

REPORT: National Convention 1978

FROM: Betty Anderson

LWV of Texas
LL Presidents Mailing, DPM, MAL
May, 1978
I. Q.
President's Letter

Forty-one Texas League members from 17 local Leagues and the state board attended the national convention in Cincinnati, May 1-5. Madeleine Appel received standing ovations for her work as budget chair, and Veta Winick was recognized for her work on the national board during the past two years.

The quality of the outside speakers was remarkably good. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, in an opening plenary session speech on foreign assistance, told the more than 2,000 delegates, observers, visitors, and special guests that "our economy benefits substantially as aid dollars are spent here to buy commodities and services." He urged League delegates to "help us inform the American public why foreign aid is essential to the nation's health, political interests and preservation of its humanitarian

Secretary Patricia Harris of HUD, in addressing the issues of the urban crisis and the Carter administration's National Urban Policy, said that the administration was "pleased to have effective partners such as the LWV as spokesmen for our goals."

P R O G R A M

Among national program items formulated was a major two-year study to evaluate urban policy options with an emphasis on fiscal policy (consensus date May, 1979.) Transportation is the outlook for the second year. Although health care was voted consideration, it failed to receive the necessary 2/3 vote to be adopted.

Under the HR item, the convention expressed its understanding that the League education position encompasses opposition to tuition tax credit for non-public elementary and secondary education. Appropriate action will be taken at the national level. You will receive an Action Alert shortly.

In other action, the convention directed the International Relations Department to research and distribute publications that would further an understanding among League members of our position advocating "negotiations to reduce the risk of war, including negotiations on disarmament and arms control." However, this will not be a study area, for the "National Security--the Arms Race and Arms Control" item failed to receive enough votes for consideration.

P M P and M A Ls and P A R

Delegates adopted a \$9.00 per member payment (PMP) for 1978-79 and a \$10.00 PMP for 1979-80. There were strong advocates for an \$8.00 and a \$10.00 PMP for the first fiscal year, but after many votes the 9/10 PMP was chosen. The Iowa proposal relating to the effective time of the PMP was defeated.

The bylaws amendment to allow national members-at-large (MALs) was defeated. However, a new type of member was authorized. Contributing members can be members of the LWVUS, but one-half of their dues would be sent to their state League. There was great concern voiced over our membership loss, and it was recognized that it is the local and state Leagues that have the ultimate responsibility for getting and keeping members.

Political Accountability Rating (PAR). The publication of selected Congressional roll call votes accompanied by percentage ratings was reinstated

E R A

Approximately \$600,000 of our million-dollar goal has been raised, and the convention renewed support for the proposed ERA. The convention was moved to Cincinnati from Chicago because Illinois had not passed the ERA. \$2,500 for the campaign

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was raised at the convention.

In her concluding remarks, outgoing President Ruth Clusen reminded us that the courage to take new steps allows us to let go of each "passage" or stage with its satisfactions and to find the fresh responses that will release the richness of the next.

If your League was unable to send a delegate this year, start making plans to send one (or more) next time. It IS a great experience.

TO: LL Presidents, 2 copies (please forward
2nd copy to PR or Media Chair), DPM
FROM: Madeleine Appel, Media Director LWV-T
RE: PR & media suggestions from Council Workshop

LWV - Texas
LL Presidents Mailing (2), DPM
May, 1978
I. S.
Public Relations

For those of you handling PUBLICITY for your League, consultant Mary Beth Rogers had some hints:

Television is the forum to persuade people; radio is the medium to use to gain name identification. Newspapers are the least emotional medium and have very little impact on persuading people; they are good for explanations.

Use television newscasts at 6 and 10 P.M. for announcing studies with significant discoveries; suggest news documentaries on television be built around issues. Stations are required to do a certain amount of public service broadcasting, and your issue may fit their need. You can offer to provide information and legwork.

Use radio newscasts for significant announcements, provide them with features on issues for which you may not get public credit but which will raise the public's awareness of the issue and gain credibility for you with the station. Volunteer to go on call-in talk shows, but make sure you know your topic and plant volunteers to call in to make points you want made on the subject. Make use of any community bulletin boards offered by radio stations.

Newspapers are good for news and feature stories, letters to the editor (which are very widely read and useful when you're in need of ways to call an issue to the public's attention), editorials (sometimes you can offer to write them for your newspaper or suggest editorial ideas), and political/social columns. Be a source of information for the latter.

Most of all, know your media scene. Learn it by doing a media survey which should include:

1. Identification of all daily and weekly newspapers, all TV stations, and all radio stations in your area. List each on a separate sheet of paper or index card.
2. Finding out all you can about each -- circulation; audience; who owns; who edits; publishes; names of city editor, managing editor, photo editor, political reporter, program manager, news director, assignments editor, etc. Also who covers for the media in Austin.
3. Learning news deadlines -- when to get a news release in, how far ahead, the last possible minute, etc.
4. Learning how to get a press release in after 5 P.M. or on weekends; this requires learning the hotline number to all media sources.
5. Learning the media's policy on press releases -- do they use them? Pay attention to them?
6. What size, type photos does the media want?
7. What are the requirements of the minority and trade papers/journals?

Keep this information updated frequently. Media personnel change jobs often.

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Media Suggestions (cont.)

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If a press release announces an upcoming event you want covered, send it out two to three days ahead of time, then call the media the morning of the event to be sure they remember.

Schedule events -- if you want them covered -- at times convenient for the media: 10 A.M. events will get covered in early editions and all newscasts the rest of the day. Events at 5 - 7:30 P.M. will be lucky to get a small writeup next day.

Media conferences: Use them if it is the policy of the media to cover them. Pick a setting with visual potential for TV cameras and where it is easy for camera, sound people to set up. Ask a few friends to attend but don't pack the audience. Start on time. Provide reporters with a brief statement -- make it orally but give them written copy too. Select one, at the most two, spokespersons to make the statement, answer questions. Cut off the conference after 20 minutes. Provide time for the media to ask questions, but don't be disappointed if they don't.

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FROM: Jan Wilbur & Madeleine Appel
RE: PR Workshop at Council

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MANAGEMENT AND THE LEAGUE - Ann Blocker

A. Six phases of any project

- Excitement
- Disenchantment -- fear of failure OR of success
- Confusion
- Search for the "Guilty Party"
- Punishment of the "Innocent"
- Recognition for the Uninvolved

If you know it's normal you can manage it!

B. Types of Managers

Organizations often take an "old" personality and make it fit a new job; the better approach is to turn this around -- make the job fit the person.

Two general types involved in Management:

Corporate Executive

Ability to get along with others;
Perception of integrity;
Detail work

Entrepreneur

Capacity to get a project
started and off the ground

It takes both a corporate executive and an entrepreneur to do a job.
Most people are a mixture of the two but can sometimes fairly clearly identify themselves or be identified by others as being one or the other.

C. Maslow's Hierarchy

Maslow: Hierarchy of Human Needs

5. Self-actualization (creativity for own sake)
4. Information acquisition/self-esteem -- leadership
3. Love/group
2. Safety/security
1. Physiological

La Mancha: Hierarchy of Organization Needs

5. Reason -- advocacy
4. Programs
3. Services or products
2. Organizational planning
1. Secretarial needs -- daily things

Need level

Examples

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| 5. | Finance drives, voter apathy, business & professional women to participate, community apathy, public to understand us, power, change attitudes, recognition (credit), PR, learn to sell ideas, get out minority vote, citizen participation ... |
| 4. | Image, successes, PR, local-state relations, program, community service. |
| 3. | Involvement, apathy, graphics, orientation, membership |
| 2. | Time management, funding, scheduling, job responsibility. |
| 1. | Attitudes, shortage of personnel. |

THE FOREGOING ARE ALL TOOLS FOR ANALYZING THE PROBLEMS

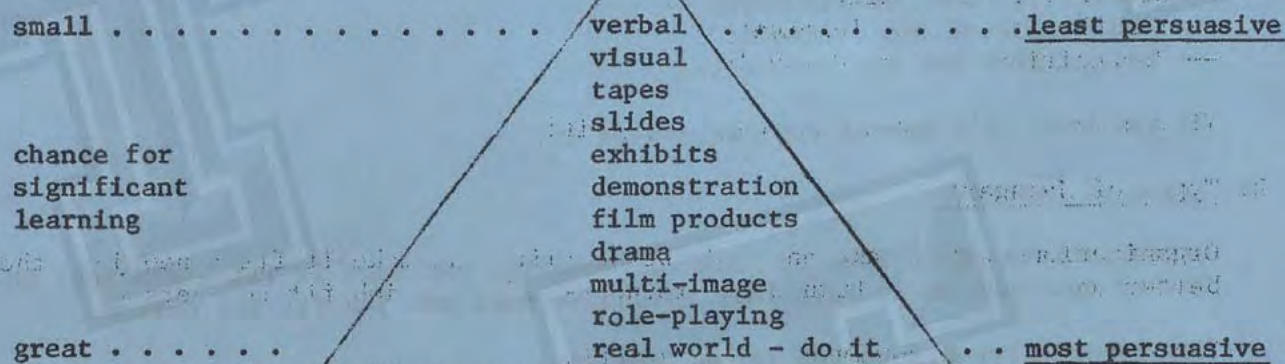
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D. Sales

We are all in the sales (persuasion) business. To be effective:

- you must believe in what you are selling;
- realize people do things for their reasons, not yours; know their reasons for change; i.e., you bought your shoes for your reasons;
- use specific marketing (rifle approach vs. shotgun approach);
- be personal and relevant
- repeat, i.e., when you're sick of an idea, others are starting to be aware.

E. Education -- techniques for educating:



F. Concepts. Consider:

1. Giving up what you are in order to be what you can become.
2. Being right vs. being effective.
3. Solutions to problems lie within the problems. May need to redefine the problem so it can be solved.
4. If you can identify what you want to do, you can find the ways (money, personnel) to do it.
5. Danger in becoming sabotaged with anger & worry. Beware of creating own emotions.

G. Differences today between men and women in management.

1. Women have not had the opportunity to learn from team sports.
2. Women punish the strong; men punish the weak.
3. In business, women do short-range planning; men do long-range planning.
4. Women tend to personalize problems; men do this less.

H. Problem solving

1. "We don't have enough time."
 - How do we make time: List ten most important things to do today, in order of importance. Start on #1 and keep coming back to it until finished, even if #2 is never reached. Next day, make another list; do not carry over list from the day before. Works for individuals and organizations.
2. Membership apathy
 - Not helpful to get angry with members; don't "should" and "ought" ("They ought to participate more.") That just drives people away.
 - Maybe redefining the problem will help to find a solution. LWV has a greater percentage of involvement than most non-profit organizations. What's in it for them?
3. To accomplish a goal (i.e., raise membership) a plan is needed.
 - For organizations, 90% of resources goes toward producing 10% of the results.

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GRAPHICS - Gladney Flatt

A. The primary function of graphics is to organize and simplify material, NOT to look pretty. Graphics design is not a frill; must be easy to read and "take in."

League research should NOT sit on a shelf because it looks dull.

B. "Wow 'em With Your Graphics"

- Most important tool is a person's eyes -- look at billboards and ads.
- For a 30-second TV spot, production costs \$50,000 PLUS the TV time.
- Brain food:

Confessions of an Advertising Man by David Ogilvy (Ballantine Books)

"Communication Arts" magazine, P.O. Box 10300, Palo Alto, Calif., 94303

The Push Pin Style, P.O. Box 10300, Palo Alto, Calif., 94303

Trade Marks and Symbols, 2 vols., Yasabury Kuwayama, Van Nostrand Reinhold

Handbook of Early Advertising Art, Dover Publications, Inc., 180 Varick St.,
N.Y., N.Y. 10014

How to Get Big Results From a Small Advertising Budget, Cynthia S. Smith,
Hawthorn Books, Inc.

- Transfer lettering (press-on): Chartpak, Zipatone, Lectraset, Formatt, etc.

C. Five Design Secrets

1. Variety
2. Unity
3. Balance
4. Rhythm/Repetition
5. Emphasis

D. Telegraph Your Printed Message

1. Basic message should come across in 30 seconds to all who hold it in their hands.
2. Some will stay with the publication for 1.5 minutes - reading more.
3. Others will read every word.

E. Newsletters - VOTERS

- The narrower the column, the greater the readership
- People read ragged right (unjustified) type better
- You manage the space, or it manages you
- Put synopsis of contents on the front page, along with the article of major importance
- Inside left side of page for odds & ends
- Inside right side page for second-most-important article
- Back page - short items of lesser interest
- Short opening paragraph of not more than 11 lines
- Use subheads
- Use "windows" in the type
- Use more space between paragraphs -- increases readership by about 12%
- Pay attention to the content. VOTERS should be more than just an announcement of meeting dates.

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F. Logos

Simple logos are best. WHEN YOU GET A GOOD LOGO, PUT IT ON EVERYTHING.
test of a good logo is whether it can stand reduction and enlargement.
Capitalize on a reputation and gain eye recognition. Standardize report
covers and concentrate energies on fewer things.

A reputation is something money cannot buy -- capitalize on it.

G. Headlines

Great headlines: name the product; promise a benefit.
And our name -- League of Women Voters -- needs to be there.

Two most powerful words in a headline are FREE and NEW.
Other powerful words: HOW TO, SUDDENLY, ANNOUNCING, INTRODUCING

H. Miscellany

- Centralize purchasing for stationery & supplies, but shop around.
- "Cost per" concept: \$100 gown worn twice = \$50 cost per wearing
\$100 suit worn 100 times = \$1 cost per wearing
- \$100 to print book read by two people - \$50 cost per reading
- \$100 to print smaller publication read by 100 = \$1 cost per reading
- become very familiar with two or three printers and demand first-quality work
- for graphics design, deal with one person -- not a committee
- use caution in seeking "free" graphics; you get what you pay for
- good graphics does not depend on a lot of expensive equipment. It does depend on using well what is available. Appearances may be improved by cleaning typewriter keys, using more mimeo ink, using new stencils instead of some left from 1957, etc.

Gladney also reviewed Rational Behavior Training. A week-long course is available at:

University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Center for RBT
Lexington, Kentucky

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CAMPAIGN TECHNIQUES AND MEDIA - Mary Beth Rogers

A. After consensus in the League, then what?

Political campaigns -- if you understand as much (or more) about political campaigns as the opposition, you can often win them over; it is not hard to understand more than many legislators do.

MYTH -- even though you lost, you have educated the voter.

FACT -- you have not educated the voter unless you win.

B. How to WIN political campaigns. The goal HAS to be to WIN.

In any campaign the voters include:

1. Your natural constituency
2. Your natural enemies or opposition
3. Don't know, don't care, but vote

The strategy:

Get them to Act
Leave them alone; don't rile them
Persuade them

How to persuade the undecided: One-on-one repetitive contact using techniques below.

C. Three components of a campaign plan:

1. Message. Must be simple and relevant to the voter.
2. Organization. Prepare a written plan
Focus on voters you need to reach (identify target audience)
Identify resources -- time, people, money
3. Timetable.

D. Planning Principles

- selectivity -- identify and contact those who will do the most good
- system -- the method (mechanism)
- measurement -- report every activity in writing; if you can't count it, don't do it.
- balance -- know resources; use resources to best advantage; make one enhance the other

E. Techniques

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| billboards | radio spots | coffees/teas |
| yard signs | press releases | rallies |
| telephone banks | endorsements | door-hangers |
| fundraising | direct mail | debates |
| brochures | buttons | handcards |
| door-to-door canvass | headquarters | speeches |
| television commercials | media events | free food |
| newspaper ads | | etc. |

F. More of what it takes to WIN

- must think in terms of winning
- takes concentration
- takes identifying what it takes to win (time, effort, commitment)
- takes willingness to risk; have to understand the cost of losing
- have to look powerful to be powerful -- and therefore WIN

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A. Media comes in two kinds: FREE and PAID. What follows concerns FREE media.

B. "FREE" media is not free. It costs in time & human resources.
You have to DO something to get free media coverage.

C. Uses of television
1. local newscast
2. news interview
3. news documentary

Uses of newspaper
1. news stories
2. feature stories
3. letters to editor
4. political/social columns
5. editorials

Uses of radio
1. newscast
2. issue feature
3. call-in show
4. community bulletin board

D. ACTION MAKES NEWS, NOT WORDS!!!

E. Media survey is basic to effective use of the media

Things to know: Circulation
Station rating
Who owns the media
Names & positions of staff
Who really does the work
Deadlines

F. Schedule your activities with media in mind. Have a plan for using media.

G. Set up press conferences and have a few of your people there, but do not stack the conference.

H. Use different media for different purposes:

- If you want to change attitudes, use TV (an emotional medium)
- If you want to achieve recognition (name identification) use radio
- Newspapers are least emotional medium, therefore use them for explaining complex issues.

BEAR IN MIND: MARKETING TOOLS DO NOT SOLVE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

TO: LL Presidents, 2 copies (please
forward 2nd copy to Air or N.R. chair)
FROM: LWV-Texas

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May, 1978
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Program - Air

April 26, 1978

House Select Committee on Offset Emissions Standards
Representative Tim Von Dohlen, Chairman
House of Representatives
Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78767

Gentlemen:

The League of Women Voters of Texas wishes to have the following comments added to the official hearing record of the Select Committee on Offset Emissions Standards before it is sent to federal Environmental Protection Agency officials. Our organization regrets that we did not have an opportunity to speak to the issue of non-attainment designations at any of the hearings which your committee held around the state. Local League members have attended, however, in order that we can be informed regarding the content of the hearings in Victoria, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

In addition to attending your hearings, League members attended a number of the 24 public hearings held throughout the state by the Texas Air Control Board last November on the same issue. As a result of information gathered at these and other meetings, the Texas League has the following positions on designations for each of the five air pollutants for which we have National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS):

Nitrogen Dioxide. League agrees with the TACB recommendation that the entire state should be classified "E" or attainment for this pollutant. However, with the possibility of increased coal burning resulting from fuel conversion in the near future we would like to recommend that the Select Committee urge the TACB to increase their monitoring efforts not only in urban areas but in non-urban portions of the state where utilities and chemical plants which emit nitrogen dioxide in large quantities are likely to locate.

Sulfur Dioxide. We agree with the TACB designation of "D" or attainment for all areas of our state. Again we recommend increased monitoring in such areas as Houston which has experienced some excursions into high levels of SO₂ in recent months. Coal conversion will increase levels of SO₂ in non-urban areas in the near future and, in order to implement the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) requirement of the amendments to the Clean Air Act, we think the TACB should make plans relative to development of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Texas to increase monitoring of this pollutant.

Carbon Monoxide. League agrees with the TACB proposal to designate the entire state, with the exception of portions of El Paso, as attainment, or "E" for information unavailable. We have indicated to both the TACB and the EPA that our organization disagrees with the size of the area designated non-attainment. We believe that, taking into consideration both the matter of public health and the issue of economic health, the designated non-attainment area should have encompassed an area approximately double the recommended size in order that the health of persons living in that congested part of the city be protected.

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Photochemical Oxidants. League believes, because transport from other areas has been recognized as a factor in many of the high readings in all areas of the state where the TACB has been monitoring for ozone, that the entire state urbanized area which we would define as cities which have a population of over 200,000 be designated "A" or non-attainment. We have also requested that all areas within an 85-mile radius of these population centers be included in this non-attainment designation. We consider this proposal to be realistic and necessary to protect the public health. We do not believe that non-attainment designation for such areas means "no-growth" as some industrial and commercial spokesmen are charging. Neither do we believe that, given the requirements of the CAA amendments that offset be utilized in non-attainment designations and that PSD be implemented, attainment as a designation can assure economic growth in an unfettered manner. We believe that such alternatives as the "California" waiver to control automobile emissions offer Texas a good alternative to "no-growth." We believe that reasonable progress toward attainment of NAAQS can occur without drastically affecting economic growth in our state.

We continue to believe that "effect" gives source owners in AQCRs not meeting NAAQS a stake in formulating plans which will reflect a balance between economic growth and health considerations. This "market mechanism" has worked effectively in other states -- we believe it can work toward the best interests of ALL Texans.

In closing, League would like to suggest that the Select Committee make every attempt to gather data on the health implications in addition to information on economic impacts which might result from non-attainment designations before forwarding a hearing report to the federal EPA officials.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the concerns of Leaguers throughout the state on the issue of non-attainment designations and the resulting implementation of the offset policy.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Anderson, President

Meg Titus, Director, Air Quality

Return to Wincom

Mindy-Patti

Use any of this in May Voter?

REPORT: STATE COUNCIL, APRIL 3-5, 1978

FROM: BETTY ANDERSON, President

League of Women Voters of Texas
April 14, 1978

I. Q.

President's Letters

LL Pres., DPM, MAL

Delegates leaving council in Lubbock April 5 had a feeling of accomplishment and a sense of satisfaction about being members of the League of Women Voters. They had met with their peers, heard three candidates for U.S. Senate, attended three workshops, adopted a budget, and had given direction for program action.

Throughout the meeting we were urged to do what we have been doing -- but to do it more effectively.

We were reminded of our being an institution when Sue O'Kelley of Tarrant Co., and Nancy Bene of Austin presented donations from the 1920's to the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University.

... When Ann Blocker of La Mancha, Inc. warned of the pitfalls of institutions and asked if we allowed for risk within the League.

... And when Carole Shlipak quoted Peter Drucker, "Business has at least the control of the market, which forces even the most powerful corporation to subordinate its inside concerns to results and to performance. But in the public service institution, where the market test is absent -- and in many cases cannot even be simulated -- bureaucracy constantly threatens to swallow up performance."

IN ATTENDANCE . . .

56 delegates from 30 local Leagues
17 members of the state board
12 observers
7 special guests, including members of the nominating committee, and members of the board and staff of LWVUS.

Plus members of the Lubbock League who served as workers and who deserve MANY THANKS for all their planning and hard work. Well done!!

WHAT COUNCIL '78 DID

BUDGET ADOPTED

Council delegates voted adoption of the LWV-Texas budget (\$58,531) as presented, and stated their approval of the LWV-TEF budget (\$103,005), which will be formally approved by the state board in May. Local League support of the state budget is based on local League membership as of 1/1/78 x \$7 state per member payment (PMP), or on minimum support of \$250 per local League. Leagues have been able to pay up to 1/4 of their state support in tax-deductible (Ed. Fund) monies the past few years. However, in order for the state to operate with its present budgets, including shared services, it is necessary for local Leagues to pay their state PMP in non-tax-deductible or hard monies.

WORKSHOPS PAR EXCELLENCE

Anne Blocker and Gladney Flatt of La Mancha, Inc., and Mary Beth Rogers shared their expertise with us, and it was more than a PR workshop. The 24-hour experience contained components on Management Effectiveness, Graphics, Media, Campaign Techniques, Rational Behavior Training, as well as one-to-one consultations until 2:00 A.M. There was much food for thought and action, and we will not soon forget these remarks:

- . Would you rather be right or be effective?
- . Are you in a desperate search for second place?
- . Does the League allow for risk within our institution?
- . Are you a "corporate executive" or an "entrepreneur?"
- . You won't be powerful unless you look powerful.
- . You are much less likely to give up a behavior unless you have a new behavior to take its place.
- . You can't be what you can't see.

WORKSHOPS (cont.)

In Carole Shlipak's Money Management Workshop, we learned that local and state expenditures in Texas totaled \$341,480 in 1977. \$134,000 was in contributions from the public. She urged the board of directors (the money managers of each League) to consider that, on an average of 104 hours per finance drive, \$8.79 income per hour is forthcoming; an average of 175 hours spent on "projects" yields only \$2.50 per hour.

After Joanne Hayes and Katherine Mazzaferri's Litigation Workshop, we concurred that nice people DO litigate. Five local Leagues in Texas have been involved in litigation, and the experiences of two of these Leagues were shared. Madeleine Appel told of Houston's role as a plaintiff in a coalition regarding a suit under the Voting Rights Act challenging the formation of an all-white school district, and as amicus in two other cases--election of city council members by district, and in the desegregation of Houston ISD. Catherine Gordon of Waco recounted their successful suit as plaintiff in the dilution of minority votes by use of at-large elections for city council. After the workshop, one Leaguer remarked, "I had never seriously considered litigation as an action tool until today. We might just try it."

P R O G R A M

PLANNING: Jan Wilbur issues a reminder that the Calendar for 1978-79 will be coming to you in June (in the LWV-T Directory). You probably will want to start planning now for member agreement on two items, both of which are due on the first Friday of November, 1978 -- and are mentioned later in this report.

ERA: 70% of our goal of \$16,000 has been achieved in the ERA Ratification Campaign. The president's opening address urged members to keep the pressure on to remind citizens of the positive nature of equality for all Americans; that ERA is a matter of simple justice, and a missing link in our struggle to become a fully democratic nation.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Following Diana Clark's report on AJ activities, there was some discussion of the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice, status offenders, the Adult Probation Commission, and the November 3, 1978 consensus deadline for Juvenile Corrections. You have already received material for this study. Please remember to add the additional pages (received at Council) to your Leaders Guide.

A request from Galveston: If your League has a local consensus position on any aspect of Juvenile Justice or Services, the Galveston League would like to know about it. Send material to Diana Clark AND:
Olivia Meyer

HUMAN RESOURCES

Director Jan Coggeshall reported that Jobs/Income Assistance/Welfare Reform is high on the state (as well as national) agenda. The state League survey on housing last year indicated interest in more/better subsidized low income housing. Several delegates urged more information on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money in Texas cities.

GOVERNMENT AND LAND USE

As a result of Council direction, a committee is being formed to research how county ordinance making and state land use management impact each other. Both Louise Cummins and Bobette Higgins will be involved in this project.

ENERGY

The newest League national positions reaffirm a positive League commitment in support of energy conservation. Laura Keever and Madeleine Appel conducted a press briefing in Houston March 26 to announce the new positions which also include reducing dependence on imported energy sources, use of renewable resources, the environmentally sound use of coal, and gradual deregulation of domestic natural gas prices. Members of Congress

ENERGY (cont.)

representing Texas are being contacted regarding these new positions. The Energy Committee will present a statement on utility rate structures to the Public Utility Commission in June.

WATER

Catherine Perrine announced the November 3 reporting deadline for member agreement on Ground Water Management. She reported that the January workshop brought out the importance of ground water to Texas' agriculture, municipalities, and industries; severe declines of future supply in numerous areas; degradation of ground water quality resulting from lower water levels and faulty well construction. Unfortunately, the urgency of the problem is equaled by the difficulty of equitable solutions.

Background material will come to you in the latter part of June.

CITIES/URBAN CRISIS

National board is recommending that Cities/Urban Crisis become a study item with consensus due (probably) in May, 1979.

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

A report from Jan Wilbur indicates interest on the part of several Leagues in doing a citizen tax audit. She has submitted the names of six Leagues to the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) from which they will receive preliminary information. If your League is interested in doing a tax audit in your community, write to:

Craig Foster
IDRA Property Tax Project
1011 Congress, #510
Austin, TX 78701

Also, please advise LWV-T Property Tax Consultant, Kay Irvin, and share any information (and problems) you develop with her.

Kay Irvin

OTHER COUNCIL NOTES

Diana Tilley was appointed as Public Relations Vice President, Bobette Higgins having resigned following Council. Bobette will continue with the Land Use program item in an off-board position.

Lucy Polter of Dallas, Sue O'Kelley of Tarrant County, and Toni Clem of Lamar County will join the state board as appointed directors.

VOTERS SERVICE

The eight-page state Voters Guide was unveiled at Council. Diana Tilley has performed yeoman service on this project.

She requests that local Leagues note the following regarding Voters Guides:

- p. 6 For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, T. C. Chadick. "Served on the Supreme Court since Oct. 1977."
- p. 8 Frequently Asked Questions About Registering and Voting in Texas. Can I vote in the next election if I had been registered . . . Last sentence: "If you've moved outside the county and have not re-registered, you may not vote even if you hold a blue registration card."

(This was a ruling made by the Secretary of State's Office after our material was verified by them. Governmental entities have a right to be fallible too?)

In a short presentation at Council, Mark Sax and Cedric Joubert, Special Counsels to the Secretary of State, discussed their office's activities in voter registration. Addressed, bilingual, postage-paid voter registration cards have been placed in grocery stores, high schools, etc. They urged the League to determine whether the cards are actually being displayed in their communities.

Nancy Bene recounted the activities of the Voters Action Council of Austin, which sent 63,393 registration cards to the purged list. On the second or third weekend in September, voter registration cards will appear in the supplements of major newspapers throughout the state.

VOTERS SERVICE (cont.)

Enclosed with this mailing is a sample editorial you may wish to distribute to your newspapers on why citizens should vote. You may wish to make this available as a public service to your local media.

REMINDERS, ETC.:

TEXAS VOTER

In the February State Board Report, Madeleine Appel included a questionnaire regarding the contents and format of the Texas VOTER. She urges you to respond if you have not done so -- it isn't too late.

FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

The new FSR network is in effect. Beth Brown issues a reminder that the list of Representatives and their Leagues appears in the Council Workbook.

Send a copy of your minutes to your FSR in addition to the three copies sent to the state office.

Also put your FSR on your VOTER list, and please send a copy of your budget and bylaws to your FSR after your annual meeting.

COMMUNICATION NOTES:

Janet Imhoff, Pres., LWV Sherman has moved.

New address:

The Deer Park LWV has reorganized and is now a State Unit. Chairperson is:

Frances Robb

Representing Texas are being contacted regarding these new positions. The Energy Committee will present a statement on utility rate structures to the Public Utility Commission in June.

Legislative Service announced the November 3 referendum for a water agreement on the Tarrant County water out the in- portance of ground water to Texas' agriculture, municipalities, and industries; severe declines of future supply in numerous areas; degradation of ground water quality resulting from lower water levels and fairly well contamination. Unfortunately, the urgency of the problem is equalled by the difficulty of equitable solutions.

Background material will come to you in the latter part of June.

National board is recommending that Urban Crisis become a study unit with consensus due (probably) in May 1982.

A report from the Urban Indicators Institute on the part of several leagues in doing a citizens tax audit. She has submitted the names of six leagues to the International Development Research Association (IDRA) from which they will receive preliminary information. If your league is interested in doing a tax audit in your community, write Craig Foster.

IDRA Property Tax Project
1011 Congress, #210
Austin, TX 78701

Also, please advise LWV Property Tax Consultant, Kay Lyvin, and share any information (and problems) you develop with Kay Lyvin.
6680 Ridgmont Dr.
Dallas, TX 75219
Tel. (214) 366-7091

State Board Report
March, 1978
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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Betty Anderson, President

The mini-Board Meeting February 21-22 in Houston was a bonus for the state board. Most years, we go to Council or Convention without a meeting. Through the hospitality of the state board members living in Houston (and the economy intra-state air fares), we were able to schedule a mid-winter meeting this year. Much of our time was spent in planning and evaluating our resource role to local Leagues.

Organization: On March 2nd, six new field service consultants met in Houston with Helen Hunter, Beth Brown, and Jan Wilbur. The new Field Service Representatives (FSRs) are: Rachel Gooch of Tarrant Co., Alice Mae Berthelson of Houston, Nana Rylander of Sherman, Fumi Sugihara of Brazos Co., Lucy Edwards of Waco, and Rowena Rodgers of San Antonio. The FSRs will be available for consultation by telephone, letter, or visit. These six consultants will serve as generalists; state board members will still be available as specialists.

Council:

"Meaty" is an apt description for the Council agenda. Where else can you attend three workshops, hear the views of the U.S. Senate candidates, and direct the course of the state League--all in three days? April 3-5, Lubbock is the time and place.

The personnel assembled for the PR workshop is really outstanding. I have had the privilege of hearing Anne Blocker twice, and both sessions were extremely profitable. Anne and Gladney Flatt are with LaMancha Group, Inc., which does communications/public relations planning and production for non-profit organizations on a statewide basis.

They offer to "...make your star more reachable. Whatever your goal, they can help you reach it." The third person on the team is Mary Beth Rogers, former executive assistant to Texas Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong. Since setting up her own PR consulting firm two years ago, she has served as project planner and workshop leader for several programs including campaign techniques.

Two national board members will be with us also--Veta Winick of Dickinson, and Joanne Hayes of New York. Along with Katherine Mazzaferri, Joanne will present a litigation workshop on April 5. Suits filed by Leagues in Houston and Waco will serve as showcases.

We are also looking forward to Carole Shlipak's bringing her Money Management road show to Council. Carole's enthusiasm is contagious, and you will profit from her monetary message.

We want you to participate in the discussion following national convention briefing. We will preview the issues of Political Accountability Rating (PAR), program, bylaws, budget, and per member payment (PMP).

Reminder to Treasurers:

Final support payments to LWV-T and TEF for the 1977-78 fiscal year are due in the state office by MARCH 15. Support amounts pledged and payments made through 12/31/77 are covered in the LWV-T and TEF Budget Analyzes included in the January Board Report. Please contact state treasurer, Ethel Sturgis, if you have any questions, and please check your address list--her house number is 3613.

Board Ramblings:

Laura Keever will be speaking to the Oklahoma American Institute of Chemical Engineers Convention on March 11, and the P nca City Okla. League that night.

I will visit the Edinburg/McAllen League March 14, and the Brownsville & Harlingen Leagues the 15th, speak at Austin College's Women's Week, March 29, and attend the Committee for Humanities and Public Policy in Houston on March 31 and April 1.

