

Writer Initiated As Beatle Fan

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WASHINGTON — Armed with Beatle songbooks, magazines, transistor radios, cameras and food, two bus loads of teen-agers from the Roanoke area headed for Washington to join approximately 32,000 other teen-agers at D.C. Stadium for the Beatle Concert Monday.

These youngsters weren't to be underestimated. I soon found out. I had hoped to convince them that I was just another "teen" going along on the trip—that I was a Beatle fan, quite anxious to see the show. But since this group

ranged in age from about 11 to 14, this was impossible! So, thanks to Fred Frelantz, from WROV Radio, my reporter's disguise was that I was a friend of his—they seemed to go along with this.

Although filled with the excitement of a dream come true—at last they were actually going to see their favorite stars in person—the teen-agers behaved extremely well and in a way that would please their families and friends.

Many of the youngsters said they really had to do a lot of talking to convince their parents to let them make the trip, while others talked their moth-

ers into going along with them. Two mothers on the bus seemed to be as loyal to the Beatles as their offspring.

One girl from Rocky Mount said she had planned her trip for two months and was really concerned about the remarks on Christianity. She was afraid the Beatles wouldn't come to Washington.

A young girl from Lynchburg said she was "wild" about Paul McCartney! The

petite miss was a hit on our bus and when we arrived in Washington, TV cameramen spotted her and interviewed her for a program there.

We asked her what she would do if she could actually talk with Paul—and believe me, she had everything