it will not be a reporting-type agency, as I assume from the remark, I assume also that it would not present views in an editorial fashion of any sort; is that correct?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: That is correct. I agree with you that there is some difficulty in verbalizing the function of the

proposed committee. It would be a policy-recommending committee. It would recommend policy to the officers and to the Convention through its officers. If there were a policy dispute between the officers and the committee, the committee's real difficulty would be in dealing with the Convention through regular committee procedural channels.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Is it not the intent of the Rules Committee, however, that the Committee on Public Information would report back, as the standing committees now do, unless there were some manner of dispute?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: No. It would be regarded as a procedural committee. It is more related to procedure than substance. It is somewhat like the Rules Committee in that respect. For example, if the members of my committee felt strongly about the procedure under a rule, it could perhaps be taken care of without changing the rules. We might suggest that to the officers. They could reject it. If we felt strongly enough about it, we could bring it to this Convention in the form of recommended action in the Committee Report. Similarly, the Committee on Public Information could do that.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: This committee, like any committee, would cease at the end of the Convention?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I believe it would.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: So, therefore, any recommendations as to policy by this committee would have to be formulated or adopted by the Convention before their final adoption?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I believe they would, especially those that would have any impact after we went home.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kathleen Robie?

DELEGATE ROBIE: Mr. President, I would just like to suggest that since there are two Delegate Robies, that Mr. Frank Robey be given the credit for this fine idea.

THE PRESIDENT: Let the President state that when Mr. Scanlan heretofore referred to Delegate Robey, he was referring to Delegate Frank Robey.

Are there any further questions?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: I will not make that mistake again.