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**Inside the Cloakroom**

Charles Marston shares his memories of the Republican Cloakroom and the popular food service.  
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Members would go there to relax on the chairs—sat sideways to the chamber. There was a wall. Had two entrances to go into the chamber from the cloakroom. And then everyone loved Helen Winfield Sewell. She was a real nice girl. Everybody loved her. She had a helper who would serve brunch. Helen's specialty was tuna fish on a steamed roll. Everybody had have to have a taste of that. The powers that be let me, let me go in the chamber, enter the cloakroom through the chamber. There was an entrance to the cloakroom from the hall. And it was a short, short door, you had to bend over to go in. And Members had a board across their lap on which the food was served to them. They would discuss strategy and what have you. And I didn't hear a thing. I guess that's why I stayed in good faith there. I could hear it, but I didn't hear it.