

KENNEDY NOMINATED

Gala District Float Wins Parade Honors

By MAC McCLUNG

The Honorable Harry S. Truman—bombaraded by oranges and amused by mules—reviewed the 1960 Mock Democratic National Convention parade yesterday afternoon from the lawn of the Lee House.

Lead by the Virginia Military Institute band, the parade got underway at 2 p.m. with President Truman, riding in a 1940 Dusenber convertible, in the first unit.

An estimated crowd of 20,000, a figure submitted by Chief of Police

A. E. Rhodenizer, viewed the mile-long procession which wound through the streets of Lexington.

Among the guests in the reviewing stand with President Truman were Dr. Cole; Dr. Gaines; General Milton of VMI; William Ling; Charles McCormick; and General Burns, an aide-de-camp to Queen Elizabeth.

Riding with the New Jersey delegation was Miss Lynda Lee Meade, Miss America of 1960.

The float from the delegation of the District of Columbia took first prize. A replica of a Peanuts cartoon, the float sported signs saying "Happiness is home rule for D.C." and "Crowds scare me." The usual "Good Grief" appeared tacked on the back of the Washington Monument.

The first place band award went to the Andrew Lewis High School band of Salem, Va., the band, to the tune of the theme song from *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, performed a special figure in front of the reviewing stand.

The Texas delegation float, supporting Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, was topped by a Georgian mansion. In the chimney of the house stood an "Englishman" shaking hands with Johnson.

Second and third place band awards went to William Fleming High School of Roanoke and Monroe Junior High of Roanoke.

The parade also included the Washington and Lee Gaines Guard and the ROTC band, playing the *W&L* Swing.

The Elkins High School band, marching to a double time rhythm, also appeared in yesterday's parade.

One of the highlights of the parade was the unrehearsed stunt which two mules performed for President Truman. Part of the Oklahoma float—an authentic covered wagon—the mules got to the reviewing stand and wouldn't budge—not even through the persuasion of a local farmer. Finally two students, John Mills and Otis Hess, climbing atop the animals, succeeded in getting them going again.

Some of the more amusing parts of the parade were the Cuba float, a jeep supporting Castro and his "army"; The Montana float, depicting a Western frontier barroom, with "barroom belle" seated on the piano; and the District of Columbia float carrying a sign, "Charlie Brown for President."

The Nebraska float, with a large picture of Hitler, the usual salute, and a literal corn belt; the Arkansas float depicting Little Rock's Central High School and a sign, "Faubus for President"; and the Utah float, sporting the signs, "Back to Polygamy" and "Oh, what a Beautiful Mormon," also drew laughter from the crowds.

The float of the Florida delegation, advertising the state's fruit business, bombaraded the guests with oranges as it passed the reviewing stand. The float from Missouri depicted the "original" battleship.

The float from Tennessee represented Oak Ridge and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

'60 Convention Incidents Show Taint of Humor

There have been quite a few amusing, as well as some not so amusing, incidents connected with the 1960 Mock Democratic Convention that have not made the headlines.

For example, a Florida Delegation headquarters sign appeared above the doorway of the Robert E. Lee Hotel with delegation spelled out across its width d-e-l-i-g-a-t-i-o-n. We are college students!

During the parade, the Florida delegation threw one thousand fresh Florida oranges to the crowd and to Mr. Truman. A number of shiny convertibles were spattered with juice and seeds.

The Rhode Island Telephone Booth headquarters toppled from the float in front of the Varsity Billiard Academy injuring a townsman to no small degree.

During an early morning tour of Washington and Lee Campus, President Truman remarked as he strolled through Lee Chapel that Lee would have made a good President.

While the convention was in session, one member of the audience was overcome by the heat and had to be carried from the convention hall in a Rescue Squad vehicle.

Just before Mr. Truman's address, the picture of President Franklin D. Roosevelt tumbled from its perch above the Podium and lay on the floor before the great statesman and orator. Could this have been a bad omen?

The Virginia Delegation float which was an amazing replica of the *Mer-rimac*, complete with smokestacks and guns, burst into flames during a trial run. We offer condolences to Nick Denton.



