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LEXINGTON, Va., April 19--The student members of the Virginia delegation to Washington and Lee University's mock Republican convention will back Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) when the student affair begins April 28.

Robert E. Glenn of Radford, Va., chairman of the Virginia student delegation, said today, "All indications are that the State is leaning toward the Ohio Republican."

Glenn added that there is some Eisenhower sentiment in Virginia, however. He said he did not believe Sen. Taft would receive all 23 votes of the State's delegation at the national convention.

The student Virginia delegation numbers 18 since there are not enough students at W&L to give every state the same allotment that it will have in the national Republican convention to be held in Chicago this summer.

Ted Dalton, State Senator from Radford and one of the outstanding Republicans in Virginia, has accepted an invitation from Glenn to attend the mock convention.

Glenn and his assistant, William L. Cusac of Bristol, Va., have been in close contact with Dalton in an effort to ascertain more correctly how the State Republicans will vote in Chicago.

The Virginia student delegation has also been in correspondence with other prominent Republican leaders in the State. Both Fred H. McWane, treasurer of the State Republican Party, of Lynchburg and Stephen Timberlake, a Staunton attorney, have indicated that they may come to the mock affair.

The student Virginia delegation chairman has also been in correspondence with Curtis Dozier, national committeeman, Robert H. Woods, chairman of the State Republican central committee, and Floyd Landreth, State Senator, of Galax.

On the non-political side of the student delegation's task, George W. St. Clair of Richmond, Va., has made plans for the parade. He said there will be probably two floats in the traditional parade that initiates the mock affair.

One of the floats will present some phase of Virginia's industrial progress during the last several decades. St. Clair said the other float will display some of Virginia's feminine attractions.

The parade chairman also said that the Virginia delegation's float would emphasize the fact that the Old Dominion is the welcoming state for the conventioners.

The mile-long parade will start at 2 p. m. Monday, April 28 and travel through Lexington and will end at "Convention Hall" -- the W&L gymnasium. All 48 states' and the five territories' delegations will enter a float or a band in the parade.

The convention itself will get under way at 3:30 p.m. with preliminary business, such as the election of temporary chairman and the appointment of committees.

Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) will deliver the keynote speech about 4:30 Monday. Duff, a leader in the Eisenhower-for-president movement, is expected to favor the general at the W&L mock convention.

The nominations for the presidential candidate will be made during the second session of the convention which begins at 7:30 p.m. Speeches will be made before the session is recessed about 10:30.

The voting on the presidential nominations will be held when the convention begins at 9:30 Tuesday morning.

Five times since the mock convention became an all-student affair ^{ago} 44 years/, the W&L men have tagged a "nominee" who was later chosen by the national convention.

The Virginia student delegation has written to a dozen or so leading Republicans in the state. This is an effort to follow the State delegation's sentiments as closely as possible.

Glenn, the chairman of the student delegation of all-Virginia men, is being assisted by Lee A. Putney of Richmond, Va., as secretary, and Glenn A. Scott of Smithfield, treasurer.