REPORT ON THE LEAGUE

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Action on Jobs/Income Assistance:

Some of you have already responded to the Time For Action on Jobs/Income Assistance. If you have not, it is hoped that you will find time to do so. Please notify the state and national Leagues that you have done so, and if you receive a reply from your member of Congress, please send a copy to the national office. They are lobbying on these bills and need to know "whom to go see about what."

STATE PROGRAM

HR Update:

. Because of the time deadline, Jan Coggeshall wrote to about 25 local Leagues regarding meetings on Goals & Priorities public meetings of the Dept. of Human Resources. Some Leagues may want to observe these sessions and flavor the public concern about issues facing that department in future funding priorities.

. Displaced Homemakers: Leagues interested in this new program should know that the two funded projects are located and awarded to the U. of T. at Arlington to serve the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, and to the Great Bend Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center in Victoria. Those Leagues could send Jan C. clippings, etc. on the program for other Leagues which may be interested. You may write to the sponsors directly; both opened in January. The Arlington center is called Transitions, has a two-year \$100,000 grant, and the local phone number is 273-3293. The overall responsibility lies with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and as you know, this was passed by the last legislature.

. Two memos are being sent on DPM dealing with HR newsletters, AFDC, food stamps, and housing.

Water:

. Council: Immediately after Council adjourns at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, Lubbock Leaguers will take any of us who can stay a few hours longer to the A&M Research Center to see new techniques for conserving water. If you want to go, please write to:

Linda McGowan, 2801-20th, Lubbock 79410. Tell her whether you need transportation to the center, and on to the airport at 5-5:30p.m.

. "208" Water Quality Plans: River Authorities and other planning agencies are now preparing Alternative Plans Reports for controlling pollution sources. (See Nov.-Dec. Enviro-Notes.) If a planning agency contacts your League about a community meeting on these plans, please do all you can to encourage maximum attendance by citizens including, of course, League members. If your League's schedule allows, consider initiating a community meeting on water quality plans.

. Ground Water Study: Writing time has arrived for the LWV-Texas publication on ground water. If you have, or would like to search out, information on ground water problems or management in your area, now is the time to get this to Catherine Perrine. Suggestions of topics for study and consensus are also welcome. (See Jan.-Feb. Enviro-Notes.)

Mod. State Govt.

Sunset Laws

Information on the Texas Sunset Act, the 26 agencies to be reviewed this year, and a schedule of hearings is included in a memo being sent in this mailing on DPM.

MEMBERSHIP

Shirley Gleason is looking forward to seeing you at Council, and the PR workshop. Please be sure to send her your membership material, and be sure to visit the publications room at Council. She has received a copy of the Abilene League's material and it's great!

When your League is registering voters and conducting candidates' forums, it is an excellent opportunity for you to display membership material. Voters Service is an exciting area in which to involve new members. Not only should they help with the above, but have them accompany "older" League members when distributing Voters Guides. As new members participate, they will learn and gain confidence, becoming eager to take a leading role in League activities.

REPORT ON THE LEAGUE (cont.)

VOTER

On April 1 a media release will be distributed from the LWV-T office to the Capitol Press Corps announcing the availability of state Voters Guides through local Leagues. If you are contacted by your local media, please know this is how they were alerted. You may wish to time a simultaneous release announcing when your state and/or local Guides will be available to the public.

Enclosed with this mailing is a sample press release informing the media of the Council meeting in Lubbock April 4-5, with blanks for you to add your delegates, League name, and local media contact. You are, of course, free to design your own release and to determine whether you even wish to make an announcement about your delegates.

I am hoping in the future to collect biographies of all state board members to reproduce and send to you for your use with your local media whenever a board member comes to speak to your League. Many Leagues have found their media to be interested in stories on visiting state board members, and we hope this will make your task easier. When pictures are available, I will also send those along.

LWV-T Education Fund has been active in sponsoring conferences around the state this year. In the future when a conference is held in your area, the project manager will work with the local League on media coverage of the event. It is up to the local League to determine whether they merely want the basic information from when to produce and distribute releases, or whether they merely wish to supply the project director with their media list and let the director produce and distribute releases. We do not want publicity for state meetings to become a burden for local Leagues.

Madeleine Appel would appreciate your sending her the names of any of your local elected officials who are also members of the League, with a note as to when their terms expire and what position is held.

Don't forget the survey on the VOTER which appeared in your January State Board Report.

REPORT ON THE EDUCATION FUND

CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE:

Gubernatorial Debate Chair, Veta Winick, reported to the board the progress in planning a televised debate or forum. We are currently working toward a May Gubernatorial Forum to be held between the first and second primaries. There are too many candidates (13) to conduct a meeting before the first primary. We believe we can best utilize our time and money by conducting a forum between the candidates of the major parties (two Democrats and one Republican) because major decisions will be made during that crucial month before the runoff. The Forum would present the candidates, in individual appearances, being questioned by a panel.

Distribution of state Voters Guides is scheduled to begin April 1. Information on the 44 candidates and pro & con regarding pari-mutuel betting referendum will be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

. The last of three energy conferences was held March 7 in Austin. The conferences included information on energy options, alternative sources, and conservation techniques. The League was funded to conduct these educational programs by the Department of Energy so that energy planning could become more comprehensible to citizens.

. LWV-TEF has received a pass-through grant for \$4,750 from LWVEF to conduct a solid waste management project in the state. Eleanor Sutherland, past president of LWV-Dallas, will serve as Task Force Director. Our objective is to create a climate for the implementation of the phase of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) which deals with secondary materials and potential marketing of recovered materials.

LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS:

Twelve project requests from local Leagues were approved in February. In addition to Voters Guides, Leagues are conducting candidates' rallies and printing booklets on educational accountability, and on status offenders.

(LWV-T program addendum - over)

ADDENDUM - LWV-T Program

Administration of Justice:

A public hearing on proposed standards & fund distribution policy for adult probation departments participating in state funding will be held in the Senate Chamber, Austin, Friday April 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the proposed standards and fiscal policy has been sent to every district judge and probation dept., and will be published in the March 21 Texas Register. Leagues wishing a copy may write or phone the Texas Adult Probation Commission, 812 San Antonio #400, Austin, TX 78701. (512) 475-1374. Testimony in person would be welcome, however written statements will be considered through April 20. Contact Diana Clark for additional information.

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Additional important note....:

The time for returning Council registration & reservation forms IS AT HAND-- please take care of your League's necessary business today. You won't want to be left out.

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TO: LL Presidents (Please forward second copy to CI/VS chair)
FROM: Diana Tilley, LWV-T CI/VS Director
RE: Voters Service Miscellaneous

LWV of Texas
March 14, 1978
LL Presidents (2)
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VOTER REGISTRATION

The purge figures are astounding, and I am deeply concerned. My worst fear is that the Secretary of State's prediction will come true; there will be close to one million people purged from the voting lists in Texas. I take back almost everything I said about re-directing our Voters Service emphasis to getting-out-the-vote---except that if those purged do vote, they have to re-register at the polls. If we can get them there, we can get them re-registered.

The SOS's office has done about all they can afford to do. They are eager to travel around the state to discuss voter registration. I hope they've contacted some of you. As a somewhat last minute decision, the governor proclaimed this week Voter Registration Week and the SOS was to send each local League information pertaining to special activities. Perhaps you've had some coverage in your local press or other media. I haven't seen much here.

I did view the PSA's from that office when I attended their information meeting for lobbyists and trade association representatives. I thought they were effective--although they did put a lot of visual emphasis on voting machines, even though some of us are still using other methods of voting.

We're still working on our own PSA's and should be ready to ship something to local t.v. stations by the second week in April. Please let the state office know by 3/31 if you would prefer that we did not send these PSA's direct to your local stations. Your silence will be considered consent, and we will ship accordingly. We've had such success with Bobette Higgin's PSA's on League membership that I'm anxious to hit the stations while they're thinking kindly of us.

Re. voter registration, here's an interesting situation: technically, purged voters cannot attend their precinct conventions! I've checked with the state parties' headquarters, and evidently the feeling is that precinct chairs will use some discretion regarding entry. Can you imagine the problems that could occur if there were any controversial issues being voted on in the precinct convention. When Chuck and I attended our first precinct convention after having moved here from California, we were horrified to discover that the opposing faction (on a very hot issue) walked out and declared themselves the legal convention because someone in the room was there illegally due to age--our six-month old baby! Definitely leave the kids at home.

VOTERS GUIDE

The state VG is still on schedule. The parties certified their ballots yesterday and now there are a few more referenda. I'm not sure if we're going to be able to do a pro and con on anything other than the pari-mutuel betting. So far, I can get a con but no pro or vice versa.

I hope all of you understand that it is your decision as to whether or not you copyright your VG. BUT once again, if you're going to reprint the state League's material, you must print the copyright symbol, etc., acknowledging the LWV-TEF copyright. LWV-TEF pays for the copyright--you simply print the acknowledgement.

Ethel Sturgis tells me that you can obtain the copyright forms (now titled "Form TX"--with new fee of \$10) by calling the Federal Information Center listed under U.S. Government in your telephone book. This number is a tie-line to the nearest Fed. Info. Center and is toll-free.

If you are printing your own Voters Guide and are using Texas Education Fund monies, you must acknowledge such use on the publication, e.g., "Partially funded by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund."

OVER

Miscellaneous Reminders and Comments

1) I hope you've been able to work out your questioning of shared-district candidates. And if you ever wonder if what I say are words carved in stone, just take a look at that ghastly grammatical error in the State Board of Education question. Fortunately, it was so obvious that it HAD to be an oversight--oh, pleeeez tell me you corrected it. That's what I get for rewording mid-question!

2) Those 16-1/2" x 11-1/2" "League of Women Voters Says VOTE" signs are still available--FREE. We'll have some available at Council. And be sure to look through the LHVUS publications catalogue for leaders for other Voters Service paraphernalia. There are a number of items in the want-ads.

3) Review Beth Brown's "Brief Guide to Voter's Guides," Jan. 1976 LHV-T LL Presidents Mailing before, during, and after putting together your VG. It's very helpful.

4) Review the "Voters Service Swap Shop," LHVUS pub. #649, July 1976. My favorites from these two pages of VS ideas are:

"In Wellesley, Mass., the League seated the audience by precinct so that Town Meeting candidates could discuss issues with members of their precinct."

"The Geneva, Ill. League has turned a meager turnout rate at Candidates Night into an impressive one by holding it in a popular local hotel on a Friday night with a cash bar. There was concern expressed that our image might be damaged in this very proper, conservative community, but all fears vanished when over 100 persons arrived and packed our room for 60-80. Our image may have been changed, but it's obvious that now it is more in touch with the community."

"To catch sleepy voters on election day, those who had been to the polls that day were given 'I VOTED' buttons by the League to remind others to get to the polls."

"In Columbia Heights, Minn., the League bought a page in the phonebook and provided election information for the school board and local elections." Perhaps the phone company could do it as a public service.

"In Brockton, Mass., they dressed up a store mannequin and created a window display in a downtown store showing a person using a voting machine."

"An especially clever way to inform was thought up by the Brown County (Ind.) League. At a 4-H fair, they had a contest to match faces to names of local officeholders. Everyone entering received a complimentary copy of 'Who's Where in Brown County' and winners received 'This is Brown County.'"

5) If you can get local office holders (non-candidates) to cooperate, I really like the idea of using them to do PSA's on various aspects of voting.

If you ever have a burning desire to speak to me by telephone, the very best time to catch me is in the morning, between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Any other time, you run the risk of spending your money talking to a husband who is pretending to be awake or leaving a message with an eight-or ten-year-old who, in spite of the fact that Santa left Snoopy message pads in their stockings, continue to leave telephone numbers in crayon on top of the dryer.

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The League of Women Voters of Texas promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and acts on selected

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (continued)

governmental issues. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Local League contact (name and phone number):

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TO: LL Presidents (2 copies), please
forward 2nd copy to Government
Chair; DPM
FROM: Louise Cummins, Government Chair
RE: Texas Sunset Act

LWV-Texas
March 10, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing (2); DPM
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Modernizing State Govt. - Executive

The Texas Sunset Act lists 177 agencies which will be terminated automatically over the next twelve years unless a future legislative session acts to prolong or renew their statutory basis for existence. Twenty-six agencies face "sunset" in 1979. These agencies are now in the review process and as a first step have completed self-evaluation reports and submitted them to the Sunset Advisory Commission for review. A list of the 26 agencies and the dates of public hearings appears on the back of this sheet.

The League of Women Voters of Texas would like to encourage all Texas citizens to participate in the review process of state agencies. The new Sunset legislation gives citizens an opportunity to do just that. Both individuals and organizations who have had contact with any of the agencies under review are encouraged to participate. Written comments will be accepted if someone is unable to attend the hearings.

Local leagues can help in this effort by encouraging the local press and other communications media to provide information about the work of the commission. If your local media are already providing the information, let them know you appreciate it and would like to see followup articles. If they are not covering the activities of the Commission, contact them and encourage them to do so.

Let them know how anxious the Advisory Commission is to have citizens appear and testify at their hearings. Be sure to emphasize that this will be a long multi-stage review process. The Sunset Advisory Commission will make some recommendations to the 1979 legislature, and at that time citizens will again have a chance to testify at legislative hearings.

The address for the Commission is:

Sunset Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 13066
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
Phone (512) 475-1718

Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission are:

Bill Meier (Chairman), State Senator
Bennie Bock II (Vice Chairman), State Representative
Bill Ceverha, State Representative
Lloyd Doggett, State Senator
Lee Jackson, State Representative
Lance Lalor, State Representative
A.R. Schwartz, State Senator
W.E. "Pete" Snelson, State Senator

Address for State Senators:

The Honorable (full name)

The Senate

Austin, Texas 78711

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Listed below are the 26 agencies to be reviewed. The Advisory Commission has grouped them as they appear below to establish a working schedule.

Group I

Public Hearings. Feb. 20, 21, 1978 Commission Recommendations. March 13, 14

Pink Bollworm Commission

Texas Stonewall Jackson

Memorial Board

Office of Vehicle Equipment

Safety Compact Commissioner
for Texas

Pesticide Advisory Committee

Texas Navy, Inc.

Burial Association Rate Board

Group II

Public Hearings. March 20, 21, 1978 Commission Recommendations. April 13, 14

Battleship Texas Commission

State Board of Registration
for Public Surveyors

Board of Examiners of State

Land Surveyors

Private Employment Agency

Regulatory Board

State Board of Morticians

Board of Architectural Examiners

Texas State Board of Landscape

Architects

Board of County & District

Road Indebtedness

Group III

Public Hearings. May 19, 20, 1978 Commission Recommendations. June 1, 2

Good Neighbor Commission

Texas Board of Barber Examiners

Texas Cosmetology Commission

Structural Pest Control Board

Texas Motor Vehicle Commission

Texas State Board of Public

Accountancy

Texas Board for Licensure of

Nursing Home Administrators

Group IV

Public Hearings. July 14, 15, 1978 Commission Recommendations. August 18, 19

Real Estate Commission

State Bar

Board of Law Examiners

Texas Turnpike Authority

The above schedule is tentative, so call to confirm meetings before attending. Further information about the hearings and the work of the Commission may be had by calling Sunset Advisory Commission (512) 475-1718, or the Legislative Budget Board (512) 475-6565.

For a capsulized version of Sunset in Texas, you might want to read the publications prepared by the Texas Research League, 1117 Red River, Austin, TX 78701: "Twenty-Six State Agencies Face 'Sunset' in 1979," August, 1977.

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Human Resources

AFDC

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There is a possibility that the AFDC "Special Payment" may be recommended to be increased 20% from \$60 to \$72/year. The agency is considering this because there would not be any increase in the AFDC caseload, there would not be any increase in Medicaid, and it would not lead to the Food Stamp Program siphoning off most of the AFDC benefit increase.

The agency is currently in the process of computing the effects of raising the percentage of the "total need" the agency meets in the AFDC program by 5% increments. They will send the report of that study when it is finished.

Ms. Stevens asked if an AFDC payment appropriation large enough to allow the agency to budget at 100% of total need would run the annual costs of the program over the \$80,000,000 constitutional ceiling. They will research and answer the question.

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|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Level I | Level II | Level III |
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| Recipients Estimated/Month | 301,400 | 324,900 | 343,700 |
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As you know, new legislation governing the food stamp program was passed and signed. Previously, food stamp recipients were required to pay for part of the food stamp coupons, based on ability to pay. For example, to receive \$100 worth of coupons, you might be required to pay \$50 to receive your \$50 worth of free stamps. The new legislation eliminated the purchase requirement, which means eligible recipients would just receive the \$50 worth of free stamps.

The intent of the new legislation was to enhance the accessibility of the program, eliminate fraud, and simplify the administration of the program. It sounds as though the latter was not accomplished.

The Texas DHR, to their credit, offered to put the free stamp section of the legislation into effect on January 1. But the USDA denied the request, stating that all sections of the bill must be implemented simultaneously.

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Meanwhile, the USDA is still drawing up all the new regulations because there are changes in eligibility, deductions, payments, etc. These regulations should be in the Federal Register by the end of March, at which time they will receive public comment. After this, the USDA must draw up a plan, which must then be RESUBMITTED to the Standing Committee in Congress for approval.

All this is going to take a TON of time, and it will no doubt be late fall before all of it goes into effect.

Although my communications have been with the DHR, Leagues wishing information from USDA on this could write: Mr. Hap Pulliam, Director of Food Stamps, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75242. It might be worth a small article in your local VOTER (regarding the ways of government or food stamps...)

ENCLOSED: HOUSING SURVEY (other Leagues will be added when received)

Leagues with similar housing problems might discuss their problems with other Leagues in Lubbock at Council.

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Human Resources (cont.)

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Meanwhile, the USDA is still drawing up all the new regulations because there are changes in eligibility, deductions, payments, etc. These regulations should be in the Federal Register by the end of March, at which time they will receive public comment. After this, the USDA must draw up a plan, which must then be RESUBMITTED to the Standing Committee in Congress for approval.

All this is going to take a TON of time, and it will no doubt be late fall before all of it goes into effect.

Although my communications have been with the DHR, Leagues wishing information from USDA on this could write: Mr. Hap Pulliam, Director of Food Stamps, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX 75242. It might be worth a small article in your local VOTER (regarding the ways of government or food stamps..)

ENCLOSED: HOUSING SURVEY (other Leagues will be added when received)

Leagues with similar housing problems might discuss their problems with other Leagues in Lubbock at Council.

TO: Local League Presidents, 2 copies (please forward 2nd copy to HR chair); DPM
FROM: Jan Coggeshall, HR-LWV-T

LWV-Texas
March, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing (2); DPM
II. A. 2. d.
HR - Housing

RE: Results of the Housing Survey: LWV-Texas

What are the greatest housing problems in your community?

A = Major community problem
B = A problem
C = Not a serious problem

The following Leagues responded that these were "A"-level (major) problems in their communities:

1. Lack of a fair housing ordinance: None
 2. Enforcement of a fair housing ordinance: None
 3. Need for more housing for low-income families (private ownership): Beaumont, Sherman, Odessa, Midland, Galveston, San Marcos, Orange, Lubbock, Houston.
 4. Need for more housing for middle-income families (private ownership): Beaumont, Sherman, Odessa, Midland, Galveston, San Marcos, Victoria.
 5. Need for more housing for upper-income families: None
 6. Need for more apartments for low-income families (unsubsidized & private ownership): Odessa, Galveston, San Marcos, Lubbock, El Paso, Houston.
 7. Need for more subsidized housing for low-income families: Beaumont, Dallas, Odessa, Midland, Galveston, San Marcos, Lubbock, El Paso, Victoria, Tarrant Co., Houston.
 - We have a Section 8 program which seems to be effective: Odessa, San Marcos, Orange, El Paso, Victoria.
 - We have a Section 8 program which could be more effective: Beaumont, Dallas, Odessa, Galveston, San Marcos, Orange, Lubbock, Tarrant Co., Houston.
 - We have other rental assistance programs: Houston, Tarrant Co., Dallas, Odessa, Victoria.
 - We do not have a Section 8 program: Midland.
 8. Need more subsidized "new housing" for low-income families: Houston.
 9. Need help in historical preservation districts to improve neighborhoods: Victoria.
 10. Need help getting rehabilitation programs started or working better with private funds: Beaumont, Orange, Odessa.
 11. Need help getting rehabilitation programs started or working better with public funds: Dallas, Houston.
 12. Need code enforcement program: Dallas.
 13. Need tenant-landlord regulations: Midland, Dallas, Tarrant Co., Lubbock.
- Our city has a Rehabilitation Loan Fund: Dallas, Sherman, Odessa, Galveston, Lubbock, El Paso.

over, please

Housing Survey (cont.)

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Our city has been successful in:
(see above numbers)

Our League is active in:
(see above numbers)

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Dallas | 1, 2, 7 | 13, 7, 8 |
| Beaumont | 1, 2, 5 | 3, 4, 10 |
| Sherman | 11, 12 | -- |
| Odessa | 1, 5, 11 | 10 |
| Midland | 11 | 3, 4, 7, 12 |
| Galveston | 9, 11, 12 | 7, 11 |
| Houston | 2, 4, 5 | 2, 7, 10 |
| Victoria | 2, 7, 12 | -- |
| El Paso | 3, 7, 11 | 3, 12 |
| Lubbock | 7 | 7, 9, 11 |
| Orange | 5, 11, 12 | -- |
| San Marcos | -- | -- |
| Tarrant Co. | 1, 2, 7 | 2, 7, 11 |

TO: LL Pres. (2 copies) please forward
2nd copy to H.R. Chair; DPM
FROM: Jan Coggeshall, H.R. Director
RE: Newsletters with H.R. information

LWV-Texas
March 10, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing (2); DPM
II. A. 2.
Human Resources

This information is for a League which is interested in good sources of H.R. information on a regular basis. Some are free, some are not. They are offered in order of "usefulness" in my opinion.

- Jan's Hints:
1. Make sure someone in your LWV really wants to read these before subscribing. (Despite the fact that they are interesting.)
 2. Make a file folder for each different publication and slip issue in front chronologically.
 3. Copy/cut material immediately (BEFORE filing) for your local VOTER, and identify source.
 4. Once a year, throw out anything over six months old. (I know you "might" need it someday, but it is TOO much paper to keep.)
 5. If you change or lose an H.R. chairman, write and have the name changed or removed from the mailing list immediately.

I. THE EOD WEEKLY NEWS, (free), a weekly publication of the Texas Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13166, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711.

(The Feb. 17 issue included articles on the TDCA's weatherization program, The DHR Summer Food program, Federal Register Regulations, an article on TDCA activities for migrants and farmworkers, a legislative report on the Carter welfare reform proposals and the Full Employment Act, and transportation funding.) I like it!

II. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS NEWS, a nonpartisan monthly summary-type educational publication, published by Texas United Community Services. Members receive this and other publications. Individual (not organization) membership is \$7.00 payable to Texas United Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1487, Austin, TX 78767.

(The Feb. 10 issue included information on the Texas Sunset law activity, The Impact of the Texas Economy, Government Relations Seminars, Voter Registration Assistance, Gov. Briscoe cancelling the Aging Seminars, Dept. of Human Resource Planning Meetings, Information on MHMR, Changes in Funding for the Handicapped, Changes in Criminal Justice mini-block rules, and appointments to the Interim Study Committees of the legislature. It covers more than H.R. material.) I like it!

III. FRAC, a free newsletter of the Food Research and Action Center, 2011 Eye St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

(The Jan. 18 issue included articles on states involved in welfare reform coalitions and a detailed report on the Subcommittee Action on Welfare Reform.) I like it!

IV. FOCUS NEWSLETTER, (free), is a newsletter put out three times a year by the Institute for Research on Poverty. The purpose is to acquaint a wide audience with the work of the Institute by means of short essays on selected pieces of research.

(The winter 1977-78 issue included articles on Food Stamps, Accounting Procedures in Welfare, Making Schools More Efficient, and overview of the Institute Research.) (A more technical resource!)

- V. SOCIOECONOMIC NEWSLETTER, (free), published monthly by the Institute for Socio-economic Studies, Airport Rd., White Plains, N.Y. 10604.

(The Jan. 1978 issue had articles on Unemployment, "Welfare System Quirks," Income Security Policies, Welfare Reform Subcommittee report.) This is good.

- VI. FOCUS, (free), is a monthly newsletter of the Joint Center for Political Studies, 1426 H. St. N.W., Suite 926, Washington, D.C. 20005. This newsletter provides information on the nation's black and minority aspirations in the political process.

(The July 1977 issue included articles on the Bakke case, Reverse Discrimination, and Inner City Food Distribution.) Interesting.

- VII. CONSUMER NEWSLETTER. Write to HUD, Washington, D.C. 20410 and ask for NVACP #14, Consumer Newsletter (free) if you are interested in the following:

This newsletter is one on Energy and has a number of nifty ideas for people interested in energy conservation ideas at the neighborhood and consumer level. It refers to lots of publications, where to order, and lists 18 organizations plus their energy projects. Two of my favorites:

SHINE (Solar Heat in New England.) A Rhode Island Community Action Agency has helped a Community Development Corporation get started and is a source of basic, practical information for installing solar energy systems in existing housing in New England.

Another non-profit group developed and applied for a residential energy audit project in its community, using CETA workers.

TO: LL Presidents, 2 copies (please forward
2nd copy to Land Use Chair)
RE: Testimony by Bobette Higgins at
Coastal Management Public Meeting
on Siting of Industrial Facilities,
Houston, Texas, February 9, 1978

LWV-Texas
March 10, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing (2)
II. A. 1. d.
Land Use

I am Bobette Higgins, Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Texas, representing 4000 League members over the state. I am also a member of the TCMP Citizen's Advisory Committee, and as a member of that committee I have been privileged to learn to know and respect many members of Texas' business/industrial sector, some of whose activities and concerns are the subject of this meeting today. I have commiserated with them more than once on the byzantine complexities of the permitting process described in the briefing paper we are considering. Many of us on that committee have become friends. We share mutual respect for each other to a degree which I believe is most unusual in similarly designed advisory groups. I urge these committee representatives for business and industry, and all of those who are present at this meeting, and all of those who are not here (but should be) to support the concept of coastal management and the orderly growth implied in its name, including a process for siting industrial facilities in a way that is protective of the fragile, economically-important natural ecosystems in coastal areas.

If such a reasonable and appropriate proposal is resisted by the industrial sector, then the League of Women Voters will work to marshal all of the resources at its command to fight for the protection of the coast. We will enlist the aid of our national organization to this end. We will organize and work with coalitions of other groups. We will mount public awareness campaigns. We will not hesitate to enter into litigation when this is appropriate. We shall, in other words, not be deterred in our efforts to keep the Texas coast from becoming, as other coastal states have become, vast spoilt wastelands due to inappropriate development.

The League experience with many businesses and industries in the coastal area indicates that such drastic action will not be necessary. We believe that logic and a sense of the desire to be good corporate citizens will assure the cooperation of the industrial community, which we need if we are to continue to enjoy a measure of the good life which has been ours. But we will unswervingly pursue other courses if industrial resistance to coastal management is such that strong measures to assure a well-managed Texas coast are necessary.

TO: LL Pres., 2 copies (please forward
2nd copy to AJ Chair); DPM
FROM: Diana Clark, AJ, LWV-Texas
RE: A Short Guide to Juvenile Justice-
Corrections; study and consensus.

LWV-Texas
March, 1978
LL Pres. Mailing (2); DPM
II. C. I. a.
Administration of Justice, Juvenile

Determination of the areas of juvenile corrections on which to base consensus/concurrence has been somewhat difficult. Limitations on the amount of information available and the changes constantly occurring within the system have formed the boundaries within which we have made our choices.

Information on the three questions is contained in the Facts and Issues. Additional details on a model state agency taken directly from the task force report will be found in the leaders guide.

Bibliographic materials on juvenile corrections in Texas are sparse. A good beginning would be to refer to the Facts and Issues and Leaders Guide of January 1977 titled "Juvenile Justice in Texas--from Apprehension to Disposition" for a refresher course on juvenile system procedures. All materials furnished local Leagues for the previous study are still pertinent and helpful for this study. In addition to the Facts and Issues and leaders guide, there are:

- (1) The Texas Family Code
- (2) Criminal Justice Plan for Texas 1976 (the 1977 plan is essentially the same)
- (3) Public Affairs Pamphlet #530, The Child and the Law: Helping the Status Offender
- (4) Texas Crimes and Punishment by Carol Vance.

The Task Force Report on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, portions of which are reproduced in the new leaders guide, may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Pub. #052-003-0023-0.

Your public library may have:

Goldfarb, Ronald, and Singer, Linda, After Conviction, A Review of the American Correctional System, New York, Simon and Schuster, 1973

Ohlen, Lloyd, Editor, Prisoners in America, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, 1973

Wooden, Kenneth, Weeping in the Playtime of Others, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1976
"The Youth Crime Plague," Time, vol. 110, no. 2, July 11, 1977.

This article might be used in conjunction with the juvenile statistics from the leaders guide in order to put the problem in its proper perspective.

The best way to learn about juvenile corrections in your own community is by direct interviews. Some sample questions for juvenile probation officers and local Texas Youth personnel are found in the back of the leaders guide.

Finally, the names of two books with provocative titles which I could not locate. Perhaps you can!

Shur, Edwin, Radical Non-Intervention: Re-Thinking the Delinquency Problem, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice Hall, 1973

Walker, Nigel, Sentencing in a Rational Society, N.Y., Basic Books, 1971

... and an additional thought: What if the age of adulthood was reduced to 14? Would we solve some problems? Create others?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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• AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

FEBRUARY, 1978

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STATE BOARD REPORT

Betty Anderson
President

LWV of Texas
February 3, 1978
State Board Report
I. Q.
President's Letter

As you read this report of the board meeting that took place January 16-19, I hope you will catch some of the enthusiasm generated by the 17 members at that meeting. The week was busy, harried, and cold in Austin. Wrapped in blankets at Rather House, state board members made plans for state council, approved the proposed budget, discussed national convention issues, worked on election-year activities, and looked through a crystal ball toward the 66th Legislature, which will convene in 1979.

Council. The April 4-5 State Council meeting in Lubbock promises to be a significant event. LWV-US Vice President, Joanne Hayes, will be with us and will conduct a litigation workshop. Also sharing her expertise will be Carole Shlipak, who will present a money management workshop. In advance of the opening session of council, there will be a professionally-conducted training course in public relations. This hands-on workshop, developed in response to oft-expressed desires of League members to improve their media skills, will be an experiential or participatory workshop. We will learn by doing. This no-fee workshop will be conducted by Anne Blocker of La Mancha, Inc., and Mary Beth Rogers. It is being funded through our workshop budget line item. We think you will find it worthwhile, and we urge you to attend. It will be held the afternoon of April 3, and the morning of April 4th. Additional information will be coming to you from Bobette Higgins, who has been battling the flu.

Budget. The proposed budget is enclosed in the presidents' mailing and on DPM. The \$58,566 budget proposed for 1978-79 is based on 3,875 members at \$7.00 per member payment (PMP), and 100 members-at-large based on \$20.00 per member. The LWV-TEF budget will be included in the Council Workbook.

National Convention Issues. After extended discussions, the state board chose to take no position on the recommended national PMP of \$10 for 1978-79, and \$11 for 1979-80. National budget chair and newly-appointed Texas VOTER editor, Madeleine Appel, carefully explained the committee and the national board's recommendation for the PMP increase. We also took note of correspondence from other state and local Leagues opposing the increase and weighed the concerns of local Leagues in Texas which would probably have to increase dues. Seeing merit on both sides of the issue, we opted to wait and hear the debate on the issue at national convention. We urge you to listen and to contribute to the discussion at state council on this issue before locking your League into a position.

On the Political Accountability Rating (PAR) issue, we voted to support continuation of the present system (voting records without percentages). When all the factors were weighed, we decided that the disadvantages of individual percentage ratings to some local Leagues outweighed the benefits to the national legislative effort.

Helen Hunter, Jan Wilbur, and I were chosen to represent the state board in Cincinnati at national convention, May 1-5.

Election-Year plans. LWV-US Director of Public Relations and past-president of LWV-TX., Veta Winick, has agreed to head the Steering Committee for the Gubernatorial Debates. We are delighted that Veta has agreed to help us with this project; we will be conferring in Austin this month.

Work on the primary Voters Guides is progressing. Please place your order for the Guides by March 1. See Diana Tilley's report for additional information. We regret that Mary Harding has resigned as director of Citizen Information/Voters Service. Diana Tilley has assumed this post.

(over, please)

LWV-Texas Update.

. Briefings and interviews with Rep. John Bryant (Dallas) and Speaker Billy Clayton provided state board members with information to begin legislative strategies for 1979.

. Twenty-two Leagues were represented at the Coastal Management Conference, Jan. 25-26 in Corpus Christi. 120 participants discussed ways to make the coastal management program work. Representatives Mary Jane Bode of Austin, David Cain (Dallas), Bob Simpson (Amarillo), and Pete Laney (Lubbock & Hale Center) were among the public officials attending the conference. We appreciate June Kachtik's directing the project.

. The physical, economic, and legal aspects of ground water management were analyzed in the seminar the afternoon of Jan. 26th. Member agreement will be sought on the subject next fall.