—Staff photo by Bill Young
Students escort former President Harry S. Truman to the speakers' stand in Doremus Gymnasium for his Mock Convention keynote address.



This cartoon appears in the Tuesday Edition through the courtesy of Forrest "Bud" Sagendorf, who drew it upon request.

Pa. and N.Y. Switch Cause Landslide Vote

Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy swept to the Presidential nomination on the sixth ballot at 8:50 tonight at Washington and Lee University's 1960 Mock Democratic National Convention.

The 47-year-old Senator defeated Texas Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson 1000 1/2 to 485. His overwhelming nomination came when New York and Pennsylvania switched their 114 and 81 votes, respectively, to Sen. Kennedy.

Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri received 25 votes on the sixth ballot, and Adlai Stevenson polled 1 1/2 votes in the final round. Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota did not pull any votes on the final ballot.

The 5th ballot saw the return to popularity of Senators Johnson and Kennedy. The vote ran: 605 1/2 for Kennedy, 515 for Johnson, 284 1/2 for Stevenson and 115 for Symington. Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York made the deciding switches.

For 22 minutes yesterday afternoon former President Harry S. Truman, in tracing the recent history of the Democratic Party, blasted the Republican party and administration, particularly for its foreign policy.

Truman said that "they have absolutely upset the foreign policy of the United States."

"Every Republican paper in the country tried to tell me how to run the foreign policy of the United States—and they didn't know a damn thing about it!" he said.

The former President was introduced by the Honorable H. Graham Morison, who, amid long praises and shouting, said, "your keynote speaker is a great Democrat. He personifies the Democratic Party."

President Truman said that the Democratic Party was that of the people who are for the government was intended in the first place.

A light touch was added when one student yelled, "The Republicans are jackasses," to which President Truman replied, "Jackasses belong to the Democratic Party—what are you talking about?"

Speaking of foreign policy, President Truman said, "The Democratic Party has stood for the welfare of all people."

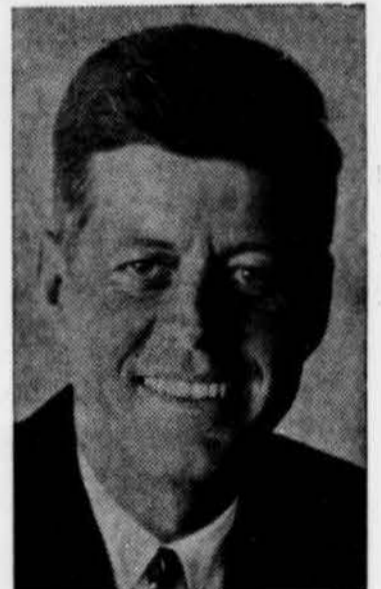
President Truman charged that the lack of leadership in the present administration is causing us to lose friends and prestige in the free world. "We," he said, "must ourselves act as we want other people to act. We must practice what we preach in freedom and democracy."

The "Republican 'polluted water' administration" he accused of neglect in dealing with the peoples of the non-white population of the world—these people who "have hands, and hearts, and constitutions as good to them as yours are to you."

Speaking of the man whom we will elect as our next President, Truman said we must elect an honorable man, a man of courage... a man who will make decisions.

"My young friends," he said, "we can find him in the Democratic Party."

"We are prepared to take command," he said. "From our great number of able leaders, the Democratic Convention will select one,



Sen. John F. Kennedy

and that man will be elected no matter whom the Republicans nominate."

"The Democratic nominee," he said, "must be a man who knows what he believes in and will tell the people what he believes in." He told the students, "you will nominate a man we can elect."

After President Truman had finished, a tremendous ovation brought him back to the rostrum. He said, "You remember that this convention must go on."

Emphasizing the work to be done, Truman said, "You can't do it by standing up here and yelling at me."

Taking part in the dedication of the plaque in memory of Senator Alben W. Barkley, Truman said, "He was a servant in the House of the Lord and he worked with the mighty of his time. He referred to Barkley as "my good friend."

