

Delegates Move for A Wallace

Washington

Alone among top Democrats, the forces of George C. Wallace are mobilizing to elect delegates to the party's mid-term mini-convention this December.

However, a principal organizer of the effort, Mickey Griffin, said in an interview the idea is to train the Wallace troops in using party processes, rather than seeking to control the Kansas City conference.

Although Griffin denies the effort is a test run for the 1976 Democratic presidential contest, he conceded "the process for electing delegates is basically the same as will be used in 1976."

Griffin said 200 Wallace backers from 25 states attended a two-day meeting in Houston recently to discuss rules for electing delegates to the 1974 conference to write a party charter and discuss other matters.

"It really doesn't make a difference if we elect 200 or 1000" to the 2000-delegate session," Griffin said.

"We're concerned that our people get familiar with and involved in the Democratic party and participate in it."

Along with the continued fund raising and informational activity by the Wallace presidential headquarters in Montgomery, the 1974 effort is another sign that the Alabama governor hopes to try again for the Democratic nomination.

It also indicates that the Wallace camp is determined to avoid its 1972 mistake.

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