. Since the issue of a state board member running for local office had arisen, the following addition was made to the state Policy Guide, "Should a state board member decide to accept appointment to, or run for, local elective office, s/he may do so only if: 1) there is no political party label on the office; and 2) the board of the local League involved approves.

. We hope you have seen our new membership Public Service Announcements (PSAs) created by Bobette Higgins, on television recently. Please check Bobette's enclosed report and contact your local station managers.

. A task force is looking into increasing our legislative action responses. Please help with the mini-survey enclosed.

. Monies to the ERA Campaign from Texas have amounted to \$9,877 by Feb. 1. \$6,073 is needed to meet our pledge.

Board Happenings. Catherine Perrine will speak on "Water Development and the Texas Voter" at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Water Conservation Association in Galveston, February 24.

. Laura Keever is the new vice-chair of the Advisory Committee of the Texas Energy Advisory Council. Former Senator Max Sherman chairs the committee, and both he and Laura serve on the Council.

. During February, Carole Shlipak will be conducting five local finance workshops in Tarrant Co., Brazos Co., Marshall/Harrison Co., Dallas, and San Antonio.

. Shirley Gleason, 208 representative in the Beaumont area, attended the meeting of the Texas Dept. of Water Resources in Austin, January 20. LWV-Texas presented a written statement.

. Diana Clark is attending monthly meetings of the Texas Adult Probation Commission. It meets in various locations throughout the state.

. I have been appointed to serve on the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy. Committee members serve for four-year terms.

Carole Shlipak
Director, Development
[REDACTED]

LWV-Texas
January, 1978
State Board Report
I. I.
Admin. - Development

DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE

1. We continue to contact prospective contributors for the state League. Recent contributions to the LWV/Texas Education Fund include:

\$500.00 from the Hershey Foundation for the publication of Environotes during 1978

\$5,000.00 from the Fikes Foundation; \$1,500.00 (30%) shared with the LWV/Dallas

\$250.00 from the Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund (\$75.00 shared with the LWV/Galveston)

\$250.00 from Ruth and Harris Kempner, Sr. (\$75.00 shared with the LWV/Galveston).

2. National Reports - by now you have probably completed the reports requested by the National Office for Calendar Year 1977. Our state report to National indicated:

Total funds raised in 1976: \$12,810.

Total funds raised in 1977: \$27,177

This represents an increase of 112%!

3. Your local VOTERS indicate that many Finance Drives are now getting underway.

I wish you GREAT SUCCESS!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

BUDGET ANALYSIS

June 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1977

December 1977

I.D.2.e.

INCOME

| | BUDGETED 1977-78 | ACTUAL TO 12/31 | IN KIND TO 12/31 |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| A. <u>Local League Support</u> | 34,977 | 21,253.37 | |
| B. <u>Members-at-large Dues</u> | 750 | 1,005.00 | |
| C. <u>Sale of Publications</u> | | | |
| 1. DPMs | 2,000 | 1,763.00 | |
| 2. Standing Orders | 1,750 | 1,382.00 | |
| 3. Parole & Corrections F&I | 1,350 | 0 | |
| 4. Public Subscription Services | 750 | 255.00 | |
| 5. Publications on hand | 100 | 492.90 | |
| 6. "We Support" | 0 | 352.85 | |
| 7. VOTER | 0 | 1.00 | |
| D. <u>Interest on Savings</u> | 325 | 154.72 | |
| E. <u>Contributions</u> | | | |
| 1. Member Cash | 250 | 20.00 | |
| 2. State Board and Committees, non-cash | 0 | | 430.67 |
| 3. State Fund Raising (This is based on raising \$4650, sharing \$1550 with LLs. To date amount raised \$4100; shared \$920) | 3,100 | 3,180.00 | |
| 4. State Fund Raising, non-cash | 600 | 1,526.33 | 250.00 |
| F. <u>Contractual Services</u> | | | |
| 1. Election Night Reporting | 0 | 0 | |
| G. <u>Council '78</u> | 3,500 | 0 | |
| H. <u>LWV-TEF Reimbursement</u> | | | |
| 1. Office Overhead | 5,740 | 2,167.13 | |
| 2. Board and Administrative shared services | 3,147 | 879.78 | |
| 3. VOTER | 500 | 174.02 | |
| 4. LL Presidents Mailings | 300 | 167.81 | |
| I. <u>Other Income</u> | | | |
| 1. '76-'77 payments | 1,220** | 2,129.17 | |
| 2. Unbudgeted | 0 | 375.10 | |
| K. <u>Suspense</u> | 0 | (51.45) | |
| TOTALS | 60,359 | 37,227.73 | 680.67 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| N. <u>State Office</u> | | |
| 1. Equipment Maintenance | 600 | 575.16 |
| 2. General Supplies | 1,050 | 289.56 |
| 3. Postage | 1,200 | 511.94 |
| 4. Telephone | 750 | 247.49 |
| 5. Insurance and Bonding | 230 | 124.00 |
| 6. Rent and Utilities | 2,700 | 1,810.00 |
| 7. Salaries | 10,136** | 5,337.50 |
| 8. Payroll Taxes | 774** | 500.42 |
| 9. Audit and Tax Report | 200 | 200.00 |
| 10. Capital Expenses | 217 | 165.97 |
| 11. Applied Overhead | 0 | (1,701.90) |

LWV-T Budget Analysis 12/31/77, continued P.2

| | BUDGETED | ACTUAL | IN KIND |
|---|-----------|----------|---------|
| O. Board and Administration | | | |
| 1. President's Expenses | | | |
| a. Travel | 820* | 337.05 | 11.50 |
| b. Per Diem | 180 | 106.25 | 12.00 |
| c. Secretarial Assistant | 320 | 0 | |
| d. Telephone | 270 | 140.75 | |
| e. Representation | 270 | 99.75 | 9.00 |
| 2. Treasurer's Expenses | 112 | 121.63 | 3.04 |
| 3. Board of Directors | | | |
| a. Tools and Training | | | |
| (1) National DPMs | 360 | 320.00 | |
| (2) Other Materials | 100 | 63.00 | |
| (3) Board Training | 500 | 357.03 | 13.75 |
| b. Board Meetings | 5,480* ** | 3,141.65 | 69.86 |
| c. Administration | | | |
| (1) Intra-Board expenses | 180 | 190.20 | 19.08 |
| (2) Committees-of-the-Board meetings | 500* | 434.33 | 6.50 |
| d. Mailings to Board | 1,147 | 491.02 | |
| e. State Office Supervision | 180 | 0 | |
| 4. Vice Presidents | 150 | 19.19 | |
| 5. Administrative Committees | | | |
| a. Budget | 225 | 246.53 | 11.46 |
| b. Development | 250 | 60.04 | 256.40 |
| c. Membership | 300** | 123.82 | |
| d. Nominating | 150 | 4.50 | |
| e. Public Relations | 220 | 116.55 | |
| P. Services to Local Leagues | | | |
| 1. State Board visits to LLs; consultations | 1,500 | 1,195.05 | 130.20 |
| 2. Management Workshops | | | |
| a. Big Leagues | 300** | 318.19 | |
| b. Water | 200** | 0 | |
| c. P.R. | 700** | 0 | |
| 3. New League & State Unit Services | 1,250** | 430.44 | 23.00 |
| 4. Mailings to Members-at-large | 375 | 134.37 | |
| 5. LL Presidents Mailings | 1,500 | 1,158.86 | |
| Q. Convention/Council | | | |
| 1. State Council '78 | 3,500 | 1.51 | |
| 2. National Convention | 1,200 | 0 | |
| R. National Services | | | |
| 1. Fledge | 8,654 | 6,490.50 | |
| 2. Members-at-large PMP | 209 | 209.00 | |
| S. VOTER | 2,300** | 1,771.85 | 10.00 |
| T. Publications | | | |
| 1. DPMs | 2,000 | 857.87 | |
| 2. Standing Orders | 1,750 | 736.35 | |
| 3. Legislative Wrap-Up | 100 | 0 | |
| 4. Facts and Issues | 850 | 0 | |
| 5. Public Subscriptions | 700 | 485.41 | |
| 6. Mailings/billings for publications on hand | 75 | (7.03) | |
| 7. "We Support" | 0 | 630.19 | 4.00 |
| U. Program | | | |
| 1. Four Program Goals | | | |
| a. Energy | 500 | 199.51 | 59.00 |
| b. Water | 700 | 165.71 | |
| c. Housing | 200 | 0 | |
| d. Uncommitted | 700 | 0 | |

LWV-T Budget Analysis 12/31/77, continued P.3

| | <u>BUDGETED</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>IN KIND</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| U. Program, continued | | | |
| 2. Other Program Expenses | | | |
| a. Administration of Justice | 100 | 37.79 | |
| b. Air | 25 | 38.14 | 36.00 |
| c. Government | 125 | 135.69 | 5.88 |
| d. Human Resources | 100 | 137.17 | |
| e. International Relations | 25 | 5.00 | |
| f. Land Use | 100 | 100.24 | |
| g. Uncommitted | 125 | 12.65 | |
| 3. Legislative Office | | | |
| a. Telephone | 50 | (2.56) | |
| b. Director's Expenses | 75 | 48.77 | |
| c. Secretary | 200 | 39.07 | |
| V. Professional Assistance | 600 | 1,526.33 | |
| W. Unbudgeted | | | |
| 1. '76-'77 Expenses | 0 | 175.75 | |
| 2. Other | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 60,359 | 31,465.25 | 680.67 |

* As adjusted at September Board meeting

**As adjusted at November Board meeting

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1977

| <u>Bank Accounts</u> | <u>6/1/77</u> | | | <u>12/31/77</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Balance</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
| General Operating | 5,284.19 | 38,237.47 | 35,081.67 | 8,439.99 |
| LWV-T Office | 310.00 | 0 | 0 | 310.00 |
| Regular Savings | 4,318.09 | 0 | 0 | 4,318.09 |
| Timed Deposits | 4,507.36 | 154.72 | 0 | 4,662.08 |
| | <u>14,419.64</u> | <u>38,392.19</u> | <u>35,081.67</u> | <u>17,730.16</u> |

| <u>6/1/77</u> | <u>Less net ppd***</u> | | | <u>12/31/77</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Balance</u> | <u>for '77-'78</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
| 14,419.64 | 2,451.96 | 37,227.73 | 31,465.25 | 17,730.16 |

*** Represents income and expenses prepaid in '76-'77 towards '77-'78 budget as follows: Income 3,270.00; Expenses 818.04

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS - Balances and Notes

Convention Account, City National Bank, Fort Worth
 Balance 12/31/77
 Committed of this balance
 For San Antonio Convention Account 500.00
 For Convention Committee 300.00

3,164.67

Political Action Accounts,
 Checking balance 12/31/77
 Savings balance 12/31/77

6.30
 287.30

1977-1978 LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT--AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977

for

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS AND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

| | PLEGGED FOR 1977-78 | | PAID AS OF 12/31/77 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | LWV-T | LWV-TEF | LWV-T | LEV-TEF |
| Abilene | 359 | | 359.00 | |
| Amarillo | 765 | | 382.75 | |
| Austin | 2113 | | 1584.94 | |
| Bay Area | 510 | | 462.50 | 47.50 |
| Baytown | 598 | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Beaumont | 943 | | 707.25 | |
| Brazos County | 795 | | 795.00 | |
| Brownsville | 300 | | | |
| Corpus Christi | 1117 | | | |
| Dallas | 3321 | 1107 | 1100.00 | 1107.00 |
| Deer Park | 300 | | | |
| Denton | 628 | 210 | 428.50 | 200.00 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| El Paso | 806 | | 420.00 | |
| Gainsville | 300 | | 50.00 | |
| Galveston | 1600 | | 800.00 | |
| Garland | 300 | | 150.00 | |
| Harlingen | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| Houston | 6407 | | 4805.25 | |
| Irving | 1409 | | 709.19 | 350.00 |
| Lamar County | 450 | | 350.00 | |
| Longview Provisional | 300 | | 150.00 | |
| Lubbock | 615 | 205 | 817.28 | |
| Marshall-Harrison Co. Provisional | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| Midland | 600 | | 600.00 | |
| Odessa | 300 | | 150.00 | |
| Orange Area | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| Pasadena (now State Unit) | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| Pearland | 304 | | 304.00 | |
| Plano | 302 | | 226.50 | |
| Richardson | 673 | | 336.50 | |
| Rockwall County Provisional | 300 | | | |
| San Antonio Area | 1554 | | 777.00 | |
| San Marcos | 366 | | 183.00 | |
| Sherman | 822 | | 616.21 | |
| Tarrant County | 1872 | 624 | 1248.00 | |
| Temple Area | 325 | | 325.00 | |
| Tyler | 300 | | 300.00 | |
| Victoria | 600 | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Waco Area | 592 | | | |
| Wichita Falls | 631 | | 315.50 | |
| TOTALS | 34977 | 2146 | 21253.37 | 2004.50 |

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
BUDGET ANALYSIS
June 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1977

December 1977

I.D.2.e.

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>BUDGETED</u> <u>1977-78</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> <u>to 12/31</u> | <u>IN KIND</u> <u>to 12/31</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>A. Contributions</u> | | | |
| 1. Unrestricted | 61,000 | 2,572.00 | |
| 2. Local League Trust Funds | 17,100 | 3,265.09 | |
| a. Collected by LLs | 2120.16 | | |
| b. State Sharing | 1024.10 | | |
| c. Administration fee refunds | 120.83 | | |
| | 3265.09 | | |
| 3. Memorial Gifts | 200 | 10.00 | |
| 4. Restricted | 0 | 6,596.50 | |
| a. CZM Conference | 5000.00 | | |
| b. Energy Workshops | 500.00 | | |
| c. Clean Air Workshop | 596.50 | | |
| d. E. Q. Grant | 500.00 | | |
| | 6596.50 | | |
| 5. Non-cash | | | |
| a. Non-League | 0 | 3,052.67 | |
| b. State Board | 0 | 133.12 | |
| <u>B. Interest</u> | | | |
| 1. Investment Fund | 2,060 | 1,074.14 | |
| 2. Savings Account | 400 | 209.88 | |
| <u>C. Administration Fees</u> | 900 | 42.79 | |
| <u>D. Quarterly Support Payments</u> | 2,146 | 2,004.50 | |
| <u>E. Sale of Publications</u> | | | |
| 1. Voters Guides | | | |
| a. Amendment | 0 | 996.00 | |
| b. Primary | 2,000 | 0 | |
| 2. Other | 4,000 | | |
| a. Campaign Finance Flyer | | 27.05 | |
| b. Other | | 1.00 | |
| 3. Juvenile Justice Leader's Guide | 0 | 16.50 | |
| <u>F. Forwarded from '76-'77 - Restricted</u> | | | |
| 1. "Environotes" | 0 | 667.04 | |
| 2. Lois Braunagel Memorial | 0 | 260.00 | |
| <u>G. Unbudgeted</u> | 0 | 20.00 | |
| <u>H. Suspense</u> | 0 | 35.35 | |
| <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>89,806</u> | <u>20,850.51</u> | <u>133.12</u> |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| <u>N. General Administration</u> | | | |
| 1. Office Overhead | 5,290 | 2,167.13 | |
| 2. Trustees Meetings & Administration | 3,147 | 1,072.64 | 18.63 |
| 3. Treasurer and Audit | 300 | 188.77 | 6.48 |
| 4. Legal Retainer | 500 | 0 | |
| 5. Supervision of LL Projects | 200 | 0 | |
| 6. VOTER | 500 | 174.02 | |
| 7. Communications | 300 | 167.81 | |

| | BUDGETED | ACTUAL | IN KIND |
|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>O. Election Related Voters Service</u> | | | |
| 1. Voters Guides | | | |
| a. Amendment | 0 | 936.20 | 10.00 |
| b. Primary | 2,000 | 0 | |
| 2. Voter Participation | 5,000 | 3.02 | |
| 3. Gubernatorial Debates | 1,000 | 36.60 | |
| <u>P. Projects for Citizen Education</u> | | | |
| 1. Conferences and Workshops | | | |
| a. Citizens Access to the Pol. Process | 15,000 | | |
| b. Administration of Justice | 9,000 | | |
| c. PR Workshops | 8,000 | | |
| d. Regional Energy Conferences | 3,000 | 503.78 | |
| e. CZM Conference | 0 | 5,004.00 | |
| f. Big League/Urban Crisis Conference | 0 | 203.58 | 6.00 |
| g. Clean Air Conference | 0 | 333.48 | |
| h. Water Workshop | 0 | 4.62 | |
| 2. Publications and Projects | 12,000 | | |
| a. Citizens Participation Project | | 10.37 | |
| b. Campaign Financing & Open Mtgs. Brochures | | 117.50 | |
| c. Energy Briefs | | 0 | |
| d. Material for Public Distribution | | 0 | |
| e. "Environotes" | | 350.66 | |
| f. Welfare Reform Slides | | 23.01 | |
| <u>Q. Monitoring Projects</u> | | | |
| 1. Administrative Procedures Act | 750 | 26.25 | |
| 2. Other | 1,000 | 36.20 | |
| <u>R. Research-Resource Activities</u> | | | |
| 1. Administration of Justice | 750 | 77.33 | 3.60 |
| 2. Water | 450 | 3.80 | |
| 3. Background Material for Portfolios | 500 | 43.45 | |
| <u>S. Attendance at Workshops and Conferences</u> | 750 | | |
| 1. Funded by EQ Grant | | 110.00 | 63.51 |
| 2. Other | | 95.00 | |
| <u>T. LL Trust Fund Projects</u> | 17,100 | 3,336.78 | |
| 1. Projects | 1682.28 | | |
| 2. Support Payments | 1654.50 | | |
| | 3336.78 | | |
| <u>U. Development</u> | 1,500 | 377.49 | 24.90 |
| <u>V. Professional Assistance</u> | 0 | 3,052.67 | |
| <u>W. To Reserves</u> | 1,769 | 0 | |
| <u>X. Unbudgeted</u> | 0 | 9.71 | |
| TOTALS | 89,806 | 18,465.87 | 133.12 |

| | 6/1/77 Balance | Less ppd for 77-78 | Income Incl. ppd | Expenses | 12/31/77 Balance |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| General Operating | 6,339.90 | 1,277.04 | 17,585.42 | 15,129.09 | 7,519.19 |
| Bond Assignment | 50.00 | | | | 50.00 |
| Investments | 26,600.00 | | | | 26,600.00 |
| LL Trust Funds | 9,507.27 | | 3,265.09 | 3,336.78 | 9,435.58 |
| | 42,497.17 | 1,277.04* | 20,850.51 | 18,465.87 | 43,604.77 |

*For "Environotes" \$667.04, Braunagei Fund \$260.00, and support payments \$350.00

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1977

| <u>Bank Accounts</u> | <u>6/1/77</u> <u>Balance</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>12/31/77</u> <u>Balance</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Texas State Bank, Austin | 7,643.32 | 13,498.48 | 13,518.40 | 7,623.40 |
| First Federal Savings & Loan, Waco | 5,173.07 | 207.75 | | 5,380.82 |
| Dallas Federal Savings | 2,952.52 | | | 2,952.52 |
| First National, Lubbock | 50.00 | 2.13 | | 52.13 |
| Capitol City Savings & Loan | 4,000.00 | | | 4,000.00 |
| Franklin Savings Assn, Austin | 18,600.00 | 756.50 | | 19,356.50 |
| Lamar Savings, Austin | 4,078.26 | 161.14 | | 4,239.40 |
| | <u>42,497.17</u> | <u>14,626.00</u> | <u>13,518.40</u> | <u>43,604.77</u> |

STATEMENT OF LOCAL LEAGUE ACCOUNTS
December 31, 1977

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Amarillo | 6.25 |
| Austin | 857.01 |
| Bay Area | 2.38 |
| Baytown | 263.26 |
| Beaumont | 132.75 |
| Corpus Christi | 182.75 |
| Dallas | 2,734.45 |
| Denton | 532.52 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 28.50 |
| El Paso | 28.46 |
| Galveston | 313.50 |
| Hunt County | 9.50 |
| Irving | 453.09 |
| Lubbock | 496.30 |
| Marshall-Harrison | 126.75 |
| Midland | 162.12 |
| Richardson | 31.00 |
| San Antonio | 290.75 |
| San Marcos | 158.50 |
| Sherman | 133.00 |
| Tarrant County | 2,039.34 |
| Victoria | 133.25 |
| Waco | 320.15 |
| | <u>9,435.58</u> |

Jan Wilbur
Vice President, Program; NR Coordinator

LWV of Texas
January, 1978
State Board Report
Program

PROGRAM

- A. Looking ahead to study: Both the Juvenile Corrections and the Ground Water member agreement reports will be due in the state office on the first Friday in November, 1978. We call this to your attention now so you can work it into your schedule. We hope this advance notice will allow you sufficient flexibility in planning. The Juvenile Corrections information will reach you in late March and the Ground Water material in May. This allows you six months (May to October) to plan two member agreements.
- B. Looking ahead to action: The state board at its January meeting took a long look ahead at legislative priorities for the 66th Legislature in 1979. The Council Workbook will include some questions we want to discuss with your delegates and observers at State Council in Lubbock the first week of April. We suggest that you schedule, if possible, some time at your board meeting OR a general meeting in late March so the views of your membership can be sought to be relayed to the state board at Council. We want to know what YOU think we should do.
- C. Another Action note: At its September board meeting state board asked the question, "How effective are we at the national level?" (See September State Board Report). The discussion at that time led to two hypotheses: Either:
1. Local Leagues in Texas are responding but may not be letting the state office (and the national office) know they have done so; OR
 2. National action from Texas Leagues on national program has decreased because national has shifted emphasis from Action Alerts (which require the local League to respond) to the more permissive 'what you can do' paragraphs in Report from the Hill.

An Ad Hoc Action Committee was asked to explore the question of which of these two hypotheses is correct and if the second is correct what, if anything, the state board can do about it.

We are grateful for the participation of leaders of the Galveston LWV and of the Bay Area League on that committee which reached the following conclusions:

1. There are probably some Leagues which do not realize the importance of reporting their action to the state and national offices, and
2. because this is so, it is impossible at this time to determine whether #1 or #2 is correct.

The committee recommended that a report form be sent to local Leagues to record national action taken; that a memo be sent to local Leagues outlining importance of and method of responding to national calls for action and reporting the action taken to state and national office; and that the state board send a limited number of Times-for-Action on national items that are perceived as being high priority for Texas. These recommendations were approved by state board and accordingly you are being sent two things with the report:

1. A report form to be completed and sent to the state office by

March 15, 1978. This log of action your League takes at the national level on national legislation will give some base line data for evaluation of any steps the state board may take to address the effectiveness of Texas's lobbying efforts.

If you are already sending carbons and notifying state and national offices, please do not stop doing so. But we would appreciate your taking a little extra time to fill out this form, too. Thanks for your help.

2. A primer on national action on national items. If you already have a functioning action procedure, you probably won't need this. You might check it over to see if all functions--including reporting--are being carried out. If you have some new people doing this job or have not considered taking action on national items before, we hope you will use this primer and feel free to write the state board (program vice president) if you have any questions that are not answered by this sheet (refer also to IN LEAGUE, section on Program Action).

We cannot stress too much the importance of any response you make to opportunities for taking action. Lobbying done by the state board OR the national Legislative Action Division depends for a great deal of its validity on your letters, telegrams, and calls to your representatives and senators. We depend on your responses to alert us to any special problems or situations in your local community that will be solved or alleviated by the intended legislation, for example, so that we can use that information in our lobbying efforts. It is often important for us to be able to point up the fact that "X" number of Leagues in Texas have written to the elected official supporting this legislation and, thus, hold him or her accountable for her or his position.

E.R.A. FUND DRIVE

You all are doing a superb job! As of January 4, 1978, \$9,317 of Texas's pledge of \$15,950 had been sent in--58% of the total. Contributions have been received from 27 local Leagues.

Honorable mention department. Corpus Christi pledged \$150 but has sent in \$550 so far. Galveston has already exceeded its \$250 pledge by \$197. Houston has sent \$5,270 of its \$6,900 pledge. Many thanks and congratulations!

If your League has sent money directly to national but has not notified the state office of the amount sent, please do so. State office needs to keep a tally of the amounts sent in so we can judge if further (more drastic) measures are required of the state board to assure that Texas meets its total pledge.

A final note for those who hesitate to solicit contributions from friends and neighbors for fear they may not approve of your support of the ERA--"why not go out on a limb. That's where all the fruit is!!" Keep those dollars rolling in!

Jan Wilbur
Vice President, Program; NR Coordinator

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January, 1978
State Board Report
I.A.1.
Action - National

A PRIMER FOR ACTION ON NATIONAL ITEMS AT NATIONAL LEVEL -- JANUARY 1978

HOW THE CALL FOR ACTION REACHES YOU:

1. Action Alert (formerly Time for Action, TFA). A separate sheet (or sheets) that comes on DPM or LAS (see below), conspicuously identified, with specific points to be addressed and persons to be contacted. When an Action Alert comes it is considered obligatory for the League to respond or notify the LWVUS and LWV-T why it is not responding.
2. Calls for action in the Report from the Hill (R/H). R/H is a monthly newsletter which comes from the national office either as a part of the national Duplicate President's Mailing (DPM) at a cost of \$20, or as a separate subscription from national to the League Action Service (LAS) at a cost of \$7.50 per year (March 1 to April 30). Your response to the calls for action included in the R/H is permissive rather than obligatory. The information included in each issue is less comprehensive than that in an Action Alert, but background material for your response can usually be found in back issues of R/H.
3. National sometimes communicates directly with the local League whose representative's vote is particularly crucial on a certain issue.
4. SPOTMASTER--a recorded telephone message updated each week with the latest developments on League issues. The number, [REDACTED], can be called from 1 p.m. on Fridays to 3 p.m. on Mondays (EST) while Congress is in session. (See the upper right hand corner of each R/H for SPOTMASTER announcement.) Your League might want to consider budgeting for someone to call the number on a regular basis. (From Houston, at night & weekend rates, the first minute costs 20¢ and 15¢ for each additional minute.)
5. State TFAs on national items. On selected issues and with due deliberation and great caution, the state office will send a TFA on a national item which we consider of great importance to our state. This TFA will:
 - a. be as specific as possible,
 - b. be on readily identifiable (conspicuous) paper,
 - c. remind where copies are to be sent, and
 - d. have a tear-off to return to state office.

MANAGING FOR ACTION.

These are the functions which must be performed. Who carries them out and the mechanism for carrying them out are as varied as Leagues are because they must fit your situation.

1. Reading the material, deciding when action should be taken and what action should be taken, and setting the response mechanism in motion.
The person with this responsibility must get either a national DPM or LAS (see above). Ideally, this person should probably be the Program Vice President. The president may wish the program vp to consult with her or him or with the board--this is up to your League but should be decided and communicated to all who are concerned with carrying out this function. If there is an Action Alert, either the response mechanism (see below) should be initiated or national and state should be notified that no action will be taken and why. It is extremely important for both LWVUS and LWV-T to know if your League disagrees with the action called for OR simply does not have the

time or interest in acting on the issue at this time. EITHER is an acceptable reason for NO ACTION.

If there is no Action Alert, scan the "what you can do" sections for each item in the Report from the Hill.

Questions to consider: Are any of your legislators on the list of targeted persons? Is this subject important to your League? To your community? Does your League have some local input (survey, study, pertinent examples) which would be of use in lobbying this issue?

When the decision to act on a particular issue has been made, the response mechanism should be set in motion.

2. The response mechanism includes writing the response, getting approval from the appropriate person of the wording of the response, putting the response in final form, and sending it to the targeted individual or office.

This is done by an Action Chair, or National Program Chair, or individual Program Item Chair depending on how your League is structured. (This would be an ideal job for a Leaguer who works, can write well, and is interested in League work but cannot attend all the meetings.) Generally, the response should be made in the name of the President of the League unless the board or the President directs otherwise for just cause.

3. Closing the loop: Notifying the appropriate offices and persons that the response has been made and what it said.

A copy of every communication with national elected officials and bureaucrats should be sent to the LWVUS and LWV-T offices:

LWVUS

LWV-T

Some person or persons in your local League may need to keep a file as well. In any event, the Program Vice President and President should be notified that the response has been made.

A note about communication: It is extremely helpful to state and national lobbying efforts to know how many Leagues communicated and with whom on a given issue and at least briefly what you said. One way of reporting to state office (if you do not already do so) would be to jot down on a piece of paper all the communications you have made, with whom you communicated and the subject of the communication (along with any carbon copies of any letters you sent) each month and include that when you send the three copies of your minutes to the state office each month. Some Leagues report in their VOTER--even to reproducing the letter--when they communicate with elected officials. It might be helpful to report at board meetings and include in your minutes contacts you've had with government. Only you can decide what works best for your League.

AT ALL TIMES, remember that the state board is available to serve you, represent you, and to assist you. Your communication to us allows us to carry out those functions better.

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice
[REDACTED]

LWV of Texas
January, 1978
State Board Report
II.C.1
Program - State, AJ

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Because of foreseen and unforeseen delays, I was not prepared to ask for state board approval of specific consensus questions for Juvenile Corrections in Texas. However, the following areas were discussed and approved with the final concrete, specific questions to be presented at the "mini" board meeting toward the end of February.

- conflicts between treatment or punishment theories
- budget flexibility (TYC)
- options to detention (diversion alternatives)
- how to finance: a. probation departments
 b. diversion programs
 with state funds? local funds as at present?
- state standards for juvenile probation officers qualifications?
- what changes in juvenile corrections would you League support?

Remember these are only tentative areas for questions. It is entirely possible that, when the final material is ready for the printer, some of the above areas will have to be eliminated and therefore no question would be asked.

I will be encouraging local Leagues to add local consensus questions to those proposed by the state if a local League has developed information on their individual situation. More and more juvenile corrections are being carried out at the local level although funded through either the Texas Youth Council or the CJD.

Please do not schedule meetings based on materials from state until May. The consensus deadline remains the first Friday in November--there will not be a leaders guide as such but there will be a guide to consensus, some background statistics, and a small bibliography.

Louise Cummins
Director, Government

LWV of Texas
January, 1978
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II.A.3.a.
Program - Election Laws

ELECTION LAWS

REMINDER Part I of the Voter Registration monitoring project is due by March 20.

Here are two important toll free numbers to keep handy at election time:

Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office, 1-800-252-9602.*

This office can supply you with general information regarding all aspects of conducting an election.

Voter Registration Division, Secretary of State's Office, 1-800-252-9333.*

This office deals with specific problems regarding voter registration.

SCHOOLS FOR ELECTION WORKERS---Please remember that people from the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office will go anywhere in the state to conduct schools for election workers. These schools may be arranged by local government officials, party officials, or local leagues. If you would like to know if a school has been scheduled in your area you may contact Lucille C'deBaca at the Elections Division. With the many changes in the election laws it would be most helpful if all people who will be working in any election were to attend a school.

RECODIFICATION OF THE ELECTION CODE---The League of Women Voters of Texas has been invited to participate in the work of the Texas Election Code Revision Commission in an advisory capacity. We have named Fumi Sugihara to serve on the advisory panel. Fumi is the former government director of the LWV of Texas and has worked closely with election laws for a number of years.

The Election Code Revision Commission was established by the 65th Legislature and is to prepare a recodification of the state's election laws for submission to the 66th Legislature when it convenes in January, 1979. The main objective of the recodification is to reorganize the present Election Code in accordance with a uniform format, language style, and numbering system consistent with the general recodification program that is now in progress in Texas. According to the Secretary of State, the legislative intent was to authorize the commission to propose substantive changes for the purpose of eliminating conflicts, inconsistencies, and unrealistic procedures in the provisions of the present code.

I am listing below the members of the commission, where they live, and the person or group by whom they were appointed. Authority to appoint was granted by the statute creating the commission. We will be following the work of the commission very closely.

over, please

*If you are in Austin, call 475-3091 for the Elections Division, 475-7093 for the Voter Registration Division.

Chairman - Steven C. Oaks, Austin, Secretary of State

Vice Chairman - Representative Herman Adams, Silsbee, Chairman of House Elections Committee

Vice Chairman - Senator Jack Ogg, Houston, Chair of the Subcommittee on Elections of the Senate Committee on State Affairs

Senator Don Adams, Jasper, appointed by the Lt. Governor

Representative Susan McBea, Del Rio, appointed by the House Speaker

Dave Kendall, Austin, appointed by the Attorney General

Ralph Brock, Lubbock, appointed by the Texas Bar Association

Larry Murdock, Dallas, appointed by the Association of District Clerks

Tollie Moore, Bell County, appointed by the Association of Tax Assessor-Collectors

Sam Renshaw, Decatur, appointed by the Association of City Clerks and Secretaries

Calvin Guest, Bryan, appointed by the Democratic Party

Nancy Palm, Houston, appointed by the Republican Party

Representative Senfronia Thompson, Houston, appointed by the Governor

Gaylord Armstrong, Austin attorney, appointed by the Governor

Jan Coggeshall
Director, Human Resources

LWV of Texas
January 1978
State Board Report
II.A.2.
Program - Human Resources

I. Housing

I hope that those of you who have not sent in the Housing Survey, due January 15, will do so shortly. If you have not had any experience in housing in your League, you might have someone take it to your local housing director or city manager and have that person help you check it off. In order that we have a fairly complete survey of all our Texas Leagues, I am hoping (hint hint) it will come in soon. (This is a result of your requests at Convention last year.)

