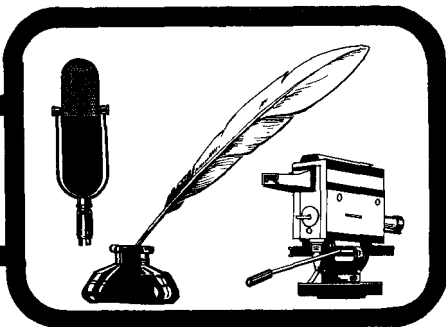


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WASHINGTON--- Kent County high school leaders are receiving invitations from Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich) to attend a Teen-Age Republican (TAR) Leadership conference Nov. 13 in Grand Rapids.

The House Republican Leader is sending personal letters to some 250 high school students inviting them to take part in the conference at the Pantlind Hotel.

Rep. Robert P. Griffin (R-Mich) is to give the keynote speech during the three-hour session.

The conference scheduled to start at 1 p.m. is designed to interest high school leaders in developing TAR clubs in their schools. Following the conference, teen-agers will be guests at a reception attended by County officials, State legislators, and GOP officials.

In his letters of invitation, Ford said, "The Republican Party nation-wide is placing increased emphasis on programs that involve young people.

"We believe that a high school student who becomes active in a major political party takes a giant step toward accepting his responsibilities as a citizen. There can be no finer citizenship training than active participation in a political party."

The TAR Leadership Conference was planned by the recently-formed 12-member TAR Advisory Council. Paul Yhouse of East Grand Rapids high school is chairman.

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