

LEXINGTON, Va., April 5--Senator James H. Duff (R-Pa.) will deliver the keynote address at Washington and Lee University's mock Republican convention April 28-29, convention chairman Townsend Oast said today.

Senator Duff, a fiery red-haired six-footer weighing 200 pounds, entered politics in 1912 when he was a national elector from Pennsylvania, and later served as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1948.

Senator Duff was elected Governor of Pennsylvania in 1946. Serving as governor of his home state until 1951, he was in that year elected to the office of United States Senator from Pennsylvania. As a freshman senator, Duff has distinguished himself by advising and supporting a bi-partisan foreign policy.

The ex-governor will deliver the keynote address to students of Washington and Lee University as the opening event of the mock Republican convention, which has been held every four years since 1908 with the exceptions of 1920 and 1944.

W&L's student politicians--following a traditional policy of supporting the party currently out of power--will nominate their choices for Republican nomination of both the president and the vice president.

Student state "chairmen" have been in close contact with their real-life counterparts since early October to obtain information on the voting procedure to be followed at the mock affair. Students do not vote by preference alone, but must vote as directed by the political leaders of their respective states.

Every effort is made to give the mock convention a realistic touch and activity in the national conventions is simulated almost to the letter by the student politicoes. The W&L gymnasium is decorated on the same scheme that is

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employed in the national convention halls.

The two-day convention will open with a colorful parade through the streets of Lexington which winds up at "Convention Hall" where Senator Duff will deliver the keynote address.

Senator Duff, a leader in the "Eisenhower-for-President" movement, is expected to favor the General in his address before the W&L students.

The keynote speaker also serves as the temporary chairman and entertains the motion to elect the permanent chairman.

Townsend Oast, a freshman law student from Portsmouth, Va., extended the invitation to deliver the address to Senator Duff during a recent visit to Washington. Oast said, "We are honored to have Senator Duff deliver the keynote address, and I am sure it will be very enlightening for all of us."