II. Next Year

It is not too early to begin thinking about program and calendars for next year and whether you are interested in meetings on H.R. areas at the local, state, and national levels. If you are interested in a local program, or perhaps what other Leagues are doing in this area, check the LWV-T publication called How to Enjoy Local Program (1976) which lists the wording and subjects of local programs of other Texas Leagues. Your president should have a copy.

On the other hand, you may want to have units or a general meeting on national program. You do not have to have a study or consensus to do this. In fact, many Leagues have just a program update, with speakers on a particular area. Recently the Galveston LWV held a program on the Government Role in Transportation, which was neither a study or consensus, but it was held in conjunction with our national program.

If you found interest high on the area of income assistance, you could, of course, hold another set of units on this. It may be well into 1979 before the Congress acts on these areas of welfare reform and a program next year would not be too late to inform members on this issue.

Some Leagues may want to take their first look at the Urban Crisis. Material continues to be published by LWV-US. As delegates to the National convention, you will need to be prepared to decide how much emphasis you want on the urban crisis at the national level for the next two years. You may want to consider now, however, whether to have meetings on this in your local League.

Presidents will soon receive a LWV-US committee guide called Monitoring Your CDBG Program. It suggests ways that Leagues can monitor this program in your community.

Those of you who have CETA programs in your area might be interested in monitoring and evaluating this program. It is bound to grow in size according to the present Carter proposals.

Local Leagues might want to take one area of Housing Assistance to study, monitor, or evaluate. Some Leagues are just looking at the Section 8 program, or just looking at the Housing Authority.

Some Leagues are interested in child care issues, day care centers, women's issues, employment. All of these are interesting and should be attractive to your members. Check the criteria for forming new local program... (Need in the community, League interest, effectiveness etc., p. 35, In League.)

III. Human Resources Action

We anticipate some Time for Action's from the LWV-US on Income Assistance. You should discuss now who will write the letters on this issue. Some Leagues have H.R. chairmen do this, others have an Action chairman. (All the letters written on behalf of your Leagues should have the approval of the President.)

Some of you may never have called SPOTMASTER in Washington, (202)296-0218. The usual procedure is that the LWV-US tapes messages for League action on Fridays and runs the recording over the week end, picking out three or four areas which need attention. This, incidentally, is a great job for a working member. (You may, however, have to budget some local League money for these phone calls.)

Statewide, the Midland League receives the earliest 1978 condolences. Their city council has refused to apply for CDBG funds, having been turned down the last two years because of their refusal to include a housing assistance program. Mary Porter has worked very hard on this issue for the League. (It particularly depresses me because I have seen the programs my own city has benefited from and the tax savings this has meant to many of us in our own areas, using CDBG funds.)

You might want to check recent Galveston LWV VOTERS which tell about their local action on the Section 8 program.

The Dallas League has also put out a very good update on their Local Housing Authority.

Keep in touch with me if your local League has a good project in the HR area. We want to share our successes with each other.

I will look forward to hearing any program direction from you for the state League at Council in Lubbock. Also, I encourage all of you local League presidents to come a day early for the P.R. workshop. It is free to you and can give you some good ideas about creative tools for getting the message across on issues of concern to your local community. Ann Blocker's firm is terrific and this is a great opportunity for some advice from a pro.

Catherine Perrine
Director, Water
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Program - Water

WATER

Ground Water Workshop: For me, the best thing about the Corpus Christi gatherings last week was the opportunity to meet and talk with local League people -- especially those I'd been hearing from on water issues. Watch for a summary of ideas discussed at the workshop in the next issue of Enviro-Notes.

Calendar Planning: Materials for your meetings on the state League study of ground water management and protection will reach you by June. Statewide consensus is to be completed by the first week in November, so please plan your ground water meeting(s) for September or early October.

Bobette Higgins
Director, Land Use
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January, 1978
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Program - Land Use

SUPERLATIVES, SUPERLATIVES!!!
IT WAS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL, INFORMATIVE INTERESTING, WELL-ATTENDED
CONFERENCE ON COASTAL MANAGEMENT: MAKING IT WORK IN TEXAS.

Our speakers were excellent. (Bob Armstrong saved the day by sending his GLO plane to rescue Bob Knecht, our stranded luncheon speaker.)

About 130 people, from all over the state, including Leaguers, legislators, representatives from every conceivable coastal interest, representatives from regional, state and federal agencies, all gathered in Corpus Christi (it IS a sparkling city by the sea), and all of us benefitted from the exchange of ideas.

THERE WILL BE A MORE SUBSTANTIVE REPORT LATER, BUT I COULDN'T WAIT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT WAS GREAT, AND THAT JUNE KACHTIK AND THE EAGER LEAGUERS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI WHO HELPED SMOOTH THE WAY EARNED OUR GRATITUDE AND THANKS.

There will be a meeting of the Coastal Management Advisory Committee in Austin on February 15, 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Crest. Please feel free to attend.

IT'S YOUR COAST TOO!

Laura Keever,
Director, Energy

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January, 1978
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II.A.1.b.
Program - Energy

ENERGY

Energy conferences are the order of the day during the next several months. For those of you in the Dallas area, I encourage you to attend:

Energy During a Time of Transition
February 16-17, 1978 8:30 a.m.
Executive Inn

sponsored by the Texas Environmental Coalition and the LWV-Texas.

For those of you in the Houston area, the information is:

Energy Options for Citizens and Lawmakers
February 20, 1978 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Continuing Education Center
The University of Houston
Houston, Texas

And if you live in the Austin area:

Energy Options for Citizens and Lawmakers
March 7, 1978 8:45 a.m.
Joe C. Thompson Conference Center
University of Texas Campus
Austin, Texas

We have outstanding speakers for each of the conferences and I strongly encourage you to come and bring your friends and legislators!

In November, we had the opportunity of cosponsoring "Energy: A Dialogue" with Texas Utilities Company and the Environmental Defense Fund of Washington, D.C. The goal of this conference was to bring together utility, consumer, environmental, governmental, and educational representatives to explore frequently differing points of view. Panels were held on solar, conservation, utility rate structures, and cogeneration. David Israel, Associate Director of the Department of Energy, stated that "Coal will regain its position as a leading source of energy by the end of the century. We can't rely on oil shale, synthetic fuel, municipal solid waste, geothermal, solar, and the breeder reactor as alternative sources of energy. None of these I believe is a winner." Llewellyn King, editor of Energy Daily, stated, however, that projections used by Israel and other speakers on the amount of energy which will be demanded and supplied were "a waste of time" and that the Carter administration "grasps the seriousness of the shortage" but lacks the tools to correct the problem.

In the solar area, similar differing points of view were expressed. For example, Alvin Askew of the Governor's Office of Energy Resources, stated that the maximum demand for electricity by solar customers frequently coincides with utilities' peak demands. Steven Feldman, with the Russell Sage Foundation, however, indicated that on actual weather studies in three states differing results were found. In Georgia, the conventional utilities peak load demand and

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the solar building's demand for back-up electricity coincided in one of the ten years studied. In Arizona, the study showed that solar never demanded conventional energy during the entire ten years. In New Mexico, the solar and utility peak were equivalent for two of the years. Feldman agreed with utility representatives that a high market penetration of solar buildings also would create cost forecasting problems for utilities.

The utility rate structure panel, chaired by George Cowden of the Public Utility Commission, had peak load pricing as a common theme. The panelists all agreed to the validity of the concept, but disagreed as to implementation.

Conservation was the concept which had broadest support with Grant Thompson of the Environmental Law Institute stating that utilities can take several steps to promote conservation--ranging from a low-keyed educational program to a radical redefinition of the nature of energy.

Cogeneration was also seen as an idea whose time has come; though it was also agreed that it was a very site-specific form of energy conservation.

Energy Division for Citizens and Lawmakers
February 10, 1978
1:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Continuing Education Center
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

And if you live in the Austin area:

Energy Division for Citizens and Lawmakers
March 7, 1978
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Joe C. Thompson Foundation Center
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas

We have enthusiastically supported for each of the conferences and I strongly encourage you to come and bring your friends and legislators. In addition, we have the opportunity of co-sponsoring "Energy: A Challenge" with Texas Business Council and the Environmental Defense Fund of Washington, D.C. The goal of this conference was to bring together utility, consumer, environmental, governmental, and educational representatives to explore frequently differing points of view. Panels were held on solar, conservation, utility rate structure, and cogeneration. David J. Feldman, Associate Director of the Department of Energy, stated that "coal still carries the position as a leading source of energy by the end of the century. We don't rely on oil alone, synthetic fuel, municipal solid waste, hydroelectric, solar, and the broader sector as alternative sources of energy. Some of these I believe is a winner." Legislative Staff, Editor of Energy Daily, stated, however, that projections used by utility and other speakers on the amount of energy which will be demanded and supplied were "a waste of time" and that the better alternative "transfers the responsibility of the shortage" but lacks the tools to correct the problem. In the latter case, similar differing points of view were expressed. For example, David J. Feldman, Associate Director of the Department of Energy, stated that the amount of energy required for electricity by major customers frequently coincides with the amount of energy produced. Steven Feldman, with the Josephson Foundation, however, pointed out that an actual weather study in these states differing results were found. In Georgia, the conventional utility peak load demand and

Meg Titus
Associate Director, Air Quality
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Program - Air

AIR

COMING SOON!!!!!! The long-promised six-page report of the workshop held in Dallas on December 5, 1977 on the new amendments to the Clean Air Act. One of our co-sponsors of the workshop, the American Lung Association, has agreed to underwrite the cost of printing and mailing this comprehensive summary, but, with the holiday Christmas Seal season in the interim, the report has been delayed. It should be in your hands in early February.

THANK YOU!!!!!! For sending the names of League members in your area who would be willing to serve on a regional citizen's advisory committee to the Texas Air Control Board. These regional committees will be replacing the state-wide committee and is something that League has asked for in a number of statements. BUT there seems to be a problem. To date I know of only two regional advisory committees which have been formed--one in Houston and one in Dallas.

If your regional supervisor for the TACB has not appointed an advisory committee please call to say that League believes that such a committee can be a valuable means of providing meaningful public participation. You might also call or write Bill Stewart, Executive Director of the TACB in Austin, to ask him to see that regional committees are established in each region. I have mentioned this in several letters recently and in at least two conversations, but I think he needs some "grass-roots" requests also. I have forwarded to him all of the names you have suggested from the local Leagues--we may now have to urge them to follow through on the formation of these advisory committees.

RECENT TACB HAPPENINGS: The Region VI office of EPA denied the TACB request that they be granted a waiver of the offset policy as you no doubt know from the news. They were officially notified of this by a letter from Douglas Costle on December 9, 1977. At the TACB January board meeting a resolution was passed to implement the "offset" policy as set out in the new amendments to the Clean Air Act. This action will enable them to avoid the loss of \$2 million of their \$8 million TACB budget which would have happened if they had defied the EPA decision to deny the waiver. For details of this and of the final recommendations made by the TACB on designating "attainment" and "non-attainment" areas in the state for all pollutants, watch for the next issue of Enviro-Notes.

Beth Brown
Director, Field Service

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January, 1978
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I.O.
Organization

FIELD SERVICE

This portion of the state Board Report is intended as an introduction to a new (to Texas*) system for consulting local Leagues. I am not satisfied that the current method of serving local Leagues has been as effective and helpful as it should be. Board training in the past has been either too much, too little, or, most often, simply not directed to the specific needs/problems of the individual Leagues.

The new process establishes a new Field Service network. Six off-board Field Service Representatives will be working closely with me, the Field Service Director on the board, to meet the specific needs of local Leagues. The Field Service Reps will hope to be in regular contact by telephone or letter with each of their local Leagues. They will be prepared to visit each League at least once during the year, if they and the local president and/or board deem it necessary and appropriate.

The local Leagues should feel free to call their Field Service Rep at any time. Having problems with your Annual Meeting? Call your FS Rep. What to do about joining a coalition? Nonpartisanship? Administrative problems? Membership? Finance? Bylaws? Call your FS Rep. It is not implied that the Field Service Representatives will know all answers or be able to fill all needs. They will not, for example, necessarily do all local board training. But by working with the local president and the local board they can pinpoint areas of concern and then recommend to me what specific training or help is needed. It will be my responsibility, working with the Organization Vice President and the rest of the state board, to see that training or help is provided. The intent is to tailor whatever training is necessary to the actual needs of the local Leagues, rather than the scatter-shot approach of old. The FS Reps will also be your physical link to the state board.

The Field Service network will be in place by the time of Council. The Council Workbook will include a list of the Field Service Reps and their respective Leagues. Please withhold local board training requests until you and your FS Rep have had ample opportunity to discuss the state of your League and its needs.

*Similar systems exist in such states as Connecticut, New Jersey, Illinois, and California.

Shirley Gleason
Director, Membership

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I.K.
Administration - Membership

MEMBERSHIP

It will soon be time for Council, which will be held in Lubbock on April 4th and 5th. I really hope you will be there! There will also be a PR workshop on Monday and Tuesday which will be an actual "doing" experience!

As a help to all the Leagues in our state, I'm asking each League to send a copy of their workbooks and handbooks to be used in a membership display at Council. For example, we are interested in your annual meeting workbook, new member handbook, membership handbook, orientation handbook - anything you have for your membership or prospective members.

Please alert your membership and publications chairs that this is to be done. You will be receiving the information and forms regarding displays at Council.

I also plan to have at Council, for you to look through, as many of the publications listed in the national publications catalog pertaining to membership as I can obtain.

This spring there will be opportunities for you to distribute membership information while you are registering voters and conducting candidate forums. Also, be sure information on joining your League is printed in your Voters Guides.

Whenever your League submits information or news releases to the news media be sure information about joining your League is included!

Please drop me a note telling me of the other methods you have thought of using.

Some Leagues have had different types of meetings such as brown bag lunch meetings; arrangements with a cafeteria for the use of a room after they go through the line; evening dinner meetings held as the people get off work; evening meetings held in a "safe" public place that is easy to reach with well-lit guarded parking. You may be interested in trying some of these ideas. Be sure to advertise these meetings so the general public will become interested in attending and feel welcome.

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you at Council -

Bobette Higgins
Vice-President, Public Relations
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I.S.
Administration - Public Relations

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WOULD YOU DO ME/A SMALL FAVOR?

I have sent LWV Public Service Announcements (including slides and voice-over copy) to 46 TV stations all over the state. The copy concerns League membership, how to form a local League, etc. The slides are of good quality, and varied, so each station has a selection from which to choose.

PLEASE CALL YOUR LOCAL TV STATIONS, AND ASK THEM IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED THIS MATERIAL (THEY HAVE!) IN YOUR MOST WINNING AND PERSUASIVE MANNER, TELL THEM HOW VERY MUCH YOU WOULD APPRECIATE THEIR RUNNING THESE P.S.A.'S. PUT A BRIEF NOTICE IN YOUR LOCAL VOTER, ASKING MEMBERS TO WATCH FOR THE SLIDES, AND TO CALL TV STATIONS AND THANK THEM WHEN THE SLIDES ARE USED.

Diana Tilley
Citizen Information/Voters Service Director

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Citizen Information/
Voters Service

CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

All together now, repeat after me, "We WILL make it through the end of the year with our sanity and budgets intact." I'm not convinced either.--I probably don't have to tell you that we are facing a tremendously important and challenging period of CI/VS activity. Since I've just assumed this portfolio on the state board, I've had the opportunity to research and regroup, which is something I'd like to touch on in this report. BUT FIRST, THE TASK AT HAND:

State Voters Guide

The state League will be publishing a Voters Guide covering the statewide offices for the primary election and the general election. I'll confine my remarks to the primary VG for now. It will include the opposed candidates and the unopposed candidates in those races in which there are opposed candidates in one of the other party primaries. For example, if there are multiple candidates in one party primary and unopposed candidates in the other party primaries, we will print the responses from the opposed AND unopposed candidates. If all candidates in the various primaries are unopposed (in a single race), we will print only their name, party and information about the office. I hope you understand this format and our intent. The Guide will contain photographs of the candidates so those of you who will be reprinting the state Guide should contact the state office to make arrangements for negatives, copy or whatever your printer will require. You might also want to consider planning your format to conform with the state format which, at this point, I think will be much like LWV-Houston Nov. 1977 VG--which was much like a previous one from LWV-San Antonio--which was much like a--forget it! Since this is being written prior to the filing deadline, I can't tell you exactly what the size and price will be. I am guesstimating 8 pages and around \$22 per thousand, including shipping. We are going to have to have your orders by March 1 and will be sending you more information about this and other CI/VS matters within the next two weeks. (This is in addition to the memo. covering questions for U.S. Rep., state legislators and board of education and information on frequently asked questions about voter registration which is being mailed today.) You can expect the state Voters Guides to be in your hands by April 1 (no April fool).

Voter Registration

I met last week with Jose Antonio "Sporty" Garcia, director of voter registration for the Secretary of State. In an effort to re-register those people whose names will be purged from the voter list March 1, the Sec. of State's office is in the process of mailing three million postage paid registration cards (with display boxes) to grocery store chains (two or more stores), convenience stores, high schools, and groups who have requested the cards; LULAC, AFL/CIO, etc. Also, they have in the works PSA/s on radio and television--all of which brings me to the next topic: REGROUPING

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REGROUPING

So where does this leave the League of Women Voters? How can we augment, rather than duplicate the Secretary of State's voter registration campaign? Where are the gaps in your community? Senior citizens, 17 year olds who will be 18 by election day, who else? If these gaps are in fact filled, what then? FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK!

I think that the actual use of these cards being sent to convenience stores, grocery stores, etc. should be monitored, and Mr. Garcia tells me that such monitoring is not part of their plan. Nancy Bene' of the Austin League is working on a county voter registration committee and that committee is having a logo designed to put in the windows of those places where the postage paid cards and/or registrars are available. I'll have more information on this in the next memo.

AND/OR

Should we consider a shift in CI/VS emphasis from voter registration to planning a get-out-the-vote campaign (make that get-out-the-informed-vote campaign) using a variety of tactics, especially ones involving community leaders, business and audio-visual media. Note that I'm saying emphasis and that my concern is directly related to the highest and best use of League person-power, some of which we burn out before we ever get to election day.

Give some thought to a shift in emphasis. It will require board effort and commitment--and Heaven knows, a COMMITTEE.

For the state League's part, our immediate regrouping plans include an emphasis on attending precinct conventions and casting informed votes. The state Voters Guide will contain catchy (I'll be the judge of that!) information on precinct conventions ("How To Be the Life of Your Party") and some of the "Pick A Candidate" material. Even better, Bobette Higgins is developing public service announcements on precinct conventions for radio and television--more about that later. The PSA's Bobette has done on League membership are excellent. I hope your television station is showing them.

And don't forget that local Leagues will have an opportunity to learn exactly how to do their own PSA slides on local matters at the "Hands On" P.R. Workshop the day before Council in Lubbock--don't miss it!

Madeleine Appel
VOTER Editor

LWV of Texas
January, 1978
State Board Report
I.W.
Administration - VOTER

It is somehow reassuring that once again I should be writing VOTER Editor after my name. That is how I started out in the League, 10 these eight years ago! It is like coming home.

It will be difficult to follow in the shoes of Barbara Materka, who, during her stint as VOTER editor produced a publication of professional appearance and content, by far the handsomest of any I have seen. And at the same time, she was able to do it at no more expense than a less attractive, less enticing format would have cost. In addition, she added zest to the media area from which we all benefitted. I was fortunate enough to sit in on one of her media workshops and thoroughly enjoyed it. I know I speak for all of us when I wish her happy "retirement" and a swift recovery for her husband, Bill.

I see my own role as threefold: to produce a state VOTER which attracts a high readership among League members and provides communication between Leagues and between local Leagues and the state League; to provide what counsel and help I can to VOTER editors across the state who may wish it; and to provide guidelines for media releases as well as some of the releases for projects, action, and programs in which the state League is involved. (I have also promised to be "word lady" for the Board!)

I hope all of you local VOTER editors will feel free to write or call whenever I can be of help.

Meanwhile, I need your help in getting a feel for my job. Included in this Board report is a survey which attempts to determine what members want in the way of a state VOTER. I would appreciate VOTER editors or League presidents sampling their membership in order to answer the questions. Your sampling need not be scientific or lengthy. You can survey the membership (or even you board) via you own VOTER, at the next general or unit meeting, or over the telephone. Don't spend a lot of time and person-power on the project. But whatever you can report will help me and the State Board get a handle on the kind of publication the membership would find most useful and would most enjoy. Return the questionnaire to me by mail or send it along with your delegates to Council in April. No matter how small your sampling, however, do respond.

For the immediate future the VOTER will continue in its present format.

FYI: Many of you may have received a memo from Veta Winick, LWV-US Public Relations Chairman, reminding us that on February 14 the League of Women Voters will celebrate its 58th anniversary. That, in the lingo, makes for a good "media opportunity."

The memo suggests that the theme to pursue is the League as an excellent training ground for women who want to pursue careers in the political world. Is there a League member in your community who holds elective or appointive office whom you can use as an example of this theory? If you have no politicians, are there Leaguers who are leaders in the community in other areas--education, health, child care, community services of any kind? If all else fails, the national memo

provides an interesting statistic: A March 1976 summary of questionnaires sent to 150 Democratic women state legislators indicated that "the League of Women Voters led the list (over 40%) of organizations to which the women legislators belonged, with more than twice as many members as the P-TA and church organizations which tied for second place."

QUESTIONNAIRE

Survey of VOTER Readers

1. Approximately what percentage of your members read the state VOTER?
2. Why do they read the Voter?
 - news about program areas
 - news about action areas
 - idea exchange between Leagues
 - personal glimpse of state Board members
 - in depth program area information
 - League names in the news
 - contact with State organization
 - other (explain)
3. Why don't they read the VOTER?
 - articles don't interest them
 - not enough time
4. Do members feel the VOTER is an important State service?
5. Does the format in which the VOTER is laid out (either now or in the future) affect readership?
 - attract readers
 - discourage readers
 - has no bearing on readership
6. What would members like to see in the VOTER that is not now there?
7. What would members like to see dropped from the VOTER that is there now?

PLEASE BRING RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY TO COUNCIL IN APRIL OR MAIL TO

Madeleine Appel, [REDACTED]

Diana Tilley
Director, Publications

LWV of Texas
January, 1978
State Board Report
I.R.
Administration-Publications

PUBLICATIONS

For this quarter's "spilling of my brains" report, I offer these thoughts on publications:

1) If you haven't already sent "Financing Campaigns in Texas" to your local candidates, do it now! And if you haven't delivered a bunch to the county and city clerks and local party headquarters, do it now! You can order copies from the state office (pub. #106, first 10 copies free, add. copies 50/\$1.00)

2) "Register and Vote in Texas" is STILL available--FREE. Now you can't beat a deal like that.

3) The Austin League's publications committee (Barbara Douglas, director) has put together a packet of League publications and will be visiting all the high school social studies departments in order to familiarize teachers with League publications. Next they'll put together an NR (old EQ) packet for science teachers and also visit libraries and perhaps newspapers to promote the Public Subscription Service.

Sally Green of the Temple League set up a display of League publications in the Temple Library.

See what you can do with a committee, the will to succeed, and a state board person breathing down your neck. (Speaking of succeeding, I believe that in the League we should equate success with making an attempt--it's less demoralizing.)

4) The 1978 subscriptions for the state Public Subscription Service (PSS) have been crawling in steadily. We have twice as many subscribers as we did last year at this time. Some of the renewals will be slow to come because of budget schedules--now that I've said that, it surely will be so. How could they NOT renew. Our new subscribers include Rep. Wayne Peveto, Texas AFL/CIO, Mesquite Public Library, Pearland Public Library (paid by LWV-Pearland,) and Orange Public Library (paid by LWV-Orange). Leagues and individual members have continued to donate subscriptions for their libraries and schools. It certainly is a painless way for a local League to insure that League material is available in its community without having to keep track of who was sent what when. If your budget doesn't allow for the \$15 expenditure, you might put something in your VOTER asking individual members to pick up the tab for specific subscribers.

5) Here are some ideas I've come across for displaying publications (promise not to laugh): use a wooden clothes drying rack draped with open publications; inflate balloons and add messages using magic markers advertising publications (if you rub them on your clothes, they'll stick to things); fill napkin or toast holders with publications and use for table decorations. IF ALL ELSE FAILS, if you can't get anyone to read or buy publications, this final idea, submitted by our own Joann Lovelace (who found it in L.M. Boyd's column) is a sure thing; "What the student editors of Valdosta State College wanted to do was boost the sales of their annual publication, 'The Pine Cone.' So they inserted \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills in the pages of some volumes at random. Highly pleased buyers, the lucky, found them, and bruted it about. Sales soared." Now you can laugh.

HIGH ACHIEVERS OF THE YEAR AWARD: Susan Olsen, new editor of the Beaumont VOTER and her husband, Mr. Susan Olsen. I've seen some good VOTERs but this is incredible! Don't miss the January issue. I am in awe and am wondering if Susan's husband has an unmarried brother.

BE SURE TO READ THE MEMO INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING TO LL PRESIDENTS REGARDING STATE SALES AND USE TAX. THIS INFORMATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO PUBLICATIONS CHAIRS.

TO: LL Presidents; DPM
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

LWV - Texas
January 13, 1978
LL Presidents Mailing; DPM
I. Q.
President's Letter

I hope you are back in the swim of things after the holidays and that League activities are running smoothly. The time has come for completing annual reports and planning for local annual meetings, state council, and national convention.

Please check to see that the following reports have been sent in by January 15:

- . Sec. I, Parts A, B, C, LL Annual Report to national (2 copies to state office) (Part A = Organization/Membership; B = Treas. Report; C = Finance)
- . Sales tax report to state office
- . LL Bylaws changes to Shirley Gleason.

If for any reason your total membership as of January 1, 1978 was not reported to state and national offices January 1, please let us know immediately. It is essential that we have this information to finalize the proposed state budget when the state board meets January 16-19 in Austin.

At the state board meeting we will be joined Monday evening by Louis Austin of Texas Utilities and Phillip Mause of the Environmental Defense Fund. Follow-up of the conference "Energy: A Dialogue" will be discussed. Tuesday evening Rep. John Bryant (Dallas) will visit with the board. This conversation will be helpful in preparing our objectives for the next legislative session.

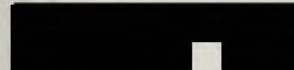
Catherine Perrine and Bobette Higgins will represent the League of Women Voters of Texas at the Texas Environmental Coalition annual meeting January 13-14. Joyce Klein of Austin, off-board Solid Waste Consultant for LWV-T, attended a meeting in Washington January 9-11 on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming Coastal Zone Management Conference, January 25-26 in Corpus Christi. The half-day water seminar on the afternoon of the 26th will help prepare you for our ground water study.

You will also be receiving more information about three energy conferences Feb. 15-16 in Dallas, Feb. 20 in Houston, and March 7 in Austin. Be planning to attend the one in your area.

We happily report that the Marshall/Harrison County League has received full recognition as a local League, ending their provisional status. Congratulations!!

The new LWV-Houston office address is:



Pax,

Betty Anderson

P.S. Please submit any Texas Education Fund project requests to the state office by February 13. These will be considered at the state board meeting in Houston, February 21-22. Many of you will want to fund your citizen information/voters service activities this spring with the education funds in your trust accounts. It will expedite processing if you can meet the Feb. 13 deadline.

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TO: Local League Presidents, DPM, Standing
Order, Members-at-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

LWV of Texas
November 18, 1977
LL Pres. Mailing, DPM, SO, MAL
I. D. 2. b.
Board Report - State

RE: November Board Report

This abbreviated board report is in lieu of a larger, traditional-type report. Since you received a full board report last month, there is not enough new material to warrant a full-blown one. However, there are some additional materials included in this mailing:

reports from:

--Carole Shlipak on development

--Diana Clark on Administration of Justice and our new juvenile justice consensus

--Summary of the League co-sponsored conference, "Environmental Cancer: A Report to the Public" (not on Standing Order)

statements to:

--the Water Plan Subcommittee of the Natural Resources Committee, Texas House of Representatives by Catherine Perrine (not on Standing Order)

--Department of Agriculture regarding food stamps by Jan Coggeshall (not on Standing Order)

Press Release:

--on the "Big Leagues" & Cities/Urban Crisis conference in Austin (not on Standing Order)

Kit:

--one Voter Registration Monitoring kit for each League

A regular board report will follow the January board meeting.

Note to members-at-large: if interested, you may obtain a copy of anything not included in your mailing that is mentioned above. Drop a note to the state office in Austin.

The state board met at Catherine Perrine's in Dallas, November 7-8. We shared a lovely dinner at the home of Pearl Wincorn, president of the Dallas League, with the Dallas board Monday evening.

In addition to conference planning and evaluating consensus, business included:

. accepting Barbara Materka's resignation, which was tendered so she could have more time to travel with her husband. We will miss her good work and good humor. Madeleine Appel, former president of the Houston League and current LWV-US budget chair, has accepted the position of media director as of January 1, 1978. This will include editing the Texas VOTER, so please notify your VOTER editor and change appropriate mailing lists as of January 1. Madeleine Appel

. hearing an evaluation report from Tarrant County state convention co-chairs, Sue Jacobson and Mary Catherine Monroe. A task force was appointed to make recommendations for future conventions.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

ERA -- Money is still coming in toward our ERA pledge of \$15,950. We appreciate your efforts in this campaign. Watch for Jan Wilbur's ERA article on local League success stories in the December Texas VOTER.

IWY -- Six Texas League members have been identified among the 58 Texas delegates to the National Women's Conference in Houston, Nov. 18-21. I will be attending and will let you know my impressions of the Conference as soon as possible. On Friday, the 18th, I will attend the Business and Professional Women's ERA Ratification Assembly. That evening, Leaguers will get together prior to the ERAmerica fund raising party. I have found the pre-conference activities very time consuming and emotionally draining. I have spoken in Dimmit (in the Panhandle, where the anti-women's movement fever is rampant), in Sherman, and in Lubbock. We hope that divisiveness will be at a minimum, and that order will prevail in Houston.

PROGRAM

. In new consensus on juvenile justice, members affirmed that status offenders should remain under the jurisdiction of the courts only until such time as alternatives resources are available. but in no case should they be commingled in an institution or program with those convicted of delinquent conduct.

. A portion of Catherine Perrine's statement to the Water Resources Council regional hearing is included in the Fall, 1977 National VOTER article, "Water, Water Everywhere."

. The Texas Energy Advisory Council, the University of Texas, and the University of Houston have been unable to obtain the computer model of the National Energy Plan; the LWV-Texas has wired Secretary James Schlesinger to request the release of the models. Laura Keever has been asked to serve as a member of a three-member hearing panel to receive testimony on the Energy Development Fund and to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Texas Energy Advisory Council.

ORGANIZATION

Our goal of at least one League representative (local League, provisional League, state unit, or member-at-large) in each legislative district in Texas is possible with your help. Please let the state office know the names of prospective members in non-League areas.

We are very pleased to report that there is a new state unit--Montgomery County. This is a rejuvenation of a former local League, and the chair is the former Pearland LWV president. Please add her name to your LL Presidents list, and inform your VOTER editor.

Karen Shaw

Welcome!

--Report dates: Dec. 15, 1977--next quarterly support payment due

Jan. 1, 1978--membership count to state and national offices. Please get these in as soon as possible, because the budget committee must have these figures to complete its work. Also, please send a complete roster of your members to the state office only, as soon as possible.

Jan. 15, 1978--Section I of the LL Annual Reports for LWV-US, which includes membership reports.

Watch other local League VOTERS for membership ideas on brown bag meetings, noon working-people's meetings, name tags which differentiate members, guests, press, etc. Ideas on office management, program management, involving working members, and unit management were shared by League members from Houston, Dallas, Tarrant County, Austin, San Antonio, and Galveston at the Big Leagues conference in Austin, November 9-10.

EDUCATION FUND

Cities/Urban Crisis -- Approximately 40 Leaguers heard speakers on the urban crisis or lack of one, transportation, and housing at the 24-hour meeting Nov. 9-10 in Austin. See enclosed copy of the press release for a summary of the conference.

Conferences past and future

- . Joan Kyre, off-board International Relations chair, represented LWV-Texas at the Texas Council of the Asian Society meeting, Nov. 13 in Austin.
- . "Energy: A Dialogue" sponsored by Texas Utilities and cosponsored by the Environmental Defense Fund, the LWV-US, and LWV-Texas, was held in Dallas, Nov. 14-15.
- . The LWV-Texas workshop on the 1977 Clean Air Act Amendments will be held at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, December 5. It will feature staff members from the National Clean Air Coalition. The workshop is co-sponsored by the Environmental Coalition of North Central Texas, the American Lung Association (Dallas office), LWV-TEF, LWV-US Ed. Fund. The goal of the workshop, arranged by Meg Titus, is to learn how implementation of the new Clean Air Act provisions can affect the five-state area of EPA Region VI.
- . Be watching for detailed information forthcoming on the Coastal Zone Management Conference in Corpus Christi, January 25-26, 1978. You will also be receiving information regarding ways to select people (League delegates and public officials) to attend, and on procedures for handling travel money.
- . LWV-Texas Energy conferences are planned for Dallas, Feb. 15-16; Houston, Feb. 20; and Austin, March 7. The Dallas conference is co-sponsored with the Texas Environmental Coalition.

