

CONVENTION

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Lexington might ~~be~~ well be called "Little Chicago" these days with all the political banners, posters and streamers going up in town.

Even fat cigars and ~~smoke~~<sup>o</sup>-filled rooms are ~~beginning~~<sup>i</sup> to be evident as Washington and Lee students and local residents join in preparing for the 1956 Democratic Mock Convention.

It used to be strictly a University show. But within the last few conventions, the town of Lexington has joined in too. However, its still the students who simulate activities of the real McCoy scheduled later this ~~year~~<sup>e</sup> in Chicago.

Students have started to hang photographs of candidates in ~~the~~ local store~~s~~ windows, while local ~~restuarants~~<sup>s</sup> are ~~xxxxxxx~~ crowded with student delegations taking over their respective headquarters.

It is more than likely that Lexington Mayor ~~Paul~~ Paul Holstein will proclaim Monday, April 30, the day of the big parade and Senator Alben ~~Barkley~~<sup>B</sup>'s keynote address, an official holiday. Flags will line the ~~streets~~<sup>s</sup>, just as they do on the Fourth of July and Memorial Day.

The schools will ~~let~~<sup>l</sup> the kids out in time to watch the parade, beginning at 2 p.m. The parade itself will contain 12 or more bands

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and over 60 floats, at least one representing every state in the Union and six United States territories.

The Stevenson-for-President headquarters is located in a two room office on the second floor over McCrums Drug Store where Bill Burns of Vandalia, Ill., chairman of the Illinois delegation, has been busily conferring ~~for~~ with his assistants.

Burns said today he is confident that Washington and Lee students will support Stevenson when the balloting begins the second day of the mock political convention.

But the Stevenson headquarters is not the only one set up, Senator Estes Kefauver's student backers have been preparing his campaign from one of the fraternities ~~houses~~ houses.

Joe Amato of Manhasset, New York campaign manager for the senator's nomination, has been conferring closely with his Wisconsin student delegation, gathering information from other backers and setting up another permanent Kefauver headquarters, opening early next week.

Headquarters have also been set up for New York Governor Averell Harriman in the Robert E. Lee Hotel where Peter Jacobs of New York

City is spearheading the yet unannounced candidacy for Harrisman.

Other campaign managers are working for Senator Lynd<sup>o</sup>n Johnson,

Governor Frank ~~Lauche~~, Governor G. ~~Mennen~~ Williams, and Senator

Stuar<sup>t</sup> ~~Symington~~.

Several store fronts have been filled with displays and others  
trimmed with large signs designat<sup>i</sup>ng state delgation headquarters.

~~The~~ College Inn on Main Street boasts a 21-foot-long sign hung  
group.

by the Pennsylvania. A number of ~~the~~ other states are also meeting  
there.