Sen. Henry Jackson, Democrat from Washington state, speaking Monday night, accused the Republican party of failing to meet the challenges which confront America today. He characterized the Republican party as "a museum for threadbare ideas, repudiated policies and backward-looking men."

We are losing the initiative in world affairs, Jackson said, because our present leadership has no clear idea of what our purposes are and how we are to go about achieving them.

"We are trying to build a world community which makes room for all peoples in the world, and for the fulfillment of their legitimate aspirations—for economic progress, equality of status, freedom and security," said Jackson. He said that this goal cannot be reached by action in any one field. It will need an across-the-board effort.

Diversity: The 1960 Mock Convention In Lexington

An Accomplishment

We paraded, we rallied, we voted, we cheered, and WE ARE TIRED.

For two days the Washington and Lee University student body stepped into a completely different world. During these few hours we became the Paul Butlers, the Harry Byrds, the Sam Rayburns known to the academic world. To a few of us it was only a holiday, to others it was a test run of possible things to come.

It all began with a mile-long parade. The parade is one of the few things that both the townspeople and the students can enjoy with equal pleasure. Townspeople cheered Harry Truman while the students ogled Miss America.

When the former President gave 'em hell Monday everyone cheered with gusto. No one person could have done more to set the stage for a mock political convention. He is one man who does not cringe from saying what he really thinks. But Mr. Truman did more than once again prove himself an able political speaker. His comments during the dedication of the plaque to the late Alben Barkley revealed him to be a man of deep devotion.

The Monday night session was stimulating also. Senator Henry M. Jackson's speech proved him a man to watch.

Probably the best show of the convention came after the nominating session. We rallied again.

If Charles McCormick and William Ling had not been around, this convention would never have gotten off the ground. While the rest of us were socializing, they were working. The detailed organization, the behind-the-scenes activity of these two men did more to make the convention a success than any other factor. We congratulate them, and the entire Steering Committee, for a job that could have hardly been better done.



Charles McCormick



William Ling

Seven Men Backstop Convention

Seven W&L students have been key men in the success of the 1960 Mock Democratic Convention. These men comprised the Steering Committee which began, carried through and completed the extensive planning of the convention. They include Charles McCormick, Bill Ling, Tom Bryant, Tom Branch, Warren Goodwyn, P. B. Winfree and Jon McLin.

Charles McCormick, Phi Kap law senior from Halifax, Va., has served as the Chairman of the Mock Convention; as such he was responsible for the overall organization of the Convention.

Bill Ling, law senior from Roanoke, Va., was Secretary of the Convention. He handled the large volume of correspondence for the convention.

Tom Bryant, intermediate law student from Orangeburg, S. C., was Democratic Chairman for the Steering Committee.

Tom Branch, Sigma Chi law senior from Atlanta, Ga., acted as Chairman of the State Delegations.

Warren Goodwyn, SAE intermediate law student from Augusta, Ga., served as Parade Chairman.

P. B. Winfree, Beta sophomore from Richmond, Va., was director of Virginia Affairs.

Jon McLin, SAE senior from Earle, Ark., was Director of Publicity for the Steering Committee.



Thomas B. Bryant, III



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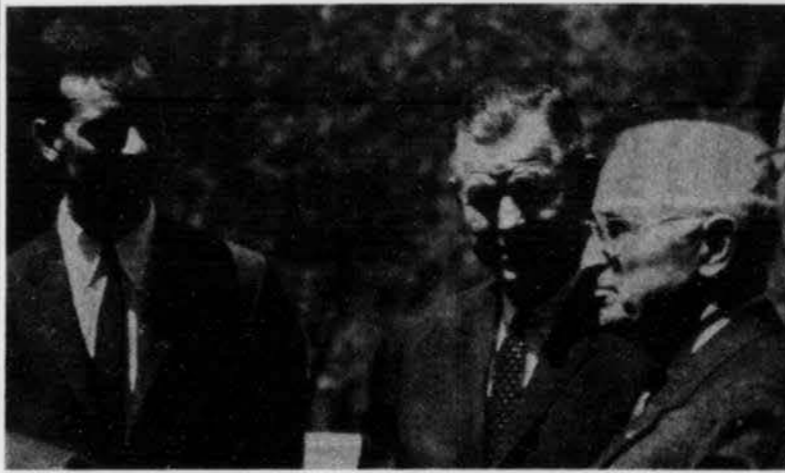
Warren H. Goodwyn