Citizen Information/Voters Service

The Citizen Participation Kit project is in a holding pattern. We are on the Austin City Council agenda for consideration of a proposal for CETA funds from the City of Austin. A proposal, including a salary, has also been presented to the Fikes Foundation of Dallas, and we are awaiting their board action.

Government

Copies of Texas Election Laws, 1977-79 can now be ordered (@ \$6.50 + tax) from Hart Graphics, P.O. Box 968, Austin, TX 78767. Because of many new laws passed in the last Legislature, you may want to order this updated copy for your local League.

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Change in LWV-Texas Directory:

LL Pres., Dallas, Pearl Wincorn, change phone number to: 387-2785

Late news: Vice President Mondale has invited Joan Kyre, LWV-Texas International Relations chair, to a citizens' meeting to discuss the Panama Canal, Friday, Nov. 18, followed by a reception in the White House with Pres. Carter.

LWV-Texas
November 10, 1977
LL Pres. Mailing, DPM
I. I.
Admin. - Development

TO: LL Presidents (DPM)
FROM: Carole Shlipak, Development Dir. and LWV-TEF Vice Chairperson

DEVELOPMENT

1. By now you have received the recently published Annual Report of the State League. I hope your local League Finance Committee will refer to it as you design your finance materials for the spring 1978 finance drive. Some Leagues do a printed brochure, some a mimeographed page -- what is important is that your League put on paper its many accomplishments of the past year, so that your contributors and prospective contributors will be impressed. (It is also a helpful tool for your solicitors.)
2. This second Annual Report was produced by the Bloom Agency of Dallas as an "in-kind" contribution to the League. It represents a contribution of approximately \$4,500, including materials and professional staff time. Keep your eyes open for "in-kind" contributions that your local League can secure.
3. The Texas Education Fund (TEF) has received a contribution of \$500 from Barbara and Bill Materka. We deeply appreciate their commitment to the League.
4. You will be hearing more and more about the upcoming Council in Lubbock. One item on the agenda will be a Money Management Workshop, which I will conduct. I look forward to sharing techniques and experiences with you, as well as answering questions you might have. So encourage your "money managers" -- finance chair, budget chair, treasurer (actually, all board members are in charge of money management) -- to attend Council and the Money Management Workshop.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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November 1977
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II. C. I. a.
Juvenile Justice

CONSENSUS - JUVENILE JUSTICE

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports:

1. Mandatory reporting to a central state agency of all juvenile contacts with law enforcement agencies and courts.
2. More comprehensive basic training and mandatory annual inservice training for all law enforcement personnel who deal with juveniles.

Training should include such things as: Texas Family Code, available community resources, crisis intervention, family counseling, ethnic differences, and adolescent psychology.

3. Automatic court review of a juvenile's record two years after the last official action or final discharge of the case to determine whether the record should be sealed.
4. Adequate state and local programs and facilities for the supervision, treatment, and protection of status offenders.

Continuing court jurisdiction over status offenders only until such time as other supervision is available.

Programs and institutions for status offenders which are separate from those for juveniles found to have engaged in delinquent conduct.

LWV-Texas
November 18, 1977
LL Pres. Mailing (2), DPM, SO
II. C. 1. a.
Juvenile Justice

TO: LL Presidents, 2 copies (please forward 2nd copy to Justice Chair); DPM
FROM: Diana Clark, AJ Director, LWV-T

Juvenile Justice consensus. Thirty-one leagues participated in the consensus. Several other leagues have had or are having juvenile justice meetings this fall without consensus participation. There was remarkable unanimity on almost all the questions--the question on juvenile training for law enforcement officers was unanimous for expansion of that training and specifics on what it should include. You will note that we have not recommended just what agency should be responsible for collection of statistics as that item was evenly divided among several existing agencies, but you did agree that they should be reported to a single state agency already in existence.

Sealing of records. This question was misunderstood by some. A court hearing before sealing was implicit in the question via mention of "The Family Code outlines procedures. . . ." Since the code states a "Hearing for the purposes of sealing" our consensus which states "automatic court review" means a hearing before sealing, an automatic hearing.

Your responses to the question of the best way to deal with status offenders indicated the careful consideration you gave to all the ramifications in this most difficult situation. All your comments were carefully considered so that while we do not recommend immediate removal from the courts, we will work actively for state and local resources to become available for status offenders and then advocate removal from the judicial process to the new process and programs.

Juvenile Questionnaires. Seventeen leagues have returned the optional questionnaires so far. I am in the process of recording all the information and will have a report for you early next year. Several leagues have mentioned that having such a questionnaire helped them considerably in analysis of their local situations. I am glad it was useful; I am not sure yet just how we will use the compiled responses. If any league is still working on theirs and intends to send it to me, I would like to know before I finish the evaluation.

Juvenile Justice - continuing study. Corrections is moving right along with Terry Ramsey of Ft. Worth and Gigi Woodcock of Houston as researchers. We are up to the selection-of-consensus-questions stage. This is the most difficult part of any study and although the researchers and I are working on questions, you are the ones who will be asked to answer them. SO I am asking you to suggest questions. You know that we will be dealing with juvenile probations and juvenile incarceration--the Texas Youth Council specifically, but incarceration in general also. What sort of action do you want the League in Texas to take? Do you want a greater mix of community corrections or state institutions, who pays and how? is probation used too much? not enough? are local communities equipped to finance local options? should the state play a greater role in financing? lesser role? should juvenile probation receive state help such has just been adopted for adult probation?

These are just some ideas to get you started. Please send me your ideas (also wording) by January 1, 1978.

P.S. Thanks for your nice comments about the Juvenile Justice material. They are much appreciated. DC

TO: LL Presidents, DPM

FROM: Betty Anderson, President

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL CANCER --Some Highlights of the Conference

LWV of Texas

October, 1977

LL Pres. Mailing, DPM

II. A. 1. a.

Program - Air

ENVIRONMENTAL CANCER--A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC, a conference on known chemical carcinogens in the air, was sponsored by the LWV-Texas Education Fund and the LWV-Houston Ed. Fund in conjunction with Tenneco Chemicals, the Carcinogenesis Center of M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health.

The LWV has been vitally concerned about the health effects of chemical carcinogens and the regulatory processes utilized by agencies which are mandated to protect the public health.

This Conference, which was funded through a grant from Tenneco Chemicals, was an outgrowth of that concern. Its objective was to delineate vital points of consideration in formulating control strategies for known chemical carcinogens emitted into the atmosphere.

Two federal officials made these comments:

R. David Pittle, Commissioner, U.S. Product Safety Commission, said his agency is now working on overall policies for the regulation of toxic substances. The approach will be similar to that recently adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), he said. He states we was "not happy" with the present federal practice of "lurching along" from one crisis to another.

Gus Speth, Member, Council on Environmental Quality, deplored the use of "dangerous hilarity" about rats stuffed with diet drinks to "discredit sound regulatory policy." He defended the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) proposal, saying that the saccharin uproar points out the need for an informed public debate on a national cancer-prevention policy. That policy, he said, "will ultimately be decided not by scientists, but by the voter."

I. Introduction

Overview by John H. Weisburger, Ph.D., Vice President for Research, American Health Foundation. He stated that current data show that 80-90% of human cancers stem from environmental causes. The basis for this statement hinges on a consideration of

- 1) changes in incidence of specific cancers such as cancer in the lung, breast, stomach, colon, and the like, with time;
- 2) the incidence of these cancers in various parts of the world; and
- 3) the changes in incidence when people move from one area to another.

To provide perspective, he stated that occupational exposure in industrial societies accounts for 1-5%, at most, of all cancer cases. Most of human cancers, in most instances, relate not to specific chemicals in the environment but to our lifestyle. People are aware that one aspect of our lifestyle, smoking of cigarettes, leads to lung cancer and some other cancers, but people are not aware that the other major factor leading to disease stems from the diet. Other cancers stem, in part, from diets containing high fat levels such as those in the western world, in contrast to diets eaten in Japan, where cancer of the colon, breast, prostate, and ovary have far lower incidence than in the West.

II. Test Procedures

A. Charles R. Shaw, M.D., Professor of Biology, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital, said that efficient quick tests needed to be developed.

B. B. R. Brinkley, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Baylor College of Medicine, proposed that tubulin and actin immunofluorescence patterns be used in conjunction with other assays in short-term screening of chemical carcinogenesis.

C. A. Clark Griffin, Ph.D., American Cancer Society Research Professor of Biochemistry, works on animal studies. With increasing indication that many chemicals may cause cancer in several animal species, the U.S. Public Health Service has compiled these findings into several volumes entitled: Survey of Compounds which have been Tested for Carcinogenic Activity.

D. John J. Costanzi, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston, reported that unfortunately, there is no known test that will predict or detect very early cancer except the well-known Pap smear for carcinoma of the cervix in women. In general, the best screening test available is a careful survey of high risk patients.

III. Statistics and Epidemiology

A. Patricia A. Buffler, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, The Univ. of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston, identified three basic approaches used in epidemiologic studies: 1) descriptive (cross-sectional or ecologic)--examples: chemical industry counties and cancer; 2) case-control (retrospective)--example: primary liver cancer in selected Texas counties; and 3) cohort or mortality followup studies (prospective)--example: mortality followup. (Dr. Buffler and her husband are members of the LWV of Galveston).

B. David P. Discher, M.D., Director, Department of Industrial and Environmental Medicine, San Jose Medical Clinic, said that the "best prevention, clearly, is primary prevention--the control of exposure."

IV. Cost Benefit/Risk Assessment

A. Charles R. Barden, former executive director of the Texas Air Control Board (TACB), questioned whether there is really any objective way of making decisions on emotional environmental issues. "Our world is risky; the question is not whether a chemical is safe, but what the risks are and whether they outweigh the benefits."

B. Thomas D. Downs, Ph.D., Professor of Biometry, University of Texas School of Public Health, said he would like to have a math formula for risk assessment, but we do not know this information, and won't know it in the foreseeable future. The four variables discussed were the time period, concentration, proportion, and latency time. He was critical of epidemiological studies -- without a control group -- that were published.

C. Carlo H. Tamburro, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Louisville School of Medicine discussed the health effects of vinyl chloride. It has been used as an anesthetic agent as well as a basic chemical for plastics manufacturing. Vinyl chloride's previously unknown carcinogenic capability appears to be related to the body's ability to convert it from a non-toxic or minimally toxic chemical to a toxic and, with prolonged exposure, cancer-forming agent. Present clinical data in humans now demonstrates evidence of pre-cancer injury and cancer transformation of various types of cells in different organs of the body. Manifestations of pre-cancerous injury to organs other than the liver (such as the lung, heart, spleen, brain, and lymphatic system) may also be occurring and require further investigation.

Early detection of these pre-cancerous chemical injuries requires a prospective on-going system of surveillance and the development of diagnostic methods which can identify specific caustic agents in the presence of non-specific injury. Such a systematic approach has been developed and is now in operation. Its initial achievements appear to be the foundation for future success in controlling the health effects of industrial chemicals.

D. Susan Wyatt, Environmental Engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, discussed the control status of vinyl chloride. The EPA listed vinyl chloride as a hazardous air pollutant in December, 1975, and promulgated a national emission standard for it under the authority of section 112 of the Clean Air Act of October 21, 1976. On November 19, 1976, the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for review of the standard. On March 24, 1977, EDF and EPA moved to dismiss the court proceedings in view of a settlement agreement requiring EPA to propose certain amendments to the standard. These amendments to the standard were proposed on June 2, 1977. Since that time EPA has received numerous and adverse comments from the industry on the proposal.

The main issue involved is how carcinogens should be regulated under section 112 of the Clean Air Act. Section 112 of the Act requires that emission standards be set "at the level which in the judgment of the Administrator provides an ample margin of safety to protect the public health from such hazardous air pollutants." This requirement appears to assume that each pollutant regulated will have a threshold level of effects below which no health effects will occur. It has not been possible to determine if there is a threshold level of effects for vinyl chloride and it is not certain that such a threshold may be determined in the near future. In the absence of strong evidence to the contrary, then, the only level of vinyl chloride which would appear to be absolutely protective of health is zero, which may be achievable only by banning vinyl chloride emissions completely. That, in turn, would require closing the entire industry. EPA has decided that the costs of eliminating the industry are too high and has instead developed standards which require emission reduction to the lowest level achievable using technological means.

V. Benzene, Present Findings Concerning Health Effects

A. Peter F. Infante, D.D.S., epidemiologist engaged in research with industry-wide studies of National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health said that benzene is found in paint stripper, gasoline, natural rubber, etc. He claimed that workers exposed to benzene had a five-fold excessive risk of leukemia, and urged more stringent standards for controlling benzene emissions.

B. Irving R. Tabershaw, M.D., Consultant. Previously professor, Occupational Medicine, U. Cal.-Berkeley, spoke on "Benzene--Protection from Adverse Health Effects." Acute exposures to high levels of benzene produce central nervous system symptoms. The issue from the regulatory standpoint is whether or not benzene will induce leukemia (cancer of the blood). OSHA's policy is to make a standard as low as possible if a chemical is demonstrated to be a carcinogen. However, no clear-cut evidence exists to conclude that benzene in lower doses by itself is leukemogenic.

Experience to date demonstrates that the present standard of 10 parts per million provides adequate protection for the worker from acute and chronic effects. Hence, OSHA's proposal to reduce this standard to 1 ppm is unjustified. However, OSHA's proposal to include monitoring provisions will afford a further measure of protection since benzene-induced effects on the blood are reversible and will provide data upon which re-evaluation of the standard can be based in the future.

C. Sylvia Krekel, Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAW), currently Occupational Health Specialist for OCAW, actively supported a strict standard on benzene exposure.

VI. Delineating Present Regulatory Development Process

A. Allan Jennings, Standards and Regulations Evaluation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, stated that IRLG, made up of the four major federal regulatory agencies, would coordinate rulemaking on key substances. Mini-grants will be available for public participation programs.

B. Roger R. Wallis, Deputy Director for Standards and Regulations Program, Texas Air Control Board, stated that a 9-member Medical Health Resources Committee to the TACB had been established. While the federal Clean Air Act refers to air contaminants, the Texas Clean Air Act refers to air pollutants.

VII. Advocacy

A. Pamela M. Giblin, Attorney, previously, Chief Counsel, Texas Air Control Board, recommended the current St. Mary's Law Journal which is devoted to the advocacy process,

and also recommended effectively getting involved. She stressed that the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) is effective and that citizens must be brought into the information loop.

B. Becky F. Moon, League of Women Voters, currently member, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Advisory Committee for Toxic Substances, and former Chair, Air Quality, League of Women Voters of Texas, said that the environmental crisis has nibbled away at public surety and that environmental expectations change; but that the closed decision-making processes must be opened.

SYNOPSIS

Responsible industry as represented by the Manufacturing Chemists Association (MCA) accepts the need for regulation and is prepared to work with others in its development. For workable, cost-effective regulation, there needs to be effective interaction between the regulatory agency, industry, and the public. The need for input by industry is acute because there are very few people with industrial background in the agencies and because, in general, the agencies have inadequate technical strength.

In particular, industry accepts the need for rational regulation and welcomes the opportunity to work with governmental agencies and the public in its development. Arm's-length cooperation has been productive and the attempt to develop regulation without their effective participation results in waste motion.

Summary: C.W. Smith, Consultant
Health, Safety & Environment
Shell Oil Co.

The Proceedings of the conference will be published by Texas Reports on Biology & Medicine.

LWV - Texas

October 21, 1977

LL pres., DPM

II. A. 2. g.

Program - H.R. -
Cities/Urban Crisis

TO: LL Presidents, DPM

FROM: Betty Anderson

RE: National Policy and Regional Change symposium, Sept. 25-27

Sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, UT Austin, and the UT LBJ School of Public Affairs, the symposium examined the social and economic implications of the growth of the so called Sunbelt region of the South and West as opposed to that of the older, industrialized, North, Northeast and Midwest. Several League members attended the symposium, including three state board members (Jan Albers, Jan Coggeshall, and me) along with League members from Austin, Denton, Galveston, Garland, San Antonio, and San Marcos. The urban crisis theme prevailed throughout the meeting, but the human resources and energy issues were underlying concerns.

Governors, mayors, and federal officials expressed their viewpoints. The symposium was entitled, "Alternatives to Confrontation: A National Policy Toward Regional Change", and the alternatives varied from:

- . Isaiah and LBJ's "Come let us reason together," to
- . Benjamin Franklin's "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately," to
- . a very vague national economic development policy.

Statistics were presented to support opposing claims. Frostbelt Governors Hugh Carey, (D-NY) and James Thompson (R-Ill) called for equity in government defense spending, while Sunbelt Governor David Boren (D-Ok) questioned the myth in the Northeast that the South and Southwest are benefiting disproportionately from federal funding.

MIT professor David Birch said Southern growth hasn't necessarily meant a mass business exodus from the North. Instead, he said, it is new and expanding firms which are benefiting from the South's lower wage rates and land costs. Basically, firms don't move--net nationwide change in employment levels is due "mostly to decisions by entrepreneurs and existing businesses on where to locate new facilities."

Mayors also joined in the search for ways to slow the economic war between the states. Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., said older cities have subsidized the Sunbelt and that the South and West "in light of their new-found affluence" ought to be willing to have some role in reviving and rebuilding the old cities of the Frostbelt. However, he felt the central problem and the central tragedy relates to ending the caste system that continues to dictate regions' relationships to each other. Mayor Roy Hofheinz of Houston cited the "different but equal problems of those cities on the decline and of urban areas now expanding. The federal government should recognize the unique problems of each area and design separate programs to deal with them," he said. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and new programs proposed by HUD are what Mayor Hofheinz termed solutions inappropriate to the problems at hand.

Energy, economics, employment and interrelationships - Federal Reserve Bank official Frank Morris felt that government must offer businessmen "special incentives" to entice them to locate new plants and expand existing ones in the unemployment stricken areas of the Northeast. The high cost of energy was listed by Morris as being among the worst disadvantages to be overcome by the North.

Gerald R. Christenson, Commissioner of Finance for the State of Minnesota said, "So many of the things we're talking about are interrelated, you can't separate property taxes from the condition of the central cities...from environmental protection...from the way you treat senior citizens...from energy...from housing availability...from trying to keep independent farmers in this country. All of these

areas are interrelated." He said if we don't use the tremendous power of the federal grant programs for reform, then the reform will come much too slowly and the cities may be down before we know it."

Walt Rostow, former national security adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, was skeptical that President Carter's full employment plan will work, but that through massive private investment in a number of fields it may be made to work. "It is not unfair, he said, to characterize the plan as a kind of attempted replay of the great economic expansion of the Kennedy-Johnson years. But he said, the late 1970s are quite different from the early 1960s. At that time energy, food and raw material prices were relatively low--a situation different from today.

The route to full employment and rapid economic growth, he said, is through massive public and private investment to meet the nation's needs and solve serious problems in the fields of energy, water development, transportation systems, and pollution.

Rudy Oswald, Director of Research for AFL-CIO, objected to the slow pace of Rostow's plan of growth to reduce unemployment. We have to undertake specific policies and programs that will put people directly to work--rather than depend on a trickle-down theory which will create an atmosphere of growth but will not provide sufficient employment.

Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall said:

One-half of our unemployed in the US are under 24 years of age.

Public service jobs in the Economic Stimulus Package are serving over one million people.

A second major program, Youth Employment Act of 1977, was implemented Oct. 1, 1977. One of the programs in the bill is modeled after the old CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and the young people will be employed to repair and update parks and recreation areas. They also plan to increase apprenticeship training and expand the Job Corps.

Carter's welfare reform proposal will create 1.4 million public service jobs to serve 2.5 million people.

In summary, the problems were well defined, but the solutions were sketchy.

P.S. Governor Briscoe announced at the symposium that he will create by executive order a State Commission on Texas in the Year 2000. The purpose is to help analyze and define the state's future needs. The Governor named Belton K. Johnson, a San Antonio businessman and rancher, to head the commission. Johnson is a former member of Nelson Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices. The commission will be studying the probable course of population for the next generation, future modes of transportation, financial prospects, water supply, agricultural, energy and education requirements.

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LWV of Texas
September, 1977
State Board Report
I. Q.
President's Letter

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

When the state board met Sept. 6-10, fresh from our summer respite, we eagerly forged new plans for the year ahead. We also struggled with the eternal problems -- membership, action, program management, and visibility.

For once, money did not top the agenda, because our economic condition is sound, thanks to Carole Shlipak's development calls, Ethel Sturgis' management of the budget, Diana Tilley's publication sales, and pass-through grants from LWV-US. The pass-through grants are earmarked and will be used for Coastal Zone Management (CZM)/Water Conference in January, and three Energy Workshops in February and March.

You will find in this report additional ideas for ERA fund-raising from Jan Wilbur. Receiving your pledges and contributions has been gratifying. Your commitment is encouraging and necessary to make GO ERA a success.

Essentially, the September meeting of the state board laid the groundwork for the days ahead:

- . approving the Voters Guide for the Nov. 8 Constitutional Amendments election;
- . providing input to the budget committee for its meeting in October;
- . planning the "Big Leagues" Conference in Austin in November;
- . shifting the focus of the justice study from adult corrections to juvenile corrections during 1978;
- . focusing on membership by sharpening and refining our membership management techniques, featuring membership in the Dec. VOTER, and preparing a handbook to assist membership, plus providing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on LWV;
- . approving plans for the energy conferences in Austin, Houston, and Dallas/Ft. Worth areas, and the Coastal Zone Mgmt./Water Conference in Corpus Christi;
- . meeting with representatives from the Texas Water Resources Department and discussing the continuing water resources planning and development for Texas;
- . resourcing local Leagues with tools, such as Choosing and Developing Local League Program (enclosed);
- . strengthening and restructuring field service operations;
- . gearing up for gubernatorial or senatorial debates and preparing a citizen participation packet for statewide distribution;
- . planning an extra-special Hands-on Public Relations Workshop prior to state Council in Lubbock; a mini-litigation workshop with LWVUS VP Joanne Hayes is also planned;
- . planning primary forums for gubernatorial candidates is progressing--contacts with TV stations are being made.

Every section of this report contains vital information you need to know to keep abreast of happenings on the state level. We need to maintain a strong connectional, integrated, three-tiered (local, state, national) organization. To do this we all need to work very hard at internal communication. That means a linkage system incorporating reading, writing, and listening to each other.

CALENDAR

LWV of Texas
September, 1977
State Board Report
I. G.
Admin. - Calendars

- October 7 Deadline for juvenile justice member agreement -- Phase I
- October 10-11 State budget committee, LBJ School, Austin
- October 11 State president, VPs meet, Houston
- October 21 LL Presidents mailing
- October 24 United Nations Day
- October--- Activate bylaws, budget, nominating, local and national program-making committees
- Oct. 19- Absentee voting for November 8 election
- Nov. 4
- Nov. 7-8 State board meeting, Dallas
- Nov. 9-10 "Big Leagues" Conference, LBJ School & Villa Capri, Austin. NOTE: The dates of Nov. 10-11 in the Sept. 12th Advance Board Report were incorrect.
- Nov. 18 LL Presidents mailing (inc. State Board Report)
- November--- If it is approximately three months before your annual meeting, submit revisions of local League bylaws to state bylaws chair:
Shirley Gleason, 945 Lockwood, Beaumont, TX 77706

LOOKING AHEAD

January 25-26 Coastal Zone Management/Water Seminar, Corpus Christi

LL PRESIDENTS LIST CHANGES (please notify your VOTER)

Pearland: Pres. Helen Beckman, 2705 Churchill, Pearland 77581 (713) 485-3159

Hunt Co.

State Unit: Chair, Juanita Hudson, Rt. 3, Box 13-B, Greenville, 75401 (214) 455-4690

ENCLOSURES:

- . State Board Report
- . Memo: "Election bills passed by 65th Legislature" (2 copies to LLP, DPM)
- . Handbook: Choosing and Developing Local League Program (DPM)
- . Memo: "Recipe for a Successful Secretary" (2 copies to LLP)
- . Form: Member Transfer Form (10 copies to LLP)
- . Sample Minutes (one copy for LL Secretary)

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MISCELLANEOUS

1. Occasionally, the state League receives grants, or has special jobs that receive a small stipend. Most of these have been part of pass-through grants in the environmental field. We would like to make these positions available to any League member. In order to do this, we need applications on file. There is not enough time to contact the general membership when we are notified of a grant. Therefore, we would like those of you who would be interested to send in an application for our files. We can then contact you if one fits your qualifications.

2. Education: What Next?

"Education: What Next?" is the title of a 16mm, 19-minute film available from the Education Commission of the States. It raises questions about school finance, equity, basic skills, demographic patterns, career education, the relationship of research to policy and other current issues that will affect the course of education over the next decade. The film was produced with support from the National Institute of Education and is available for the cost of postage and handling and a \$10.00 rental fee from the Communications Department, Education Commission of the States, 1860 Lincoln St., Denver, Colorado 80295.

NOTE: The

dates of Nov. 13-14 in the report. 12th Annual Report were incorrect.

IL President's mailing (enc. State Board Report)

It is approximately 18 months before your annual meeting, submit revisions of local league bylaws to state bylaws chair, Shirley Gorman, 605 Jackson, Beaumont, TX 77705.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 25-26 Council Long Management/Member Seminar, Corpus Christi

IF PRESIDENTS LIST CHANGES (please notify your voters)

Eastland: Pres. Helen Beckman, 2205 Churchill, Eastland 37521 (713) 482-2122

West Co.

State Unit: Chas. Dennis Hudson, Rt. 3, Box 13-B, Greenville, 25601 (214) 422-1222

ENCLOSURES:

- State Board Report
- Model Election Bill passed by 65th Legislature (2 copies to IL, DM)
- Handbook: Choosing and Developing Local League Program (DM)
- Model: Recipe for a Successful Secretary (2 copies to IL)
- Form: Member Transfer Form (10 copies to IL)
- Sample Minutes (one copy for IL Secretary)

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Carole Shlipak
Director, Development

LWV-Texas
September, 1977
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Admin. - Development

DEVELOPMENT

1. Annual Report - Our second Annual Report is rolling off the press as I write this (courtesy of the Bloom Agency, Dallas). It is a superb tool for state development purposes, as it describes the accomplishments and strengths of the state League and its Texas Education Fund. Copies will be mailed to:

Local Leagues - six copies each
State elected and appointed officials
Selected members of the media
Contributors to the state League

You might want to take a copy to your newspaper editor, mayor, etc.

2. Contributions received since the June Board Report include:

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| Halliburton Company (shared with LWV-Dallas) | \$ 500 | TEF |
| Zale Corporation (in-kind contribution) | 250 | TEF |
| Tracor, Inc. (shared with LWV-Austin) | 100 | TEF |
| Liquid Paper Corp. (shared with LWV-Dallas) | 600 | T |
| Champlin Petroleum Corp. (shared with LWV-TarrantCo.) | 2,000 | TEF |
| The Bloom Agency (production of Annual Report) | | T & TEF |

3. Prospects...or...How do you determine which businesses or corporations are good state prospects?

--Is the company extremely profitable, but giving your local League only a token contribution each year?

--Does the company market its products or services throughout Texas, and not just in your local League area?

If the answer to either of the above questions is YES, you might consider giving the name to the state development committee. Remember, your local League share of any contribution will be 30-40% of that contribution!

Jan Wilbur
Program, Vice-President, NR Coordinator

LWV of Texas
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PROGRAM

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Focus for this year's study under Administration of Justice will be on the juvenile corrections system instead of on adult corrections as previously announced. Indications are that juvenile corrections will be on the front burner for more groups and for more legislators than adult corrections will be. A shift in our emphasis at this time will put us in line for more timely League action during the 1979 legislative session.

We hope this change of emphasis reaches you in time for your Administration of Justice committee to shift gears and that it causes no problems for you. At this time we anticipate no change in the date material will be sent to you (March 1978) or the consensus deadline (fall 1978). Terry Ramsey of the Tarrant County League, and the Houston League's Administration of Justice committee will assist Diana Clark in research and writing the material for this study.

Adult corrections will be studied during the second year of the biennium, in 1978-79.

Program Action at the National Level -- How effective are we?

"Action is the lifeblood of the League..." This is the first sentence in the chapter on action in the LWVUS publication, IN LEAGUE. But how effective are we in Texas at taking action at the national level? How many Texas Leagues respond to Action Alerts from national? Would more respond if LWV-T sent Times for Action (Action Alerts) on national legislation? What can the state board do to increase the effectiveness of Texas Leagues' action at the national level? We don't know the answer to these questions. We raise them for consideration over the next year.

IN LEAGUE (p. 41) reminds that "Copies of all communications with federal officials should be sent to the LWVUS, attention Legislative Action Division." Copies should also be sent to the state office. If you phone or wire your representative or senator, jot a note on a postcard and let the office know what you did do.

We will be compiling a record of how many Leagues respond to each Action Alert national sends out this year. We will send you a report form to keep a 'diary' of your League activity at the federal level during the months of January and February 1978 as another source of data. These data will be compiled, evaluated, and reported at Council.

(Action Alerts are not the only opportunity we have for action. Action initiatives are often suggested in REPORT FROM THE HILL. For a full description of action in the League, see pp. 38-42 of IN LEAGUE.)

A reminder to Program Vice presidents re National Program Making:

A memo was sent to local League presidents from Ruth Clusen, LWVUS president, on August 31, 1977 alerting Leagues that national program recommendations must be received in the national office by January 31, 1978. It was not sent on DPM so will not be in your files unless your president has passed it on to you already. Read the memo and study the accompanying report forms NOW. (We strongly urge you also to read the "Helpful Publications" listed.) National program making will become real and interesting to your membership only if YOU make it so. Creative, careful planning is needed to elicit thoughtful recommendations from your members. It is not too early to start the ball rolling.

Plan to get your recommendations compiled before the first of 1978 if you can. Only then can you effectively lobby other Leagues and the state board to alert others who might

support your recommendations IF THEY KNOW ABOUT THEM IN TIME. Three report forms accompany the memo. One should be sent to national, one to state, and one kept for your files. Recommendations received in the state office before our January board meeting (Jan. 16-19) will be considered by the board when we make our recommendations.

Diana Clark, Commissioner

A highlight of the board meeting came when we adjourned to go en masse to see Diana Clark sworn in as the only women member on the Texas Adult Probation Commission. Although we cringed when she was elected secretary, the office places her on the executive committee. Congratulations, Diana!

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Jan Wilbur
Program VP, State ERA Coordinator

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ERA

Pledges and Payments

The \$15,950 pledged from Texas for the ERA Campaign comes to about \$3.90 per member. Of the 27 Leagues who sent in a pledge, six Leagues, Amarillo, Brownsville, Denton, Edinburg-McAllen, Houston, and Plano pledged approximately \$10 per member. Our hats are off to them! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SEND US YOUR PLEDGE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO!!

If your board feels it is just not something it can tackle on top of all your regularly-scheduled League activities and business, perhaps you can think of some member of your League not on board who has shown an interest in the ERA and would carry the ball for your League and your community.

Ruth Clusen's memo of June 23 gives the following schedule for payments: "September is the first deadline, with a goal of at least 10% of the cash received in the national office. By the January board meeting, 50% of the pledges should be paid and the rest of the money should be in the national office by May, 1978." Your contributions can be sent to the state office for forwarding to national. Or you can set up your own local ERA account. IF YOU SEND THE MONEY DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL, PLEASE DROP A NOTE TO THE STATE OFFICE TELLING US HOW MUCH YOU SENT IN. We must keep track of where Texas stands. Our records show that \$1,045 is on its way to Washington from Texas as of mid-September.

Many of you are already in full swing with fall activities for ERA fundraising, including VOTER appeals, garage/rummage sales, passing the hat at League meetings, and theater parties.

To help in your fundraising efforts, have on hand the following:

1. July 22 mailing from national to presidents;
2. This report, along with the enclosed ERA Fundraising Ideas and Swap Shop from Local Leagues in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Texas;
3. Dollars and Sense: The Art of Raising Money, LWVUS.

Suggestions for VOTER Articles:

You may have already planned articles to inspire your members to contribute, but, if you need ideas, here are some sources: In Pursuit of Equal Rights: Women in the Seventies, LWVUS, #321, \$1.50--excellent publication about the ERA and the status of women ("The Need for an ERA," pp. 18-19, might make a good article, if you feel your members need these arguments); selections from "ERA--Quotable Quotes" included in this mailing; background on League support for the ERA, part 7 of the July 22 ERA mailing from LWVUS; and, perhaps, the wording of the Equal Rights Amendment, first introduced in 1923:

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Section I - Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section II - The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section III - This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

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Jan Wilbur
Program VP, State ERA Coordinator

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ERA FUNDRAISING IDEAS *

Below is a list of fundraising ideas, some very familiar and some new, that can be used to raise money for ERA. Not only are these activities effective money raisers, but they also provide great visibility and fun. (Note: Keep this list. After the ERA drive is over, one or more of these events may prove helpful to your local Finance Drive.)

EVENTS:

- Tennis/Golf Tournament (entry fee and admission charge sources of income);
- A walk-a-thon (together with the Girl Scouts who support ERA);
- Supermarket Donation Day (at a supermarket which will donate a % of the sales take);
- ERA Rally (at malls, the center of town, colleges) at which you take up a collection;
- A Benefit Concert;
- Celebrity Lecture;
- House/Kitchen Tour (with plant and/or bake sales and a cooking demonstration);
- Cooking Demonstration (with free samples and refreshments);

AUCTIONS:

- Art
- Talents/Handcrafts
- White Elephants (with surprise boxes)
- Merchandise/Services donated by business community

SALES:

- No-bake Sale (donor gives what he/she would have spent to bake pie, cake, etc.)
- Gourmet specialties of League members
- Book Sale
- Plant Sale
- Rummage/Garage Sale
- Flea Market (charge fee for booths & have your own bake sale, hot dog stand, balloons)
- Car Wash

PARTIES/DINNERS:

- No-ball Ball (where for the price of a ticket you can spend a peaceful evening at home);
- Dinner/Dance
- Cocktail Party
- Progressive Dinner
- Covered-Dish Supper
- International Dinner
- Old-fashioned Box Lunch Social (auction off box lunches)
- Cabaret with dance band & entertainment (donated), with each table providing its own food & drink
- Spaghetti Supper
- Pancake Breakfast
- A \$25/plate dinner or a \$10/plate luncheon with a guest speaker
- Fundraising luncheon with boutique booths (charge fee for booths)
- Theater Party
- Wine and Cheese; Wurst and Ale; Champagne and Hors D'Oeuvres
- Coffee/Tea Party
- Pool Party
- Block Party

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ERA Fundraising Ideas (cont.)

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OTHERS:

- Direct Mail Solicitation (see instructions from national);
- No-affle Raffle (chances are sold in which the prize is ratification of the ERA);
- ERA Banks (cup or coffee can in every League member's home, at League meetings, churches, synagogues, neighborhood stores, etc.);
- Door-to-Door Solicitation (walk your block for ERA);
- Raffle
- Cash in Trading Stamp Books

* With special thanks to: Jean Robejsek, ERA Coordinator
LWV-Pennsylvania
and
Jan Shultz, ERA Coordinator
LWV-New Jersey

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- Coffee/Tea Party
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ERA -- QUOTABLE QUOTES*

CITIZENSHIP

"Citizenship is not a burden. It is a privilege and a cherished responsibility. The ERA provides the opportunity for full participation in everything American. The women of this country stand answerable to that trust."

Anita Miller, Chairperson
Calif. Commission on the Status of Women

"As a firm believer in the use of the law to promote justice, I endorse the 27th Amendment as a fitting legal capstone to the legitimate strivings of women for equal opportunity in a nation which needs all the talent and dedication it can get from its citizens, female or male."

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, Univ. of Notre Dame
Former Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

"Those who govern, having much business on their hands, do not generally like to take the trouble of considering and carrying into execution new projects. The best public measures are therefore seldom adopted from previous wisdom, but forced by the occasion."

Benjamin Franklin

"The arguments have been marshalled and repeated and debated, but the basic issue remains the same--equality under the law with the choices, rights, and responsibilities of full citizenship. That these choices, rights, and responsibilities of full citizenship need to be legislated when given to man as a birthright needs no further comment. It needs action. It needs ratification now."

Lucy Wilson Benson, Past President
League of Women Voters of the United States
April 12, 1973

POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

"Once the effects of the ERA are understood, it can be readily seen that no real 'protection' will be lost by women, but many rights and opportunities will be gained."

Senator Marlow W. Cook, Republican, Kentucky

"The goal of equal rights for all citizenry is deeply ingrained in the very fiber of American principles and ideals. The Equal Rights Amendment is not only consistent with those ideals and principles; it is, in fact, a part of our basic heritage of human fairness and dignity."

The Hon. John C. West
Governor of South Carolina, 1971-1975.
Presbyterian Elder

"Whether or not its adoption might lead to abuse, real or imagined, is beside the point. All of the broad principles and basic guarantees of the original Constitution carried the same potential for abuse. However, the implementation process, interpreted by the courts over the years and certain informally accepted limitations have kept us on an even

course. I am confident this same time-proven process will be effective in this instance also."

Former California Governor Ronald Reagan
Press Conference, April 1972 on the federal ERA

"This amendment embraces a fundamental precept set down in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and reaffirmed in much of the civil rights legislation passed in the last 40 years. This precept, of course, is that women are entitled to and must receive the equal protection and benefits of the law. Nothing could be more basic to democracy than this vital concept. And yet few ideals have been so difficult to put into practice. This amendment would finally guarantee long-overdue rights to women on an equal basis with men."

William Proxmire, Senator (D), Wisconsin
Statement for the Record during hearings
before the Subcommittee on Constitutional
Amendments of the Senate Judiciary Committee,
May 5-7, 1970

"By passing (the Equal Rights Amendment), we are not saying that a woman's place is not in the home. We simply wish to say to the nation -- men and women alike -- that if a woman wants to bake bread and garden, that is her choice. If she wants to be an aerospace engineer or a banker -- then she has the right to her choice and full equality in the pursuit of her profession. ...In a nation where equal protection under the law is one of our basic foundations, women too often have been neither equal nor protected."

John Sparkman, Senator (D), Alabama
Floor Debate on ERA, March 22, 1972

EMPLOYMENT

"I think that ratification of the ERA would be helpful not only to the career woman but to the married woman who has to reenter the job market."

Betty Ford

"We have fought on the state and federal level for legislation which would guarantee the rights of workers to equality and opportunity on the job and have worked to improve and extend the coverage of benefits presently available under the law. We see the Equal Rights Amendment as a means of asserting not an equal right to be abused, but equality of the right to protection... We look upon the Equal Rights Amendment as a constitutional guarantee, a national commitment that will aid us in achieving this goal."

Joseph A. Beirne, President, Communication
Workers of America
Memo to CWA Executive Board and National
Directors, 2/27/73

FAMILY

"While the amendment itself would deal only with laws which discriminate between the sexes, its effect will be a re-examination by both men and women of the attitudes and lifestyles which have made many marriages in the 20th Century Urban America less than rewarding. Ratification of the amendment would serve to reaffirm the contribution made by the woman working at home who chooses to invent her time in the creation of human capital for the future of her children."

Dr. Marjorie East, President
American Home Economics Assn., 3/16/73

"There is only one thing wrong with these statutes [that make a husband liable for support of his family]. You cannot enforce them in an ongoing marriage. There has never been a court in the United States that would interfere in a marriage to require a husband to provide support. The idea that men support their wives and children because a statute tells them to is ridiculous. Men support their wives and children because they love them and because of long custom."

Martha Griffiths, Former Congresswoman (Mich.)

LEGAL

"Understanding the impact of the Equal Rights Amendment should eliminate misinformed fears and distortions regarding the legal implications of the amendment. Many of those still resisting ratification, however, are not likely to be swayed by appeals to change. Complete ratification depends on responsible action by legislators."

Ruth M. Farrell, Attorney, from "The Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution -- Areas of Controversy"

"Our legal structure will continue to support and command an inferior status for women so long as it permits any differentiation in legal treatment on the basis of sex... History and experience have taught us that in such a dual system one group is always dominant and the other subordinate. As long as woman's place is defined as separate, a male-dominated society will define her place as inferior."

Brown, Emerson, Falk, Friedman, "The Equal Rights Amendment: A Constitutional Basis for Equal Rights for Women." The Yale Law Journal, April, 1971.

WOMEN/MEN

"Men -- their rights and nothing more; women -- their rights and nothing less."

Susan B. Anthony

WOMEN

"As a black person, I am no stranger to race prejudice. But the truth is that in the political world I have been far oftener discriminated against because I am a woman than because I am black. Prejudice against blacks is becoming unacceptable although it will take years to eliminate it. But it is doomed because slowly white America is beginning to admit that it exists. Prejudice against women is still acceptable."

Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman (D), New York

"Some years ago when I was a member of the New Jersey Legislature making a speech earnestly proposing an Equal Rights Amendment, one of my colleagues rose and with real anguish -- you could see he was touching very close to something that was very important to him -- he said, 'I just don't like this amendment! I've always thought of women as kissable and cuddly and smelling good.' ...The only answer, of course, was 'that's the way I've always felt about men, and I hope for your sake that you haven't been disappointed as often as I have.'"

Congresswoman Millicent H. Fenwick

ERA - Quotable Quotes

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RELIGION

"While admitting that it has not always lived up to its own teaching, the church has long proclaimed that laws and practices which prevent women from exercising their freedom as children of God are morally indefensible. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly...endorses the Equal Rights Amendment and urge its ratification by those states where that has not yet occurred..."

The 1973 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"One of the unique concepts of Christianity is the worth and dignity of each individual. We cannot overlook this concern for the basic rights of women in the United States. The ratification of the ERA will help insure these rights."

Mary Ann Shealy (Mrs. James R.), President
Lutheran Church Women

"I believe that the ERA will allow women complete legal equality without infringing on their private lives or family relationships. I think our country needs the resources of women and therefore should not inhibit their potential by any legal discrimination."

Msgr. John J. Egan, Director
Institute of Pastoral Ministry, Notre Dame Univ.

"We...commend the U.S. Congress for its passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and call upon the various states to ratify this Amendment in order to insure that 'equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.'"

The United Methodist Church
Resolution on Equal Rights of Women, adopted
April 16, 1972

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- * Excerpted from League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, ERA Fundraising Kit,
Jean Robejsek, ERA Coordinator.

Jan Wilbur
State Coordinator, ERA, Program VP

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SWAP SHOP FROM LOCAL LEAGUES IN PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, AND TEXAS

MORE ON ERA CANS Some Leagues are using the slogan, "Don't Let ERA Be Canned," and some are using a mimeographed sleeve for a can with the whys and how, including "We cannot buy equality, but our lack of support will buy defeat," but all have coin cans out for their members to fill over the next few months. Below is a copy of Clarion County, Pa., "sleeve."

CONTRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS MILLION-DOLLAR PLEDGE FOR

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Your support is needed For:

*Speakers and Lobbyists in
unratified states*

*Office and communication expenses
to insure that we always have accurate,
up-to-date information*

*Nationwide public relations and
education on the amendment*

Unratified States

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| Alabama | Illinois | N. Carolina |
| Arizona | Louisiana | Oklahoma |
| Arkansas | Mississippi | S. Carolina |
| Florida | Missouri | Utah |
| Georgia | Nevada | Virginia |

*"Equality of rights under the law shall
not be denied or abridged by the United
States or by any state on account of sex."*

**WE CANNOT BUY EQUALITY, BUT OUR LACK
OF SUPPORT WILL BUY DEFEAT.**

Le League of Women Voters of Clarion County - Box 108 - Clarion, PA. 16214

LUNCHEON One League's annual meeting and luncheon was served gratis with members contributing whatever they felt the luncheon was worth to ERA.

BOOTHS LWV Booths with literature and collection cans for ERA will be sponsored by Meadville Area and Southern Chester County, Pa.

DIRECT MAILING Three Leagues have sent out separate mailings to all members which so far have netted \$215. One League plans to send letters to individual business and professional women.

FLEA MARKET Haverford Township League sponsored "Super Saturday" - a flea market - for a special fund raising event in October of 1976, and realized a profit from the leasing of space at the various dealers. They found it to be a successful project and would be willing to share the organizational details with anyone interested. Send self-addressed envelope to Vicki Shaner, 1364 Dermond Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

ART AUCTION One League scheduled a Wine & Cheese and Art Auction Party for ERA.

ERA Envelope One League reprinted a pot-of-gold speech their president made at the annual meeting and enclosed an envelope with a rainbow and pot-of-gold for ERA at the end. Inside were ideas for each member on how to fill the envelope to raise money for ERA. They included: 1. Write a check. 2. Put in one dollar each week. 3. ask your friends. 4. Don't go out to dinner or movie. 5. Babysit for a friend. 6. Bake cakes & sell them. 8. Have a garage sale. 9. Care for a vacationing friend's plants, house, pet.

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SWIM
PARTY

One Penn. League planned a swim party with dancing & food at a country club and invited other organizations, officials, and League members.

ORGANIZA-
TIONS

York, Pa. is targeting 15 local women's groups, requesting ten minutes of their program time for a pep talk on ERA. During the talk they will pass an appropriately decorated basket for personal donations. At the conclusion they will ask the organization to donate \$100 toward ERA ratification. They have chosen groups such as the Dental Auxiliary, Medical Auxiliary, Welcome Wagon, Young Women's Club, Women's Club, BPW, etc., which usually get over 50 women attending meetings. League hopes to educate as well as motivate them to use their funds for mutual benefit.

CLASSIFIED
COLUMN

Indiana Co., PA. has a classified column in their bulletin listing things for sale to help raise money.

PENALTY
PAYMENT

Some Leagues are publishing lists of states in their bulletins that are unratified with members sending in donations for ERA as a penalty for vacationing in those states.

COLLEGE
CAMPUS

One League hopes to work through sororities on local campuses, and Pittsburgh Area has plans to raise money for ERA on local campuses.

ASKING
AND AD-
VERTISING

Many Leagues are asking for private donations from every possible source and publicizing ERA and the need for money in every possible way. One League went on TV in Phila. and spoke of the push from LWV for ratification and the issues involved. Others did radio programs on ERA.

ERA VERSUS
ERA SOFT-
BALL GAME

Since ERA also stands for earned run average, one League found themselves challenged to a softball game by a local radio station, and turned the event into a food-selling, publications-selling, donation-collecting, raffle-ticket-selling event to raise lots of money for the other ERA.

T SHIRTS

Pennsylvania and New Jersey Leagues are selling T shirts, "Women Belong in the House ... and Senate" and "I'm Perfect."

THEATER
PARTY

Houston LWV reserved half of the tickets in the Alley Theater for a special ERA benefit performance of Mary Stuart on October 15. A free champagne party follows the performance for ERA ticket holders. Anticipated profit -- \$2000.

PASS THE
HAT

Leagues are getting good response simply by "passing the hat" at League meetings. Houston has a variation on this theme -- a pledge tree at general meetings for pledge cards or contributions. The theme for their campaign is "The Greening of the Dream."

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Thank you all for your tremendous support for my appointment as a citizen member of the Texas Adult Probation Commission expressed in letters to Judge Greenhill. The judge did appoint me and although he didn't say how many letters he'd gotten, he said it was a great number. I hope I will continue to deserve your support during the four years of my term. We were sworn in on September 8th and I was elected "secretary." I would have preferred a different office as the only woman on the commission, but accepted the honor, of course. It does make me a member of the executive committee. Watch the next Texas VOTER for a report of our first few meetings. Keep me informed about ideas/problems you have for the commission to address, keep in good touch with your local probation department, and urge them to transmit their concerns to me either directly or through your League.

Juvenile consensus reports are coming in, and the consensus deadline for Phase I is October 7, 1977.

I have received seven questionnaires ("Administration of Juvenile Justice Interview Schedule, Appendix B, Juvenile Justice Leaders Guide, Jan. 1977"). from local Leagues. This is not enough to make a valid comparison of juvenile departments and systems around the state, so if you are contemplating sending in your answers, they are still needed. Of course, such an undertaking is strictly voluntary on your part.

The big news from the September board meeting in Austin is that we have shifted our focus for the first year of the biennium to juvenile corrections. We will study juvenile corrections, i.e. juvenile probation and the Texas Youth Council, in the coming year instead of adult corrections, which will be postponed until later in the biennium. We plan to maintain the same deadline for mailing materials to local Leagues: March 10, 1978. However, I would suggest those Leagues who have scheduled justice meetings in April, 1978 to consider scheduling these for May, 1978 instead. The consensus deadline for juvenile justice, phase II, is November, 1978, so you have the alternative of fall meetings if you wish. We have several people researching various parts of the study, and it will take time to coordinate these efforts. To be on the safe side, we suggest scheduling justice programs in May rather than April.

One final reminder...local Leagues are encouraged to take local action on state justice positions where applicable--especially pre-trial release, diversion, etc.

Another optional project: The Jail Standards Commission has surveyed all jails in the state. You can find out how your measures up and work for implementing improvements if called for. Keep in touch!

Jan Coggeshall
Director, Human Resources

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Program - Human Resources

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. URBAN CRISIS: Planning continues on setting up a League workshop on the urban crisis Nov. 9-10 in Austin for the six largest Leagues (with 150+ members) in conjunction with "big-League" management sessions. We plan to address the questions: Has the urban crisis come to Texas? and What impact do actions of the Texas legislature have on the urban crisis/Texas cities? We plan to tape the conference and summarize the results for use by all local Leagues. Details are being sent to the six Leagues involved.
2. INCOME ASSISTANCE: Many of you are planning an update on the income assistance programs. Be sure to use the latest Report From the Hill in determining League concerns and positions on the Carter proposals. This material can also be put in your VOTER. We are making a slide show on welfare and the reform proposals this fall, but it will not be ready until November. It can be used as a speakers bureau tool. More details on the slide show later.
3. PUBLIC FORUMS: The state League has agreed to participate in the planning of a grant from the Texas Humanities Committee on Public Policy to hold a series of public forums on welfare reform throughout the state. Members of an old coalition, called Texans for Welfare Reform, to which the League belongs, have been asked by the Texas United Community Services to participate in planning the grant request. Since there has not been a planning meeting as yet, details are not available. Local Leagues may or may not choose to participate if they are held in your area.
4. HR KIT #2: I plan to get out HR Kit #2 by early Oct. It will be sent automatically to those Leagues which requested HR Kit #1. It will deal with responses to the Carter proposals.
5. ACTION ON INCOME ASSISTANCE: If you are not holding meetings on income assistance, it is not too early to have your local action chair begin to become familiar with the welfare reform proposals, particularly in Report From the Hill. This person can begin to put material from Report in your local VOTER. (It is useful to pull out the Income Assistance sections in that publication and keep them together as background information.) We want all the action chairs in Texas Leagues to be able to respond to Calls for Action from the national League beginning in January on the many proposals. Educate yourselves now and lobby later....
6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Despite the public testimony and lobbying efforts of the Midland League, their city has turned down Community Development Funds because the council objected to funding a rental assistance program. The Midland League did a great job and should be congratulated, despite their inability to turn the vote around. It is significant, however, that HUD made this ruling, and Leagues should begin to look at their own community development proposals in light of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Pat Harris' efforts to make sure these funds are used as they were set forth by law.
7. HOUSING: Since housing was a priority issue coming out of Convention, you may want to order the consumer newsletter from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Consumer Affairs and Regulatory Functions, Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, Washington, D.C., 20410. It contains information about Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, tenant participation.
8. Have a good autumn!

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SUMMARY OF SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY; CDBG PROGRAM (Community Development Block Grant Program), DECEMBER, 1976

It is always risky to summarize a 23-page detailed statement into one, but the alternative seems to be worse: not to have read it at all. Herewith:

The report focuses on a comparison of the first (1975) and second (1976) years' experiences and substantial changes which occurred in uses by local governments. My notes:

1. Neighborhood preservation and rehabilitation activities show a substantial increase. Communities are having some successes in attracting private funds to deteriorated areas, drawing \$2.40 in private investment for every CDBG dollar spent.

2. Legislative objections showed little change. There was a slight increase in conservation and expansion of housing stock (16.3% to 19.6% of funds) and an equal decrease in funds devoted to improvement of quality and quantity of public services. HUD has approved \$5.08 billion in CDBG funds for over 4500 communities over the past two years. (513 cities, 740 small communities, 76 urban counties and 3500 "discretionary" or non-metropolitan communities.)

In 1976, 57.3% of the CDBG was funded for activities benefiting low and moderate-income areas, 38.6% for prevention or elimination of blight and 9.6% for other community needs.

From the first to second year, there has been a decline from 63.6% to 57.3% in proportion of funds benefiting low or moderate income areas and families.

The primary thrust (78%) of activity remains in residential areas.

3. Annual Housing Assistance goal showed an overall increase of 10% of funds from 1975 to 1976. Rehabilitation of units increased 37% while new construction decreased 6.5%. The program mix of Housing Assistance Plans in Fiscal 1976: 35% new units, 38% rehab., 27% rental subsidies. 72% of goals for total low-income housing need were for rental units.

4. Rehabilitation and Neighborhood Preservation: Communities planned to rehabilitate 36% more residential dwelling units than 1975.

5. Citizen Participation: In a 39-city survey, over 80% of these cities use a citizen advisory committee to channel public opinion to local offices. In participation, neighborhood groups were by far the most active participants, then came the LWV, community action councils, and business groups. Less involvement was shown by churches, low income groups, and the Chamber of Commerce. Civil rights groups, labor unions, political parties, and model city committees did not participate in most cities.

Citizens were most active in the early program stages rather than in program implementation.

The most frequent complaint lodged with HUD concerned the inadequacies in the citizen participation process. Dissatisfaction was found in almost all cities which lack representative citizen advisory structures.

6. Jobs: The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that each million dollars of CDBG expenditures generates 84 potential jobs in the public and private sector.

ask for:

Copies are available from Department of HUD, Community Development Block Grant Program, Second Annual Report, Executive Summary, December 1976. Address: HUD, Office of Evaluation, Washington, D.C. 20410

Bobette Higgins
Director, Land Use
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Program - Lane Use

CZM CONFERENCE

Plans for a rousing conference on the recently-passed enabling legislation for the Texas Coastal Zone Management Program, and the implications of this for upland areas, are moving ahead.

The dates and place for the conference have been finally determined after much juggling and revising. We will meet in Corpus Christi on January 25 and 26. The conference will end at noon on the 26th, and we'll piggyback a water mini-conference during the afternoon of the 26th. (More on this from Catherine Perrine, Water Director.) We have secured funding from the office of Coastal Zone Management (pass-through grant via LWV-US-EF) and our own General Land Office. All local Leagues will have transportation expenses paid for one League member (land use/water or equivalent) plus one local elected official of your choosing. We are still trying to obtain funding for hotel expenses, but better ask your local League to spring for this in case we are unable to snag more money. All League members are welcome, but we can pay transportation for only one member plus an elected official. (Car pool and you can get lots of people to the conference).

June Kachtik, LWV-San Antonio, is our CZM Project Director, and you'll be hearing from her as plans develop.

Laura Keever
Director, Energy

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Program - Energy

ENERGY

As many of you know, the League of Women Voters of the United States has received a \$200,000 grant from ERDA to continue its energy studies and outreach programs. As a part of that grant, funds are being passed through to state leagues. The Texas portion is \$3750, and we have submitted a proposal to LWV-US to use the funds for three energy conferences (in Houston, Austin and Dallas), a videotape of selected portions of the Austin conference, and an energy information outreach program to other Texas organizations. We are fortunate in having outstanding coordinators for these various efforts, to wit:

Houston Conference Coordinators - Elsie Colwell (LWV-Houston)
Judy Allen (LWV-Beaumont)
Dallas Conference Coordinator - Pearl Wincorn (LWV-Dallas)
Austin Conference Coordinator - Dorothy Power (LWV-Austin)
Information Outreach Coordinator - Judy Allen (LWV-Beaumont)

The Houston conference will be on February 20 and the Austin and Dallas conferences will be sometime in March. We hope to have a local university cosponsor each conference, as well as FEA and the Texas Energy Advisory Council.

The Texas Energy Conservation Plan was accepted and funded by FEA, and an Energy Extension Service for Texas has been funded by ERDA. Both of these programs will be administered through the Governor's Office of Energy Resources, and I plan to have summaries of these programs to you soon. There will be opportunities for most local leagues to monitor, if not participate, in many of these programs.

The first meeting of the Texas Energy Advisory Council, now chaired by Bill Hobby, was held on September 9. The Council plans to continue (1) reviewing and updating policy, (2) acting on national energy issues, and (3) developing legislation for the next session. They are also responsible for the Energy Development Fund (\$1,500,000) and will be choosing research projects to be carried out thereunder.

Has your community made any energy conservation efforts? Are they making energy audits of public buildings--frequently free from most utility companies? Have they revised their automobile specifications? Are they purchasing energy-efficient equipment? Do they have someone in charge of energy conservation? Did you know that many Chambers of Commerce and the Jaycees are interested in energy conservation? Have you thought of joining efforts? These are but some of the many areas that are possible for your action at the local level. Keep me informed of your successes.

The LWV-T Energy Committee will be meeting next on November 1. (10:30 a.m. at the State League Office, 1212 Guadalupe, Austin.) They are a great group with many ideas--if you wish to join us, our meetings are open!

Most of you are taking consensus this fall, and while LWV-US has provided exceptional materials, let me know if I can be of help. Good luck!

Louise Cummins
Director, Government
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Program - Election Laws

ELECTION LAWS

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office is conducting schools for election workers throughout the state. The people from this office will go anywhere they are asked. Please check with your county election people and encourage them to request this training. With all of the changes in the election code, it is essential that election people be properly trained.

The Elections Division is also preparing a pamphlet about voter registration and other election procedures. Each local League will receive an initial mailing of 100 copies. Expect them sometime this fall. Additional copies may be ordered as needed. Please distribute them in the way you think most effective.

Coming later this fall:

- 1) A digest of all election law legislation passed by the 65th legislature.
- 2) A brochure on campaign financing.
- 3) A monitoring project designed for watching the effects of the voter registration legislation.
- 4) Answers to some frequently asked questions about Universal Voter Registration.

Shirley Gleason
Director, Membership

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Administration - Membership

MEMBERSHIP

The first part of this report contains suggestions on how to use your members' time.

While you are engaged in bringing in new members, do not forget to work extra hard at retaining current members and re-enlisting former members. Take stock of your membership and urge the board to tailor your League's work to meet the needs of your members. What is your League membership profile? You have a good idea of how many members go to school, work, etc.; but these are just figures. You, as membership chair, know the people, you can connect the names with the faces; now is the time to connect names, faces and interests and come up with a personal offer for involvement for each member (...an offer they can't refuse...). Go over your membership list and regroup them--disregard the words "active" and "inactive." Some suggestions for groups are:

1. Has a few hours/week to give but wants no responsibility;
2. Can take a short-term job with responsibility;
3. Can take a long-term small job;
4. Likes to study and do research;
5. Would be willing to co-chair a committee;
6. Likes people & remembers faces;
6. Is curious and loves to interview people (local study?);
8. Has interest in: Admin. of Justice
Energy
Natural Resources
United Nations
etc.

The next step is to personally contact each member to determine in which group or groups they want to be placed. Membership is a total board responsibility, so now you'll want to ask for board time to go over the groups with them. For instance, someone from group #1 might want to help put the VOTER together and mail it: someone from #2 might chair arrangements for the annual meeting (remember, many volunteers are happy to give their time if they know a job has a start and a finish). Also, don't presume a person with a small baby wants to be on the phone committee just because she's housebound--give her an interesting job, something to challenge her mind (she has enough non-intellectual work to cope with)--just make sure you chunk the job into manageable portions with lots of praise for the job she is doing and has done.

Also, going back to work is not a reason for dropping League membership--it may be a reason for not taking a large job, but certainly a working person wants to be well informed about what's going on in the world and can get information as a League member that isn't available anywhere else.

Remember, we must look at the League and the work it does from a different perspective. Let's keep up with the times, and fit the League to cope with people's changing lifestyles. Let's manage our time better and work at innovative ways of handling these League jobs we all enjoy doing so much.

In addition:

. The Membership Handbook -- After reviewing the comments and suggestions I received, it was decided to enlarge the original idea. After the membership committee has reviewed the handbook, it will be rewritten, submitted for editing, and presented to the state board at the Nov. board meeting for approval. Then I plan to have it mailed to you.

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where they move.

Please be sure this is sent right away.

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments, please let me hear from you.

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Bobette Higgins
Vice-President, Public Relations
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Administration - Public Relations

LOOKING AHEAD TO COUNCIL

We are planning what promises to be a super PR Workshop which will precede Council this year. Planned and conducted by Anne Blocker, a partner in the firm of La Mancha, Inc., and Mary Beth Rogers, who was on Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong's staff for several years, and now has her own PR firm in Austin, this workshop should be of enormous help with you Problems.

During the workshop, Anne and Mary Beth will do a critique of local League publications from the PR perspective, so be collecting samples of publications which you want to have evaluated. Include fact sheets, VOTERS, conference announcements, flyers, and all other types of publications. Send them to me at 1712 Highland Park Rd.; Denton, Texas, 76201, NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 and I'll deliver them to Anne.

Barbara Materka (Mrs. W.J.)
Media Director, LWV-T
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TIPS ON PREPARING PRESS RELEASES

Timing:

- . For an event, such as important speaker, conference, court case, which you want the press to cover, send the release well in advance to the assignment editor or to a reporter you know specializes in the issue to be covered.
- . For LWV reaction to fast-breaking news, such as a statement reporting an inaccuracy in a newspaper article or a statement in support of action taken by a local governmental body, the release should be called in or hand-delivered the same day.
- . When calling a press conference for a significant event, schedule a time that allows reporters to meet news deadlines. (Check this out in advance with assignment and news editors.)

Typing Format:

- . Double-space the release on your letterhead stationery.
- . Leave 1 1/2" Margins on both sides and type on only one side of a page.
- . Indicate at the top when the story is to be run. Examples: "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE", "FOR RELEASE AFTER 2 p.m. NOVEMBER 20", or "FOR RELEASE NOVEMBER 20."
- . Immediately below the release date, list the person in your group that the media can contact for background information, facts, quotes, or referrals and list that person's address and phone number.
- . Drop the dateline (Austin, Texas, November 20) one-third the way down the page to allow the editor space for special instructions or his own lead paragraph and headline.
- . At the bottom of the page write "MORE" if there is another page and at the end of the story write "END" or use the symbol "###" or "30."
- . Staple pages together but label top left-hand corner of second page with name of organization and the page number.

Content:

- . Limit your first or "lead" paragraph to the bare facts.
- . Include the 5 W's: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and sometimes add HOW.
- . Make the verb active and the subject concrete in your opening sentence.
- . Emphasize whichever W is most important to your story.
- . Be brief. Use short words, short sentences, short paragraphs. Try for one page in length, never exceed two.

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Tips on Preparing Press Releases

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- . Check facts, spelling, and typing. Accuracy is of utmost importance.
- . Use exact dates, not names of days of the week. (November 20, not next Tuesday)
- . Use exact names of buildings, places, people, and organizations.
- . Assume that if anything is cut it will be your last paragraph.

See Getting into Print, LWV-US Pub. #484, for further details. It is available at 25¢ per copy from national office.

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Diana Tilley
Director, Publications
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Administration-
Publications

PUBLICATIONS: PLANNING AHEAD

Now that we're entering an active election year, the League has a wonderful opportunity to let politically active people know about those publications of ours which could be of help to them, both in terms of issues and organization.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION:

Since time is of the essence, I recommend that you take copies of the state and national publications catalogues, asterisk the publications you think would be helpful, and send these catalogues to local candidates, party leaders, activist groups, etc. If you can't deliver these in person, a simple cover letter or a short note in a "Compliments of the LWV" card should accompany the catalogues. (Cards: LWVUS pub. #228. Free.)

OR

You might want to put together a packet of publications yourself, and make them available to candidates as they announce. This would be considerably easier for the candidates (not to mention your having the assurance that the pubs. actually reached their desks) and would be good p.r. for the League, but it might be expensive. If your funds are limited, consider a combination of these two ideas.

ALSO

Check with government teachers (using these same tactics) since surely there will be an emphasis on elections this Spring. And League publications might be useful for special projects. If possible, assign this task to parents of students in those schools. It might be more effective and would relieve you of a lot of running around.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON PUBLICATIONS

- 1) Continue to be a resource to your board. For example, note the repro proofs for Voters Service (LWVUS Leaders catalogue, pg. 10, Free), "Your Vote Makes a Difference" poster (LWVUS Member and the Public catalogue, pg. 11, 100/\$1.00).
- 2) If you can't afford a national DPM, consider ordering the LWVUS Publication Service for \$10/year (see LWVUS catalogues for details).
- 3) A folding pattern board makes a good, inexpensive portable publications display board. (Fellow non-sew-ers: ask a friend what in the world this is. IT'S ALL OUR MOTHERS' FAULT.)
- 4) When you display League publications at candidates forums, teachers meetings, etc., focus your presentation on a few timely publications and have catalogues available. When we display everything the League publishes, I suspect it boggles the mind and dilutes the impact.
- 5) Feature single publications in your VOTER and at unit meetings every month.
- 6) Use your observer corps to deliver publications.
- 7) Encourage your board to produce graphically attractive publications (NEVER MIND "Do as I say, not as I do). It may cost a little more or take more time or both, but remember that League publications are competing for people's attention. There have been some very good looking publications from local Leagues lately. Don't just sit there, STEAL--but ask first.
- 8) Both state and national publications include the names of authors/editors whenever possible. Your board might want to adopt this policy.
- 9) Set up a calendar for publications. This will help you anticipate local League needs in program and Voters Service. Include community activities where pubs. might be displayed and/or sold. List Council as a time when you can pick up state publications.

FINAL WORD

If you have any questions about sales tax, how to set up a subscription service, etc., please let me know. It forces me to learn! We are here to learn, right? This isn't just a form of masochism, is it? There is life after League, isn't there? For the answers to these and other questions (preferably having to do with the general miseries of publications) write your name and address and the words "HELP" on a postcard, and send it to me at the above address.