P. B. Winfree, III



Jon B. McLin



Former President Harry Truman Greeted By W&L Officials



Don Thalacker Readies Gym Sunday



Convention Hall in Full Swing Monday



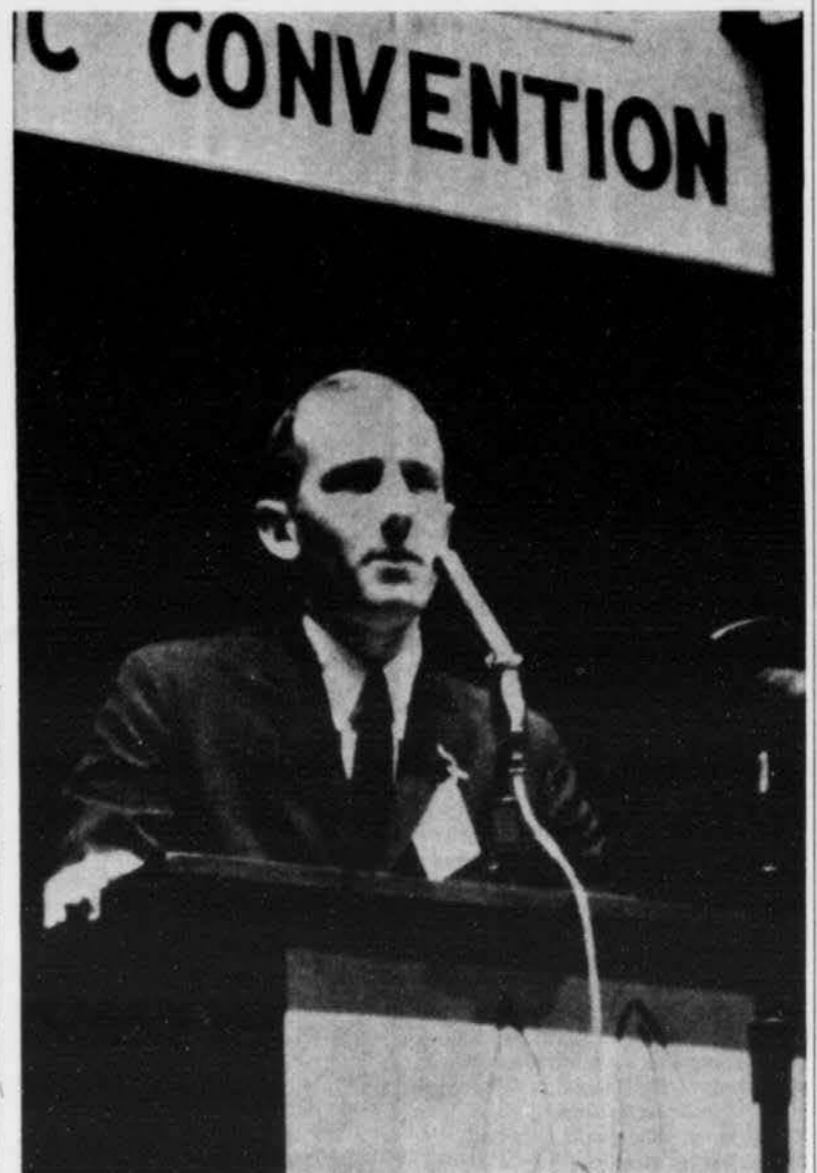
A Keynoter ...



... A Stumper



Former President Harry Truman and Miss America, Miss Linda Lee Mead, chat as the mile-long parade files before the presidential reviewing stand.



Delegate Bill Abeloff nominates Sen. Stuart Symington for President of the United States. Demonstrations followed his speech.



Mr. President Chats With Mrs. Flournoy



1960 Convention Officially Opened

Photographs on this page were taken by Photographers Bob Frames and Bill Young. Both men attended sessions of the Mock National Convention.