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Barbara Materka (Mrs. W.J.)
VOTER Editor, LWV-T
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Administration - VOTER

THE NEW MATH OF GOOD VOTERS:

READING + REASSESSMENT + RESOLVE = RESULTS

The good news is that someone out there seems to be reading state board reports and utilizing the recently mailed VOTER Editor's Kit. From where I sit--reading LL VOTERS--I see plenty of evidence of improvement. I see it in the form of better format, better stencil cutting, better drawings, better mastheads, even better color. Some of those Leagues whose new or improved look comes to mind are: Dallas, Gainesville, Galveston, and Victoria. Many are showing improvement in content as well, with more intriguing articles on publications, on recruitment for jobs and recognition for jobs well done, on observer reports, and on summaries of board actions. Those who included vital information on the ERA campaign are to be especially congratulated.

The bad news is that I am not receiving VOTERS from all LLs. Those not heard from since June are: Brownsville, Deer Park, Edinburg/McAllen, Garland, Harlingen, Lamar Co., Longview, Odessa, Pearland, Richardson, Sherman, Tyler, and Wichita Falls. PLEASE put me on your mailing list. (See address above.)

Very minor bad news, because it applies to so few and can be so easily corrected: "Consensus" is still being misspelled. Think of it as "con" meaning "together" + "sensus" meaning "the sense of." Thus, it's the sense of what we said together." If your mind works better in mathematical terms, think "1 c" and 3 s's." When in doubt, use the term "member agreement."

Finally, I would like to hear from YOU, those for whom it was designed, the good news and the bad news about that VOTER Editor's Kit. What could be added the next time around to increase its usefulness? What was most helpful, least helpful? Your ideas are very valuable and MOST welcome.

Catherine Perrine
Director, Water
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Program - Water

WATER

TEXAS WATER PLAN: Our LWV-Texas response to the Phase I Planning Documents (the Fat Blue Books) will be in at least two phases. The first response is enclosed with this report (a letter to Dr. Herb Grubb, TWDB Planning Director) and includes our principal concern: that information on costs, financing arrangements, environmental effects, conservation opportunities, etc. be available before amendments to the Texas Water Plan are considered. We also urge appointment of a broadly-representative statewide citizen advisory council to review planning data, suggest goals and policies, and encourage citizen participation in Texas water planning. I am now compiling (with difficulty) our more detailed comments on the Planning Documents.

TOP STAFF MEMBERS OF THE NEW TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES met with the LWV state board on Sept. 7. Our visitors were: Charles Nemir, Acting Executive Director; Dick Whittington, Acting Deputy Director; Seth Burnitt, A. E. Richardson, and Emory Long, Acting Assistant Directors; Dr. Herb Grubb, Director of Planning for Water Development; and Dr. Peggy Glass, Director of Planning for Water Quality.

Dr. Grubb gave an overview of the Continuing Water Resources Planning documents. Mr. Nemir and other staff members answered our questions about the new departmental organization. Meanwhile, the search for a "permanent" executive director continues in executive sessions of the Water Development Board, and the future course of water plan revisions is uncertain.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES has been charged by Speaker Clayton with monitoring the new Department of Water Resources, reviewing revisions of the Texas Water Plan, and assessing progress of water rights adjudication. Members of the Interim Subcommittee which will be studying these matters are:

Tom Craddick of Midland, Chairman

Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi

Ronald Coleman of El Paso

Culeen R. Looney of Edinburg

Jim D. Rudd of Brownfield

Please take advantage of any opportunity you may have to discuss the League's positions on water planning with these legislators. I will be getting notices of the Interim Committee meetings, which may begin in October.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEXAS WATER COMMISSION were made by Gov. Briscoe in early Sept.: Joe Carter of Sherman, Chairman; Joe R. Carroll of Snyder; and Dorsey Hardeman of San Angelo. These are the three members of the former Texas Water Rights Commission. They will retain the "judicial" duties of the TWRC, plus similar responsibilities for hearings, permits, etc., formerly handled by the TWQB and TWDB.

JANUARY 25-26 are important days to mark on your calendar for a LWV-Texas conference in Corpus Christi on Coastal Management (first 1 1/2 days) and Water (the afternoon of January 26). We'll pack as much information as possible into that half day--both on Texas Water Planning and on Groundwater Management.

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RECOMMENDED READING: A&M publishes/excellent and readable monthly newsletter called Texas Water Resources. Subscriptions are free. To get on the mailing list, write to:

Lou Ellen Ruesink, Editor

Texas Water Resources Institute

Texas A&M University

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Dr. Herb Grubb
Director of Planning
Texas Water Development Board
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Dear Dr. Grubb:

We commend and thank the Texas Water Development Board and its staff for making available to the public the very comprehensive information on the State's water resources contained in the Phase I draft planning volumes, which are a part of the Board's Continuing Water Resources Planning and Development for Texas. This information is basic to the formulation of a Water Resources Plan that will meet the needs of the State in the most economical and beneficial way.

The League's principal concern is with the planning process and with the use that will be made of the planning documents.

Trying to get a total picture of Texas Water Resources Planning from the Phase I information is something like trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle with only half the pieces on hand. The cover letter for these volumes indicates that Phase II information will include:

- detailed hydrologic and river basin operation studies,
- environmental analyses,
- analyses of energy needs and available energy supplies necessary to implement needed water resources projects,
- opportunities for conservation and more efficient use of the State's available water resources, and
- funding needs and alternative methods of financing future water resources development.

Without the Phase II data, it is impossible to judge the merits of the various preliminary plan elements which are included in the River and Coastal Basin Analyses and in the Summary Tables and Maps included in the second volume of the Phase I Study.

We therefore urge that the Phase II data on costs and financing arrangements, energy requirements, environmental effects, conservation opportunities, and basin operations be made available prior to any consideration of the specific plan proposals.

We believe, also, that it is important to develop a clear statement of goals and policies to serve as guidelines for the planning process. Some general consensus--acceptable to the Water Development Board, the people of Texas, and the Legislature--must be reached as to what purposes should be served by Water Resources Planning.

The first volume of the current study discusses a number of topics which might be considered in the formulation of goals: meeting the residential water needs of all Texas citizens, encouraging economic growth, maintaining agricultural productivity, protecting natural resources, conserving water, improving water quality, reducing the potential for flood and hurricane damage, assuring the cost-effectiveness of water development projects, and others.

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Enclosure: Working Effectively with Advisory Committees EPA, May 1977

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Missing - note
Lucy -
TO: LL Presidents, Members-at-large
FROM: Betty Anderson, President
RE: Advance Board Report on meeting of state board,
Sept. 6-9

LWV of Texas
September 12, 1977
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The state board met in Austin during a four-day period last week. Wednesday seven members of the top management team of the newly-formed Texas Department of Water Resources came to Rather House to dialogue with us about the structure of their new organization and the "continuous water plan."

On Thursday we were delighted to be at the swearing-in of our own Diana Clark as a member of the Texas Adult Probation Commission. She is one of three citizen members. We appreciated the letters you sent to Judge Greenhill nominating Diana.

The State Board Reports will be mailed Sept. 23rd, however, the following items need your immediate attention:

****VOTERS GUIDES State Voters Guides on the seven constitutional amendments to be voted on Nov. 8 will be printed this month. The guides will include the wording that will be found on the ballot, a short explanation, and arguments for and against. In order to keep costs at a minimum, we need your orders by mail or phone BY SEPTEMBER 21st. (The office is staffed between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You may now call during other hours and leave a message since we have an automatic phone-answering device donated by Meg Titus). Please note on the enclosed order form if you do not wish to order (Austin, Dallas, and Houston need not reply.) Because of the time factor, pre-payment will not be necessary. If, however, you are able to pre-pay, checks should be made out to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. Members-at-large will automatically receive 50 copies of the Voters Guide.

The cost of the Guides will be \$15.00 per thousand plus tax, mailed directly from the printer beginning Sept. 26th.

. ERA - The national office reminds us that ten percent of the pledges to the ERA campaign fund must be sent this month. The state office will be happy to forward your ERA money to national. Please let us know if you send money directly to national.

In other business, we considered these areas:

Budget - Budget Chair Lucy Polter met with us Tuesday evening to start planning the 1978-79 budget. The committee will meet in Austin Oct. 10 and 11, and Lucy encourages you to offer suggestions in connection with the budget to members of the committee before that meeting. Members include:

Lucy Polter, Chair,
Myrtle McMahan,
Nancy Price,
Karen Shaw,

Board representatives include Jan Albers, Beth Brown, and Diana Tilley. Serving ex officio are Betty Anderson, Ethel Sturgis, Carole Shlipak.

Upcoming Events:

- . "Big Leagues" Conference, Nov. 9 and 10 in Austin featuring "Has the Urban Crisis Come to Texas?" plus sessions on office operations, program and membership management.
- . Hands-On Public Relations Workshop, April 3-4 prior to Council in Lubbock. Start making plans now for your PR director to attend.

Missing? (over, please)

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- Council will feature LWV-US VP M. Joanne Hayes, who will conduct a min-litigation workshop.
- The Coastal Sone Management/Water Seminar has been postponed until January.
- In the planning stages:
 - Gubernatorial or senatorial debates
 - A Citizen Participation Packet for statewide distribution

Miscellaneous Announcements

- Please change your LL President and VOTER mailing lists:

- Pearlard's president: Helen Beckman, 2705 Churchill, Pearlard 77581
- HR Kit #1 is still available from the S.O. upon request.
- LWV-Waco has requested that other Leagues that have worked to form or support a school tri-ethnic or human resources committee contact Marilyn Dick, [redacted]
- Please inform your bylaws chair that all proposed revisions of LL bylaws must be submitted for consideration to state bylaws chair Shirley Gleason, [redacted] three months before the LL annual meeting. Dec 10?
- Enclosed is the Texas Legislative Council analysis of the constitutional amendments for your use (Speakers Bureau, CI/VS, etc.).

CALENDAR

- October 7 Deadline for juvenile justice consensus.
- October 10 State budget committee, Austin
- Oct. 12-13 LWV-TEF and LWV-Houston Education Fund conference: Environmental Cancer: Report to the Public. Houston
- November 8-9 State board meeting, Dallas *Don't have info. contrib. from*
- Nov. 10-11 "Big Leagues" Conference, Austin
- (The Coastal Zone Management/Water Conference has been postponed until January).

TO: LL Presidents, DPM
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

LWV of Texas
August 12, 1977
LL Presidents Mailing, DPM
I. Q.
President's Letter

While I am technically "vacationing" from the President's Letter this month, here are a few noteworthy items for your consideration.

"We are told that this (women's) movement is quite different from all others because there is an organized opposition of women themselves against it, but this "remonstrant" (to protest) is not new. This century has witnessed 10 generations of remonstrants. In 1800, the remonstrant was horrified at the study of geography. In 1810, she accepted geography but protested against philosophy. In 1820, she accepted philosophy but protested against college education. In 1840, she accepted college education but remonstrated against property laws for married women. In 1850, she accepted property laws for married women, but remonstrated against public speaking. In 1860, she protested against freedom of organization. In 1870, she remonstrated against the professions for women. In 1880, she protested against school suffrage. In 1890, she protested against women in offices. In 1900, she accepts everything that the former generation of remonstrants has protested against, and availing herself to the privileges of free speech secured by the Women's Rights movement, pleads publicly that she may be saved from the burden of voting.

The remonstrant of 1800 said "indelicate," of 1850 "immodest," of 1900 "impractical," That the forces of conservation will surrender as unconditionally to the forces of justice in the great battle of the impractical as they did in the battle of the indelicate and of the immodest is as inevitable as that the sun will rise tomorrow."

The above is a quote from Ann Howard Shaw, as she assumed the presidency of the National American Suffrage Association in 1904. Reprinted from "Noticias De Mujeres," New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, Volume 2, #2, June 1977.

--Please note and follow carefully the methods for ERA contribution accounting mentioned in the Program Update in this mailing.

--Development Director Carole Shlipak has announced a contribution of \$2,000 to the Texas Education Fund for 1977 by the Champlin Petroleum Company. Their corporate headquarters are in Fort Worth. This generous contribution from Champlin, and Carole's work are greatly appreciated.

--Jan Albers has been cited for a "magnificent presentation" at the state meeting of the Texas Council of Family Service Agencies last month. She spoke about the resources that are available to help their organization become more politically effective. The executive director expressed appreciation from their infant organization.

✓ --Included in this mailing are two copies to each LL president (one copy for DPMs) of the revised Education Fund Handbook, plus a supply of Ed. Fund forms. Please forward the second copy of the handbook plus the forms to your treasurer.

✓ --Also enclosed is a brochure from the Foreign Policy Association previewing their 1978 Great Decisions program. Please pass this on to your International Relations Director, Program VP, or foreign policy buff.

--Those of you in the Austin area may be interested in the convention of the Texas Consumer Association, August 27th. Part of the program will be a debate between Bob Krueger and Jim Flug concerning energy regulation or deregulation. See enclosed.

✓ --And the gremlins have struck again. Please alert especially your treasurer to the following address correction for Ethel Sturgis, LWV-T & LWV-TEF treasurer:

Correct address: 3613 Wooten Dr.

LWV of Texas

July 8, 1977

LL Presidents Mailing, DPM

I.Q.

Administration

President's Letter

To: LL Presidents, DPM

From: Betty Anderson, President

We urge you to immediately respond to the enclosed Action Alert by wire or phone. Although we had not seen much hope for equilization in this special session on school finance, Coleman, et. al., have introduced HB 3, which we can support--and which has a chance of passage. I testified before the House Education Committee today (7/8) supporting the Coleman bill. Your legislators need to hear from you!

Eight state board members were in Austin this week for a mid-summer assessment and planning ahead time. Directors Catherine Perrine, Jan Albers, Laura Keever, and Diana Tilley were in part of the week while the Executive Committee met.

Managing objective items. Energy and water plans are being reviewed this summer. Energy Director Laura Keever is preparing comment on the Energy Conservation Plan for submission, although there will be no public hearing. Water Director Catherine Perrine's comments on Phase I of the Texas Water Plan will be included in the September Texas VOTER. She urges you to get your comments to her by July 20th. HR Director Jan Coggeshall conferred with Department of Public Welfare officials this week; be sure to read her memo on income assistance/employment.

Women's Issues. We appreciate the response from the 15 Leagues which pledged to the ERA Ratification Campaign. Other fund raising efforts in the state will be announced in the fall. I regret that I missed the IWY Conference in Austin last month, but I understand that a pro-ERA resolution was passed. I would like to thank all of you who worked to get me elected as a delegate to the national IWY Conference in Houston in November. It will be a pleasure to represent you.

Publications Director Diana Tilley distributed quite a bit of material from the LWV booth at the IWY Conference. She placed advertisements about the League in eight newspapers (Corsicana, Kerrville, Killeen, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, San Angelo, Texarkana, Hondo, and Kingsville).

Money Matters. The state budget committee will meet in Austin in October. The following persons have accepted appointments to the committee: Lucy Polter of Dallas, chair; Karen Shaw of Pearland, Nancy Price of San Antonio, and Myrtle McMahan of Tarrant County. The state board representatives are Beth Brown, Jan Albers and Diana Tilley.

We are pleased to announce that Madeline Appel of Houston has agreed to serve as chair of the national budget committee next year. She served with distinction on that committee last year. We are very proud of her!

(over, please)

The good news from Development Director Carole Shlipak is that \$5300 (plus in-kind contributions from the Bloom Agency and Zale's) has been contributed to the League of Women Voters of Texas since Convention. The donors and contributions are: Texas AFL-CIO \$2,000; Texas Utilities \$2,000, Liquid Paper, \$600; Halliburton, \$500; Ralph Rogers, \$100, and Tracor, \$100. Your good works help make state fundraising easier.

Texas Education Fund

Voters Guides--Final decisions will be made in September, but we anticipate printing a Voters Guide on the seven amendments.

Chemical Carcinogen Conference--Gus Speth, one of the three members of the Council on Environmental Quality, has agreed to speak at the conference, which is sponsored by the LWV of Texas and the LWV of Houston in conjunction with Tenneco Chemicals, October 12-13.

The revised TEF Handbook will be sent in the August mailing.

LL Projects. Projects have been approved and processed for Amarillo, Denton, and Baytown. Midland's request for a scholarship for student for travel to Washington, D. C. and San Antonio Area's Conference on Land Use decisions are seeking approval by a mail poll of the trustees.

PROGRAM UPDATE (Cont.)

The following notices would have been placed on the Program Update memo, but I have discovered they are already run off and stapled.

- Laura Keever, Judy Allen of Beaumont and Pearl Wincorn of Dallas attended an Energy Conference in Washington in June. Watch the national VOTER for a summary of the conference. Four regional energy action conferences will be planned in Texas in the spring.
- The LWV of Texas has suggested Government Director Louise Cummins to serve on the Election Code Recodification Committee to Governor Briscoe. We cited Louise's expertise and the League's experience in election laws as reasons for appointing a Leaguer as one of the two citizen appointees. Your letters of recommendation to the governor would be appreciated. (Information about Diana Clark's nomination is included in Jan Wilbur's Program Update.)

Correction on LL Presidents list in the 1977-78 League Director--Martha Sarles, president of LWV of Galveston, telephone number is [REDACTED]

I am having a peaceful summer in Indiana. I hope you are having a good summer, too.

Pax,

Betty A.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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Betty Anderson
President

LWV of Texas
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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

Exciting plans for next year were made when the state board met at Camp Allen, located in a wooded area near Navasota. The setting was ideal as we took stock of ourselves and the League and looked at the year ahead. The organization of the board reflects the emphasis placed on program objectives (energy, water, and housing) and program adoption (administration of justice), as well as our responsibility for developing and resourcing local Leagues.

It is still too early to completely assess the success of the League legislative program in the 65th session of the Texas Legislature. Legislative Director, Barbara Nobles, Public School Finance Capitol Corps member Jan Albers, and I spent much of the day and night at the Capitol, May 30th. The madhouse antics displayed on the last day of the session reinforce our belief that our annual session position is a valid one!

Although the Governor may veto some of the bills on his desk during the month of June, early indications show some bright spots during this session:

Voting Rights--elimination of ballot stub signature
county election administration
voting rights for ex-felons
absentee ballots by mail
Commission to recodify election laws

Administration of justice--adult probation
speedy trials

Natural resources--Coastal Management bills
creation of Energy Development Fund
Texas Energy Advisory Council

Of course, failure of property tax legislation was our biggest disappointment. On the last day of the session, we presented the bill's sponsors, Representative Wayne Peveto and Senator Grant Jones with League memberships and cactus plants with this message:

"We have assessed your efforts in working for our top priority, improved property tax administration, and have confirmed through ratio studies that you should be granted membership in the League of Women Voters.

The cactus represents your willingness to tackle this thorny issue.

It is our hope that when you plant it in your yard, it will be appraised in an equal and uniform manner.

If you are having follow-up meetings with your legislators, consider asking these questions--in preparation for the 66th session of the Legislature:

1. What steps can the state take to encourage energy conservation?
2. What changes would you recommend to modernize the criminal justice system in Texas?
3. Would you support funding for the Jail Standards Commission?
4. Do you have suggestions to improve property tax administration in Texas?
5. Where will school finance be on your list of priorities next session?
What specific elements will you be working for?

(over, please)

Jan Wilbur and I represented LWV-Texas at national Council the first week in May. By this time you have received the council summary. Besides giving direction on national program, the most significant action taken by the delegates was on the ERA ratification campaign. Details of this action were sent in letters to local League presidents May 18th. In addition to the amount pledged by you by June 3rd, the state board approved the solicitation of an additional \$5,000 from outside sources. However, \$688,000 must be pledged before the ratification campaign is set in motion.

In the program section of this State Board Report, you will find details on how external forces impact our state program objectives. The national emphasis on welfare/income assistance affects our planning human resources items. Releasing plans on energy conservation and water by the state of Texas this summer necessarily affects our activities in these two areas. The state energy conservation plan hearing has been tentatively set for the week of June 20 in Austin. In the energy and land use areas, five Texas League participants will be attending national conferences in Washington in June. Statewide followup activities partially funded by pass-through funds, will be planned for fall.

Related to our planning is the fact that members have requested help with techniques and methods in managing program, public relations, money, and membership. With this in mind, we are scheduling a variety of activities, such as pilot seminars, regional workshops, and statewide conferences:

- . a statewide natural resources conference in the fall
- . a "big Leagues" conference November 10 in Austin
- . a North Central Texas public relations workshop in the winter
- . energy action conferences in February and March for Leaguers and legislators

Still on the drawing board are plans for a litigation workshop in connection with Council '78, a West Texas public relations workshop, and a pilot money-management seminar.

In the area of community and public relations, CI/VS Director Mary Harding and committee will explore implementing the convention resolutions to conduct gubernatorial debates next year. Funding for a Citizen Participation Project is being sought. (See the CI/VS section for more information.) The public relations division is also developing a statewide speakers bureau and public service announcements (PSAs) about the League.

You will also find in this report an update on development announcing contributions amounting to \$4,100 since convention, and special recognition of three LLs.

Lubbock was chosen as the site for Council '78, and San Antonio for Convention '79. We sincerely thank Austin for their gracious invitation and hope to take a raincheck.

Enclosed with this mailing is our new 1977-78 League Directory containing material pertinent to current operations. We think you will find it useful and convenient. It is being sent on standing order.

DPMS and Standing Orders are being sent only to those Leagues which have ordered them for 1977-78. Subscriptions from last year have expired. A limited number of extra copies were produced to fill those orders which have not yet been placed by local Leagues (deadline was May 15.) Forms for ordering and for listing your current board were in President's Packets at convention. Please notify the state office (quickly) of your intentions for this year.

According to our Texas Education Fund (TEF) guidelines, all requests for funds must be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for its prior approval. This approval process is intended to make sure that a proposed project is one that meets Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standards for use of tax-deductible money.

Because of timing problems, obtaining prior approval for Voters Guides has sometimes been difficult. Therefore, the Board of Trustees at its May meeting changed the guidelines to make Voters Guides the one exception, if timing makes it impossible to achieve prior approval.

In the July mailing yuu will also receive guidelines on three ways to get approval for your local League TEF project leisurely...quickly...or immediately.

I will be in West Lafayette, Indiana for the summer. The state office has my address and telephone number if you need me. I will also be in the state office the week of July 4th. The three vice-presidents and the other state board members are available for assistance.

Have a good summer!

Carole Shlipak
Director, Development
[REDACTED]

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June, 1977
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Administration-Development

DEVELOPMENT

1. Contributions received since convention include:

Texas Utilities Company - \$2,000

(this includes \$500 from the parent company, and \$500 from each of the three subsidiaries: Texas Power & Light, Dallas Power and Light, and Texas Electric Service Co.)

Texas AFL-CIO - \$2,000 to LWV-Texas

The Ralph B. Rogers Foundation - \$100 to TEF

2. Priority for the summer - preparation and printing of the 1975-77 Biennial Report of the LWV-Texas and LWV-TEF.

3. Special recognition to:

LWV-Waco Area - for an excellent publication on their community (and under-written by a local foundation!)

LWV-Orange Area - for exceeding their goal in the finance drive, and involving so many of their members in the drive.

LWV-Irving - for their handsomely-coordinated finance drive materials this year. The Irving material has served as a model for many local Leagues in Texas.

4. I hope you'll continue to send in names for state development calls.

Jan Wilbur
Program Vice-President, NR Coordinator

LWV of Texas
June, 1977
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PROGRAM

At the May retreat and board meeting, the board...

established priorities for program action:

INPUT: Worksheets from six program development breaks at convention; research by four directors-elect assigned to the four top items from convention-- Energy, Water, Housing, and Public School Finance; plus LWVUS priorities.

RESULT: All of program was assigned to one of four categories.

Category 1: Program items for major emphasis. Managed by a director with off-board persons and other directors as working members of the committees

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Manager</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Energy--Energy Conservation Plan | Laura Keever, director |
| Human Resources--income assistance & employment | Jan Coggeshall, director |
| Water--Texas Water Plan | Catherine Perrine, director |

Category 2: Program items with some activity anticipated and with a need to maintain significant awareness of the item on the part of the board of directors. Managed by directors (on-board) or associate directors (off-board) reporting to the program vice-president at least monthly.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Manager</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Land Use/Coastal Management | Bobette Higgins, PR vice-president |
| Air | Meg Titus, associate director |
| Voting Rights--Campaign Finance | Louise Cummins, director |

Category 3: Program items essentially in holding pattern to maintain capability to respond to local League or national League concerns. Managed by directors (on-board) or program consultants (off-board) reporting to program VP as needed.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Manager</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Public School Finance | Jan Albers, director |
| Property Tax Reform | Kay Irvin, consultant |
| HR--fair housing, revenue sharing, food stamps, welfare, housing & community development | Jan Coggeshall, director |
| State Government--judiciary | Helen Hunter, org. VP |
| NR--solid waste | Joyce Klein, consultant |
| NR--transportation | Jan Wilbur, prog. VP |
| State Government--voting rights, right to vote, election laws, rep. govt. | Louise Cummins, director |

Category 4: Program items on the shelf. Files will be maintained and added to, but no attempt will be made to keep up to date.

Single-member districts; status of women; integration in education; under state government: financing state government, executive, legislative, Texas constitutional revision, and state-local relations.

(over, please)

...named national program coordinators...

Human Resources--Jan Coggeshall
Natural Resources--Jan Wilbur
International Relations--Joan Kyre
Government--Louise Cummins

Basically this first step was little different in result from the practice previously followed, except that the total board shared in the decision making, setting the emphasis that should be placed on each item at this time.

A key element in priority setting is the necessity for maintaining flexibility. We will be ever watchful for changes in the situation and will move items up or down the scale of activity when a good case can be made for such action.

We will make systematic evaluation of our priorities and objectives every six months. Informal evaluation and assessment takes place day by day as we read newspapers, talk with elected officials, discuss with each other, and HEAR FROM YOU.

...and took a leap of faith.

In view of the short notice and the timing of the call for pledges for the ERA ratification campaign, the state board took a "leap of faith" and voted to pledge an amount \$5000 over the amount pledged by local Leagues by the deadline.

We took this action to demonstrate our support for the ERA and our commitment to aiding our sisters in the unratified states. The tactics and funding for the campaign must be changed to win by March 22, 1979--and the League can do it.

Our faith is that some of the Leagues which did not take action by the deadline will take positive action later. Perhaps some Leagues who chose not to make the commitment now will see a way clear to reconsider and raise some amount of money. We pledge ourselves to assist those who have pledged to surpass their goal, if possible.

In short, the state board is committed to passage of the ERA and has faith that you are, too. We do not anticipate the necessity for a major fund raising effort outside of assisting you is your community. We are, however, firm in our commitment to seeing that the pledge from Texas is met.

Meanwhile, we speak out...

Meg Titus, outgoing program vice-president and natural resources coordinator, was in Washington during the week of May 16 to lobby against the extension of the auto emissions compliance schedule. (See ACTION ALERT, May 18, 1977.)

The next week, on May 25, Meg testified at the Texas Air Control Board meeting in Houston. This time we were urging the TACB to "carefully and vigorously" enforce the offset policy of the Environmental Protection Agency. (This policy requires that in already-polluted areas, an increase in pollution from new or expanded plants must be balanced by a decrease in existing pollution before a permit can be issued.) For a full copy of the statement, contact the LWV-T state office. Ask for "Statement to TACB, May 25, 1977."

...and will speak out...

at the Urban Growth Forum in Dallas, June 8-9. Bobette Higgins, PR vice-president and land use chair, will present a statement with input from Jan Coggeshall, human resources director.

...and so can you. Dot Ridings, our nat'l HR chair, relates that the School Data Collection Survey (done by Office of Civil Rights since 1966) is in grave jeopardy. If you wish to take action to protect this valuable information source & need further information, please contact me.

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Juvenile Justice

The state League has joined the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice, an organization of groups involved in improving services to youth within the juvenile justice system. Local Leagues are encouraged to get in touch with this new organization as the state is being divided into five regions and they may wish to participate in organizing their region. The main office is:

Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Region 1 from Wichita Falls west and includes Abilene
Region 2 Fort Worth east to state line and south to Waco
Region 3 from Temple east to state line and including Houston
Region 4 from Austin south including San Antonio and Victoria
Region 5 Midland-Odessa west to El Paso
Organization dues are \$25.00 which entitles the state League to 5 votes at statewide meetings. Individuals are encouraged to join if they wish at a lesser amount.

Other juvenile justice news--My newspaper reports that a bill has been passed by both houses and sent to the governor which will allow juveniles adjudged delinquent and those adjudged status offenders to be commingled in Texas Youth Council facilities. Seemingly, this will violate the agreement to participate in the federal Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Act beginning in September, 1977. When we can find out more about the ramifications of this measure we will let you know.

For those Leagues who have used the J.J. questionnaire and are sending their answers to the state office or to me, PLEASE put the name of the League and your name on the copy. We neglected to provide a place for you to do that automatically.

Adult Justice

A wrap-up of criminal justice legislation will be forthcoming from the legislative office. Court administration, speedy trials, and adult probation are our successes. Bail bond reform was introduced too late in the session, the jail standards budget is in limbo unless federal money is available after August when their present grant is supposed to end.

New Business

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A definite outline and timetable have not yet been finalized but local Leagues should look for information on the above in early spring, 1978. There should be little need for additional work by local Leagues in contacting local officials on adult corrections. If there are League members who would be interested in participating in research on the above topics this summer, I would appreciate hearing from you immediately. Members from Brazos County, members-at-large from Huntsville, and others with particular knowledge of aspects of corrections are particularly needed.

Juvenile justice will not be neglected if several League members would agree to monitor board meetings of the Texas Youth Council in Austin and participate in Youth Council advisory boards (or monitor them) if you have a facility in your area. All this would be of great value for the juvenile study which will commence when adult corrections materials have been finished.

A word about scheduling meetings. Please DO NOT schedule meetings during the month immediately after printed program materials are scheduled to arrive. A very long time has been allowed before consensus deadline (see calendar) both to allow local Leagues flexibility in scheduling and to allow for unanticipated delays in the production of information.

Other juvenile justice news - My newspaper reports that a bill has been passed by both houses and sent to the governor which will allow juveniles adjudged delinquent and those adjudged status offenders to be committed in Texas Youth Council facilities. Seemingly, this will violate the agreement to participate in the federal juvenile delinquency prevention act beginning in September, 1977. When we can find out more about the ramifications of this measure we will let you know.

For those Leagues who have used the J.J. questionnaire and are sending their answers to the state office or to me, PLEASE put the name of the League and your name on the copy. We neglected to provide a place for you to do that automatically.

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Jan Coggeshall
Director, Human Resources

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II. A. 2.
Program - Human Resources

HUMAN RESOURCES

At convention in Fort Worth, many local Leagues discussed the need for more information/action in the human resources area. At the state board meeting in May, we agreed to assist you in two ways.

1. By now, you have received material from the national League stating that income assistance/employment is the #1 HR priority this year, and urging local Leagues to hold meetings on this subject in the fall. The state board, to the best of our ability, will assist you in this task.

2. Because you have asked for help in housing, and because of our strong position supporting expansion of the housing supply for low-income families, we are urging LLs to use the Community Development Act as one method of achieving this end. The state HR committee will provide you with as much information as possible so that you may act in your own community. (We are aware that some Texas Leagues have already done a spectacular job in this area, and we hope to use your successes in helping other LLs to do likewise.)

INCOME ASSISTANCE/EMPLOYMENT:

This is a great year to have an exciting meeting(s) in the human resources area. It is a "gut" level subject for both members and the public. The spinoff will be enormous, as you will be learning more about the Texas welfare system and local welfare practices at the same time. (This three-for-one learning bargain should not be missed!)

1. Many local Leagues do not have an HR chair. This can be an on- or off-board position. The goal for an HR chair is to provide information in this area, not to take consensus.

2. Remember, the goal is to educate the public about the inadequacies of present national welfare programs, and to be able to discuss the new welfare proposals with your own members, and ultimately with your legislators.

3. Find the April 15 memo from the national League, called "Guide to Analyzing State and Local Welfare Programs" and discuss it at your next board meeting. At this point, your board should consider whether or not you want to do something about the survey and/or hold a meeting this fall.

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4. Order the new national Current Focus called, "To Promote the General Welfare," at least for your committee. Consider where it might be sold or donated in the community.

5. The state HR committee will begin immediately to initiate plans to find visual aids, state welfare information aids, and material which might assist you when it comes to "talking Texas" in the welfare area. We will attempt to send out memos to your HR chairs this summer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT:

Local League presidents in Texas have recently received a copy of "Housing in the South, Needs and Responses." In addition, a new national publication, a Current Focus called "Growth and Housing" is en route. We hope you will find it useful in analyzing your local housing situation.

The Community Development Act has two major areas which include the Community Development Block Grants and the Section 8 Housing.

We will begin to get out memos to local HR chairs throughout this coming year. Meanwhile, getting a copy of the Act will be helpful to you, as will reading the material referred to above. You might send an observer, if this is not already being done, to attend your local housing authority meetings to see how they are handling Sec. 8 Housing.

All local League presidents: Please clip and send to: Jan Coggeshall

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From LWV of _____

Galveston, TX 77551

1. Hooray! We have an HR Chair:

Name _____

2. We do not have an HR Chair _____

Address _____

3. We are looking for an HR Chair _____

Zip _____

COMMENTS:

PHONE _____

Bobette Higgins
Director, Land Use
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June 1977
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II. A. 1. d.
Program - Land Use

HOW SWEET IT IS!

By now, you have possibly heard whether or not the Governor signed the bills implementing the Texas Coastal Management Program. But as I write this, we have only just now learned that the entire package has passed both houses of the legislature. So while this report may seem old hat by the time you read it, I am still in a state of euphoria.

As you are aware, this has been an intensely-fought battle. League participation has been vigorous and effective. (At the height of the debate on the floor of the House, League position was quoted/misquoted, and I received a hurried phone call from a legislative aide, while the legislator held the back mike). Now, if the Guv doesn't thwart The Will of the People, we're home free. (No, indeed, we are not. Assuring the carrying out of the intent of the legislation will be an uphill battle for years.)

In the meantime...HOW SWEET IT IS!

"Offshore Development" Conference

The General Land Office is sponsoring a national conference on impacts of offshore development. The League of Women Voters of Texas will be co-sponsors of the conference, along with the Environmental Policy Center of Washington, D.C., and the American Petroleum Institute. The conference will be held at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston on June 22, 23, 24. LEAGUE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED A SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS OF \$15. (The regular fee is \$50.) This includes two lunches, a reception, a tour, and all conference materials. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT WHO HAS RECEIVED COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT AND TIMELY EVENT. SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND MARK IT SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE, LWVT. Galveston Leaguers are assisting with the registration etc., and have asked that if Leaguers wish, they will be happy to arrange a special League get-together. So LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, AND I WILL NOTIFY GALVESTON.

Catherine Perrine
Director, Water

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Program - Water

WATER

Our Objective: One of our three newly-selected LWV-Texas priority objectives is: Adoption and implementation of a Texas Water Plan which will assure conservation and judicious development of water resources.

A new Texas Water Plan, which will update and supersede the 1968 Plan, may be adopted by the Texas Water Development Board this fall. Our immediate goal will be to work for a Plan that conforms to our League positions. (See back of this page.)

A Review Draft of the new Water Plan is scheduled to be released soon. Each local League president will be mailed a copy. The TWDB staff anticipates that three to four months will be allowed for public comment before the new Texas Water Plan is adopted by the Board. Public hearings will probably be held during this period.

The Review Draft will be a hefty two-volume study--probably not every League member's idea of fascinating summer reading. Nevertheless, we will need to start reading and planning right away for our views to have an impact on the Plan.

Getting Started: Our LWV-Texas statements and action on the Water Plan should reflect the thinking of League members throughout the state, I want to hear from you! So please find people in your League now who will:

- read and analyze the Review Draft in light of our League support positions
- consult with other citizen groups and "water experts" who share the League's interests in water planning
- suggest League positions on the proposed Plan and strategies for League action.

If additional copies of the Review Draft would be useful, suggest that individuals request these now from: Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711. They should also ask to be placed on the mailing list for Water for Texas, the TWDB's monthly magazine. (People already on this list will receive the Review Draft.)

For background information, see The Texas Water Plan - Now and Then, which accompanied the September 1974 Texas VOTER. It has a useful bibliography.

By June 10, please mail me a list (with addresses and phone numbers) of:

- (1) the person in your League who will be coordinating local action on the Water Plan
- (2) other League members who will be working on this objective and who should get mailings from me about the Water Plan
- (3) citizen groups and "water experts" who can work with us on this objective.

Within three weeks after the Review Draft reaches you, I would like to have your League's first suggestions as to our positions and actions on the proposed Plan: What aspects of the Plan should we support? What changes should we suggest? What data can we use to support our positions? How can we get public support, and the support of the Water Development Board, for our positions?

Why the rush? Limited time will be available for public review of the proposed Plan. We want to spend most of that time advocating our positions--not arriving at them. As your first suggestions come in, the state board's Water Committee will work out general League positions, which can become more specific later on.

(over, please)

At the April 1977 State Convention, the League of Women Voters of Texas adopted the following item as a part of the 1977-79 state program:

NATURAL RESOURCES

Focus: Study of groundwater management and protection

Action to achieve conservation and judicious development of land and water resources, the improvement of water and air quality, and the conservation of energy. Support of development of public transportation.

Specific LWV-Texas support positions reached through past consensus include:

WATER (1956 & 1970)

- . state government should have the responsibility for water planning and development in Texas
- . all such planning must take into consideration its social, environmental, economic, and land use implications
- . development of adequate water supplies should be achieved by ecologically and financially sound means, and as a result of a long-range water plan for Texas**
- . use of present water supplies must afford protection for the land and the fragile ecosystems, and should be accomplished through such measures as conservation, re-use, and increased research into the wise and efficient use of the state's land and water resources.

LAND USE (1976) Support of a Comprehensive State Land Use Policy Which Would Provide for the Orderly Development of the State in a Manner Which Assures Adequate Protection of the Environment, Improvement of the Quality of Life, and Wise Use of Our Natural Resources

- . land should be used according to its carrying capacity based on a thorough inventory of our land and natural resources
- . growth and development of an area should be compatible with the availability of the essential natural resources of that area
- . care must be taken to protect the traditional rights of ownership of property, but where there are conflicts between private interest and public welfare, public interest should take precedence
- . agricultural lands and desirable open space should be preserved with preferential tax treatment for both of these
- . preferential tax treatment should be given for maintenance of the built environment
- . a state land use management agency should be established
- . areas of particular significance should be identified and protected: historical, archaeological, aesthetic, recreational, and rare or fragile ecosystems
- . the main thrust of land use planning should be carried out at the local level, with an equitable system of enforcement

****Note:** This support position is shown as amended by the 1977 convention. The convention voted to delete the words "from within the state" which previously followed the word "achieved."

Laura Keever
Director, Energy
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LWV of Texas
June, 1977
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Program - Energy

ENERGY

The hearing for the state energy conservation plan has been tentatively scheduled for the week of June 20. The exact date will be posted in the Texas Register, which can be found in most public libraries. There will be only one hearing, which will be in Austin. I am hopeful of having the Executive Summary (if not the entire plan) sent to each League--please forward it to your energy chairperson. If your League wishes to make an oral statement, please inform me for coordinating purposes. Otherwise, if the information is received early enough, I encourage you to make written comments. I will make an oral statement on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. I hope all of you familiarize yourself with the plan and respond appropriately. I think it will form the basis for much of the energy conservation effort in Texas.

Pearl Wincorn of Dallas and Judy Allen of Beaumont will be attending a conference in Washington next week on energy alternatives in preparation for our forthcoming consensus. I will also be attending that conference (as a member of the LWVUS Energy Committee), and Joe Ventura, Executive Director of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council, has accepted our invitation to be the third participant from Texas. Hopefully, pass-through funds will be available to Texas for an energy conference for LL delegates.

Other plans in the energy area for the next year include several fact sheets on various energy issues, and a series of three conferences for local Leagues and their legislators. These are tentatively scheduled for February and March--more about them when plans are more definite.

Texas is submitting a proposal for \$1.1 million to ERDA for an energy extension service, and chances are good that we may receive one of the ten grants available. I am serving on the steering committee for that proposal and will keep you informed of the status thereof.

I hope you have communicated with your national legislators in response to the request in the last Report from the Hill. It is particularly important that Texas legislators know that the League supports various portions of the Carter conservation proposals.

I know you are looking forward to consensus in the fall--please give me a call if I can be of assistance.

Helen Hunter
Organization Vice-President

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Program - Meaningful Mtgs.

INFORMATION POOL

LWV-Houston offers the following presentation to Leagues which are no more than 1½ to 2 hours of travel time by car.

1. A slide show and program on 208 water planning which could be used for unit presentations or community meeting. It is ready now.
2. A slide show on how to vote and a "get-out-the-vote" talk which works well for community meetings; it can be augmented by having two elected officials representing the two major political parties speak--i.e. a workshop. Also same for water planning slide show above. These are ready now.
3. An action plan used in fighting a breakaway school district which involved research, litigation, forming a coalition, and lobbying the legislature. Can be put into written outline upon request.

Depending on the date, etc., would be willing to travel within 1½ to 2 hours by car. The slide shows, speeches, and workshop outlines could be mailed to any other League for use, however.

Brazos County LWV would be willing to send copy(ies) of their local program material. Contact them for further information.

Bobette Higgins
Vice-President, Public Relations

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I. S.
Public Relations

TOOTING OUR OWN HORN

Look out world, here we come!

It was decided at our board meeting, after LOTS of storming of brains- that we would prepare and distribute public service announcements to television stations all over the state, aimed at spreading the word about the League and what we offer. We plan to do spots on our publications, on general League activities, with special emphasis on attracting new members, and information on how to start a League. We will send slides with these, so be watching. (Takes a long time to gear up, so don't expect to see them soon.)

Different types of PSAs will be prepared for radio.

We are also setting up a state Speakers' Bureau, which will formalize our efforts at public speaking, and make other organizations aware of our interest areas.

We intend to seek funding for a radio talk show which will be put on cassettes and distributed to radio stations over the state.

And PERHAPS we can swing some PR workshops. If your League would like one, let us know. And let us know specifically what you'd like us to emphasize.

Mary Harding
Director, CI/VS

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Citizen Information/Voters
Service

CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

1. The full board gave the go-ahead on planning for the gubernatorial debates, tentatively including forums during the primaries. First step--a statewide League committee for setting League goals. Second step--a citizen committee, including media and political representatives, for steering the entire program. Third step--and perhaps the most important: seek funding. The League committee would prepare a proposal and Carole Shlipak, the citizen committee, et al, would seek funding.

VOLUNTEERS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!

2. The board is considering a return to publishing primary Voters Guides and selling them at cost to local Leagues. Printer's copy would be available to Leagues which want to print this along with a local guide. Decision will be made at September board meeting.

I WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS AND TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES!

3. We will seek funding for a Citizen Participation Project. It is seen as serving a need expressed not only by Leagues, but other citizen organizations. The project would include a booklet, imaginatively illustrated, on how to be effective in all levels of government, communication with elected and appointed officials, making your views known to the public, finding allies, researching an issue, electing a candidate, and lobbying (in person, by mail, or by phone), etc., etc. We would also produce a slide-tape program to accompany the booklet or to use alone, but covering the same topics.

A basic guide for the publication of voters keys, "Your Elected Officials," and other local League citizen information publications will be produced and made available on request. A proposal for this project is being prepared for Carole Shlipak, and she will work on the financing.

I WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD USE THE PROJECT.

Address omitted from above: Mary Harding
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Diana Tilley (Mrs. Charles)
Publications Director

LWV of Texas
June 3, 1977
State Board Report
I.R.
Administration-
Publications

PUBLICATIONS: WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE'RE GOING

Where We've Been

Last year at this time, I was carping about the League spending too much time and money talking primarily to ourselves. I maintained that we produce so many worthwhile publications that it was odd that so few of those publications reached non-League hands.

Well, I know that that's a terrible generality to make since there are some local Leagues who are quite proficient at using and distributing publications effectively. But in order to help those Leagues not so proficient (and not so incidentally, to increase sales and distribution), the state League offered some direction to local Leagues and at the same time instituted the state Public Subscription Service. The PSS provided a means of reaching non-League members and provided these institutions and individuals with League material on a regular basis--and they paid! Ah, the best of both worlds. I thought I'd be happy with 51 first-year subscriptions (always looking for a discount), but I lied. We hit 54, and I'm only mildly pleased. BUT JUST WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR! Also, a direct mailing promoting the three AJ F&I issues was sent to college and univ. with law enforcement programs. It's still early for bookstores to be ordering for the fall semester, but we're hopeful that schools will begin using League publications for curriculum material. The orders we've received thus far have been encouraging. What can I say about When You Go To Austin and Citizenship Rights of Felons and Ex-Felons in Texas. I think we done good.

So much for the pep talk (now I'm talking to myself). Let's face it; there were lots of things we (I) could have done but didn't for odd and assorted reasons. No, this isn't where I tell you my sad tale of woe: overworked and underpaid. Read on

Where We're Going

Publications income is up and enthusiasm is high--and I know that it's going to get better. It's been so encouraging to read LL VOTERS and see blurbs about new publications, order forms for the PSS and Legislative Newsletter, and subscription services, optional or otherwise, being offered to members.

For the state League's part, we'll continue to look for opportunities for non-League distribution and will publish materials which we think LL's will find useful for members and their communities as well.

A new flyer for the PSS will be out in October, hopefully with endorsements from current subscribers; there will be a League booth at the International Women's Year conference this month; we hope to have displays at educators' conferences this summer; a new We Support will be published in August; the program core is preparing publications on energy, the Texas Water Plan, open meetings, and campaign finance. There are still other items in the planning/fund-seeking stage so you can see that this will be another busy year. Brace yourselves. The ideas in Bobette Higgins' P.R. report are going to do great things for League publications. And the state League now has money to distribute LWVUS and LWV-T publications, and we'll be following national's recommendations closely.

And speaking of national publications, I hope that you're ordering Energy Dilemmas and You and Your National Government for contributors, schools, and members and are evaluating the other recent publications for similar use. Seriously consider the "total board responsibility" aspect of publications. Publications are an integral part of most board portfolios. Find time to discuss the inter-relationships of the pub. portfolio and the other portfolios, and do it now at the beginning of the League year. I won't go through my "hard sell" routine again. Re-read old memos and be sure to read Make Publications Work For You, single copies available from the state office. Now is the time for your board to commit money and person-power.

The state League has made this commitment to find ways of sharing League dialogue; how about you?

LWV of Texas
May 18, 1977
LL Pres. Mailing
II. A. 2. c.
Program - ERA

TO: LLPs (this is not going on DPM)
FROM: Betty Anderson & Jan Wilbur, delegates to
National Council
RE: ERA Campaign

Delegates to national council voted tentative approval to proceed with plans for a major political campaign to be conducted by LWVUS to win ratification of the ERA in three more states by March 22, 1979. Approval was tempered with the proviso that the National Board would make the final decision whether to go ahead or not at its June meeting, based on the political and financial realities reported by:

- . An ad hoc committee created to assess whether it is realistic to predict that victory can be achieved in at least three more states, and
- . state Leagues' assessment of whether Leagues in our state will commit to raising the equivalent of \$10 per member to build a \$1 million "war chest" to fund the ERA ratification campaign.

We need to know as soon as possible whether your League is willing to commit itself to raising this amount of money (a figure equal to \$10 per member in your League), so we can respond to national in time for their June 15 meeting. We realize that if you have not already done so, there is no way to put this to your general membership before you must respond. You and your board will have to make the decision based on the best available reading you have of the sentiment in your League community. We already know of one League which has accepted this challenge and one League which has opted out.

All we are asking at this time is your commitment to raise the money--the money to be forthcoming in the next six months or so. With the summer coming up, it will be unrealistic to expect to raise the money immediately.

Some points to aid your deliberations:

- . Our effort would be an alternative to the ERAmerica effort, not a replacement.
- . League is a unique group with the organization, the political know-how, and the 'respectability' to carry off such a campaign.
- . If we don't get ratification nationwide, our ratification in Texas will have been for naught, and we will have it to do over again.
- . The proposed campaign would be one to win rather than one to "fight the good fight."

Just as response at state convention was mixed, so was response at national council. Some said, "we're tired. Let's just let ERA die a natural death", and others saying, "we've come this far, we can't let it fail now!"

What do you say??

March 1, 1977

TO: All State Presidents cc: Boards of Directors of LWVUS and LWV Texas,
Texas local League presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson, President, LWV Texas
RE: Development Policies

Since finance seems to be a constant concern of all state presidents, I would like to share with you a development policy that is working for us. You might like to consider it for your state and/or encourage the national board to adopt a more generous sharing policy with state and local Leagues.

Our state policy includes:

- . obtaining prior consent of the local League in the jurisdiction
- . an equitable sharing formula featuring these incentive guidelines:
 - any local League formerly the recipient of a contribution from a state League funding source is guaranteed the amount previously received, plus 20 percent of the additional money received by the state League;
 - a local League will be guaranteed 30 percent of contributions from new sources which come from its established area. If a local League finds a new contributor for state League funding, that local League will receive an additional 10 percent of the total contribution for the first year only. However, local Leagues will continue sharing in annual contributions after the first year.

We believe this type of sharing formula is beneficial to all levels of League. Therefore, we have asked the national board to review their present sharing formula. The significant differences between LWV-Texas and LWV-US formulas are:

- 1) We share all corporation gifts, not just those over \$1,000;
- 2) We share foundation, union, and individual contributions--while national does not;
- 3) We guarantee the previous contribution, plus a percent of the increase. Under national policy, the local League gets no additional money if the previous contribution is greater than eight percent of the new contribution.

Our statewide finance campaign netted \$12,000 last year. \$3,500 was shared with the local Leagues. Under national guidelines, only \$185 would have been shared.

The second component of our policy, which has strengthened our state development program, is to obtain prior consent of the local League before soliciting contributions in its jurisdiction. We feel this is essential to maintaining good rapport with local Leagues, and we recommend it for national policy also.

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We recommend these policies to you and to the national board--because they have worked for us. We believe the state organizations and the national organization are only as strong as their base--the local Leagues.

I appreciated visiting with many of you in meetings in Tempe and New Orleans last month. I am looking forward to seeing the rest of you at National Council in May.

Enclosed is a publication we think you might find of interest.

Cordially,

Betty Anderson,
President

Encl.: "1974-75 Annual Report"

LWV of Texas
March 18, 1977

TO: LL Presidents, DPM
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

LL Presidents Mailing, DPM
I. Q.
Administration
President's Letter

Enclosed is a Texas Education Fund Update, or a "quickie reference sheet". This was suggested by Fund treasurer, Sue Heaberlin, who answers many of the questions about the TEF. The job of the Fund treasurer is a big one, and we are indebted to Sue for the many hours she devotes to this task. I understand that one reason the LWV of Pennsylvania gave up its Education Fund was because of the cumbersome record keeping. So we do seek your cooperation in submitting final financial reports and receipts promptly after a project is completed.

CONVENTION: 1. Our featured speaker at the Wednesday luncheon will be the Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham, U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Diana Clark has heard him speak and recommends him highly. With our interest in the Texas judiciary system, the administration of justice study, juvenile justice, and in litigation, we think he is an excellent selection, and we are pleased he will be able to come.

2. We are pleased to announce that Eloise Wackerbarth of Fort Worth will be the parliamentarian for convention. Eloise has served on the state board in several capacities, including Organization Vice-President. She suggests we amend Article XIII to read, "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" rather than the out-of-print "Robert's Rules of Order Revised." Please add this proposed change to p. 66 of your Convention Workbook.

3. An addition to the agenda is an informal breakfast with Fumi Sugihara Thursday morning, April 21, at 7:30 a.m. for those seeking clarification on unitary primaries and party affiliations.

ANNUAL REPORTS. Thank you for completing the Annual Reports sent to national this week. Helen Hunter will be compiling your suggestions to the state board from the copy you sent to the state office. We will try to do something about your suggestions as we plan our modus operandi at a retreat for the new board at Camp Allen near Navasota, May 18-20.

PROGRAM. The chairs of the legislative action priorities (Jan Wilbur, Diana Clark, Fumi Sugihara, and Bobette Higgins) have been frequenting the Capitol regularly--accompanied by legislative director Barbara Nobles. Laura Keever has also been making numerous lobbying trips; the energy committee met in the state office March 15th.

Meg, Lucinda, Bobette, and I met with Gen. James Rose and the Texas Water Development Board staff on March 1st. We are in the process of submitting names of persons and organizations who should receive copies of the revised Water Plan draft, and we are preparing a model for an advisory citizens' group. Meg has done yeoman service in this endeavor. The unveiling of the revised Water Plan in Lubbock Feb. 18 was really a marathon presentation of data. The staff made the assurance that the plan would be a flexible one--continuous in the making and the least possible cost with protection of the environment as its goal. Hearings regarding the revised plan may be held in the larger cities next month. We'll keep you posted.

Notification from Jean Anderson, national NR chair, has been received of plan to provide LWV-Texas with \$500.00 for environmental quality education and communication activities. The money can be used to bring local Leagues together for discussion of common environmental concerns or to enable state NR chairs to attend major meetings they could not otherwise afford. Hopefully, we'll have plans for the money by convention. We hope you are utilizing Environotes once again; a grant from Terry Hershey made it possible to considerably enlarge the mailing list.

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Program. In the HR and IR areas, I have received information about Food Day, April 21, 1977. Food debates, food stamp campaigns, and the impact of the U.S. policy on world hunger will be topics of the day. If you are interested in additional action ideas, resource lists, and other materials, write Food Day, Center for Science in the Public Interest, 1757 S. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Most of the other state League action is taking place in the Legislature; we trust you are keeping up with that through the Legislative Newsletter.

STATE BOARD UPDATE. Visiting with local Leagues at their annual meetings this spring will be Bobette speaking at the Wichita Falls annual meeting; Laura at Waco, Becky at Baytown. I will speak on "That's What I Like About the League" at the Lubbock annual meeting.

Meg and Lucinda will participate in an Environmental Quality Workshop in Marshall, April 2nd. Bobette will be speaking on public participation in the NR realm at a parks meeting at Texas A & M, March 28th.

In recognition of Helen Hunter's longtime interest in the judiciary, the American Judicature Society has submitted her name to U. S. Attorney General Bell as a nominee for the 5th Circuit Court Commission.

Our own financial wizard, Carole Shlipak, will be making the "keynote, inspirational" speech at a five-state southern money-management workshop, sponsored by national in Jackson, Mississippi. As the NBR noted, "...the fact that the elimination of state pledges will be a new concept for state and local Leagues to factor into their financial pictures, we are beginning to plan ways to help Leagues beef up their fundraising capabilities and budgeting procedures." She will speak on successful fund raising.

Barbara Ellis, treasurer of LWV-Austin, has audited the LWV-Texas books for the past two years. A great big thank you goes to her and to the Austin League for sharing her with us. Her recommendations for improving procedures are greatly appreciated. Ms. Ellis commends treasurer Barbara Glickman for a good job with a very detailed set of records and says "The League is fortunate to have such a capable treasurer in its service."

Change of address (please notify your VOTER editor); and change your LL presidents list for: Betty Bailey

She reports her neighbors are tired of getting Voters in their mailboxes from all over the state.

Please change Longview's president to: Sandy Talley

There will not be a third-Friday mailing in April. However, there will be a post-Convention mailing which will include the adopted program, budget, etc.

I had time to do some reading in Hereford last week--due to an aborted tennis tournament. (It's difficult to play during a blizzard, winds of 75 mph, a duster, and snow). I recommend to you: 1). John W. Humble's How to Manage by Objectives. 2). Rensis and Jane Gibson Likert's New Ways of Managing Conflict. Ms. Likert is a former LWVUS VP, and Mr. Likert is the founder of the Univ. of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, which conducted the study of the League in 1958. Their System 4 and organizational problem-solving is certainly adaptable to the League.

Don't forget state office has a copy of "Are You a Potential Candidate" available for a fee of \$2.00. Useful for your annual meeting, member orientation, membership meetings, etc.

Pax, Betty

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson, President, LWV-Texas

LWV of Texas
February 18, 1977
LL Presidents Mailing, DPM
Administration
President's Letter

The enclosed mailing may remind you of the staggering November Presidents Mailing. I hope the Workbook information whets your appetite for Convention and that your League will be well represented. We are delighted with the new publication, When You Go to Austin, and requests for orders have been pouring in all week. We are indebted to the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Task Force for researching and printing the enclosed Facts and Issues. Tarrant County's planning of the State Convention also deserves kudos. Their western hospitality is already abundantly evident.

Helen Hunter and I basked in the sun while attending the Membership Management meeting in Tempe, Arizona last week. It was an interesting mix of local Leagues, state board members and four national board members--Ann Viner, Veta Winick, Holly O'Konski, and Ruth Clusen. At the meeting, Ms. Clusen announced the League's suit to challenge the Federal Election Commission's ruling which banned corporations and unions' donations to the '76 Presidential Debates--on the basis that our project was an educational rather than a political effort.

The meeting in Tempe was based around the new membership publication, #495, Membership Management: Getting a Handle on the Job. I hope you have read the new publication and ordered additional copies for your membership committee. It reaffirms some things we knew or suspected about membership and gives some specific suggestions for getting a handle on membership. The Texas League grew last year from 3844 to 4162. Helen also reports that 174 of this increase was in new provisional Leagues organized in Longview, Marshall, and Rockwall.

Taking consensus among 30 scholars, government officials, journalists, and citizens is not easy, but we did reach agreement that the U.S. Constitution was here to stay--at least for a few more years. The judiciary seminar of the Federalist Papers Reexamined Project was held in New Orleans Feb. 12th. Among the participants were ten state League presidents, 10 members of the national board and staff, including Dot Ridings, Ruth Robbins, and Judith Head; and ten scholars, government officials, and journalists, including Gerald Gunter, Stanford University of Law School professor; Representative Thomas Railsback of Illinois, and J. Skelly Wright, U. S. Circuit Judge. It was a "heady" experience, and I haven't sorted out all the ideas yet, but some of the concluding comments were: "The courts are the weakest link in the Criminal Justice system," "We will see more judicial restraint against class action suits," and "There will be more wanting judicial review, but fewer getting it."

You have read of some state board activity in the Legislative Newsletter. Other happenings include;

- . Meg Titus has been in Austin three times the last four weeks and heads for Cancun the week of Feb. 28th.
- . Bobette Higgins and Laura Keever were speakers at the Costeau Involvement Days in Houston last week; Bobette also conferred with Senators Schwartz and Sherman and Commissioner Bob Armstrong on coastal management legislation the 9th.
- . Beth Brown has journeyed to Fort Worth to finalize Convention plans.
- . Barbara Nobles and Diana Tilley's activities add to the hubbub of this state office. Chaotic is the only way to describe the Austin office for the last six weeks. Do come by when you are visiting Austin and see for yourself.

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President's Letter (cont.)

. Kathy Leabo and I, along with Diana Tilley, visited with the San Marcos League last night. We answered questions and shared experiences and had a good time. It was a pleasure getting to know the San Marcos members; there is something special about League folk.

. Fumi Sugihara was in Austin the last two days and spoke at a meeting of Provisional LWV of Temple Area Wednesday. Temple plans to drop the "Provisional" part of their title shortly.

. Carole Shlipak has been making development calls "right and left" and heads for the Caribbean and the Panama Canal next week.

. Jan Wilbur will be participating in an IDRA workshop in Corpus Christi March 3rd.. She is also making frequent trips to the Capitol.

I conferred with Lt. Gov. Hobby Thursday afternoon on the status of legislation of League interest. This afternoon I will attend the Water, Inc. meeting in Lubbock, in which the revised Texas Water Plan is to be unveiled.

We sadly announce that Harriet Payne died January 25 after an illness of one day's duration--viral pneumonia. Harriet had served as president of the Provisional LWV of Huntsville.

Address changes:

Linda Laden dorff, pres. LWV-Victoria has moved. The new president is:

Helen Duckworth, [REDACTED]

Kathy Webster, pres. LWV-Abilene has resigned to run for city council. New pres. is:

Jeanette Davis, [REDACTED]

Change of address for pres. of LWV-Plano: Melanie Vaughn, [REDACTED]

CONVENTION MATERIAL GUIDE

Convention Workbook - Included in presidents mailing for number of delegates and observers listed on your tentative convention attendance report (peach-colored sheet sent to state office). Leagues which have not yet responded are receiving material for two delegates (president plus one). If you need additional workbooks (a number in excess of your allotted delegate strength) the cost is \$3.00. Order now from state office.

Registration Forms (Blue sheets) - THREE PER REGISTRANT

"Fort Worth Welcomes You" -(Peach colored brochure) - ONE PER REGISTRANT

"Fort Worth Hilton Inn" - (Colored brochure) - ONE PER REGISTRANT

RESERVATION REQUEST -(Small white card) ONE PER REGISTRANT

Each delegate (including LL president) is responsible for returning own card.

No registrations are "automatic."

TOUR BROCHURES - three, in color - ONE OF EACH PER LEAGUE. Sent to LL president.

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STATE BOARD REPORT

Betty Anderson
President

LWV of Texas
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MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 65th Legislature is in session, and the state board was in Austin for the opening ceremonies. Property tax reform remains our top legislative priority, and the prospects for passage look promising.

MEMBERSHIP--Membership figures are slowly coming in, and it appears that the growth statewide will be approximately 5-6 percent. Some Leagues merit special attention. Two Leagues increased over 50 percent: Wichita Falls grew from 44 to 67 members, and Amarillo expanded from 46 to 70 members. Those Leagues showing an increase of over 20 percent were Denton, Eastern Bell County (Temple Area) Provisional, Sherman, and Tarrant Co. Reflecting a 15 percent or more increase were Richardson, San Antonio, and Waco. Growing over 10 percent were Beaumont and Houston, although Houston realized the greatest numerical growth of any League--from 619 to 686. In fact, the LWV of Houston should probably receive a "Fantastic League" award for its growth in membership, its breadth of activities, and hosting the Vice Presidential Debate last fall. It is a truly remarkable League, and our hats are off to them.

A new Unit-at-Large has been organized in Atascosa County, southeast of Bexar County. We welcome them to the fold.

CONVENTION--By February 19 you should receive the Convention Workbook, complete with suggested bylaws changes, proposed program, and proposed budget. The Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support will be bringing its report to Convention, in which they will be recommending a per-member payment (PMP), effective in 1978. Considering the alternatives, this method appears to be the most equitable. Program Management by Objective (PMBO) will be another proposal at Convention. The LWV of Tarrant County promises entertainment galore, and we are anticipating many delegates attending.

STATE BOARD--Jan Moore has assumed a remunerative position, and Barbara Materka has undertaken editorship of the Texas VOTER. Watch for the pre-Convention VOTER in mid-March.

I will be on the road in February:

- . to a Membership management meeting in Tempe, Arizona the 8-10. Along with Helen Hunter and six other state Leagues and five local Leagues, we will explore recruitment, retention, and involvement.
- . to a Judicial Seminar in New Orleans the 10-12. This will be the fourth in The Federalist Papers Reexamined series. The date falls on our 21st wedding anniversary and the beginning of Mardi Gras, so John and I are especially looking forward to this trip.
- . to San Marcos and Austin the 17th and 18th.
- . to Austin again 27 - 28 to present a seminar on Pressure Groups to a state Legislative Workshop of United Methodist Women.

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President's Memo

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

The telephone number of Development Director, Carole Shlipak has been changed to:

The League's legislative office phone number is [REDACTED]

The co-chairs of the new Unit-at-large in Atascosa County are:

Denise Beck (Mrs. James) [REDACTED]

Janie Burdett (Mrs. John) [REDACTED]

Off-Board Members of National LWV Committees

Did you know we have four off-board members from Texas serving on National LWV committees? Madeleine Appel of Houston served on the Budget Committee; Jan Coggeshall of Galveston is serving on the Endangered Species Committee, Laura Keever of Houston is serving on the Energy Committee, and Becky Moon of Houston serves on the Environmental Quality Committee.

Development

Development Director Carole Shlipak has announced a \$1,000 contribution to the Texas Education Fund from the Kempner Foundation of Galveston, and a \$300 gift from Arthur I. Ginsburg of Fort Worth, which was designated to be shared equally with Tarrant County. Carole is conducting finance training in Sherman and Tarrant County.

Reporting election returns to ABC netted the LWV-Texas \$2750. The project was directed by Bunnie Sawin of the Bay Area LWV, and we are indebted to her and the many volunteers throughout the state who assisted on election night.

Meg Titus
Program Vice-President

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Program Management

Your program making reports triggered lots of concern and thought by the program core--thoughts about innovative ways for improving program action management and budgeting for it at the state level. Here's what evolved from our concern---the program core proposes an innovative technique used frequently in corporate management that is, we think, very adaptable to our planning--it's called management by objective (MBO). This is briefly how it would work for us.

1. Our purpose in using MBO is to carry out League principles and positions with maximum effectiveness.
2. We will then suggest broad program goals (pp. 25-27, In League for definitions and charts) by presenting a list of achievable goals on which Convention delegates will give the state board direction. This would be done during program direction group discussion.
3. The incoming state board would carefully analyze the delegate input from these groups to establish the specific management objectives to implement the broad goals.

Program would still be adopted in the present manner under this plan, but it would provide the additional advantages of a) including local Leagues in making policy decisions; b) utilizing a team approach to work toward the selected goals; c) giving continuity to the state board while increasing flexibility; d) providing more effective use of our talents, personnel and financial resources.

Watch for a more detailed explanation in the next Texas VOTER of how management by objective (MBO) can be utilized by LWV-T for improved program management.

Program Making Reports

21 local Leagues responded to the program making request form by the Jan. 10th deadline. Approximately 500 of you voiced your opinions on proposed program--that's only about 1/8 of our membership. (I can't be more precise about the number as some reports did not indicate how many attended your general or unit meetings.) More LLs responded this year than in 1975--21 is an improvement over 13--however, nearly the same number of you participated as in 1975.

There was no strong support for adopting a new program item, however, quite clearly you want to: expand the study of juvenile justice under the administration of justice item, not as a separate item; expand the water study to encompass groundwater; and you wish to consider rewording and consolidating some of the support positions and add wording to others. For example, Dallas LWV wants to incorporate the LWVUS human resources positions with our LWV-T positions. Lubbock wishes to delete "from within the state" from our water position, and several state board members have proposed wording changes and consolidations. Detailed counts of your responses will be coming to you soon in the Convention Workbook, therefore I'll not duplicate all that information here. The new program items which were suggested by LLs but did not receive state board recommendation for consideration at Convention are:

Children's Laws (suggested by Tarrant Co. and Amarillo)

Governmental Action and Systems as They Affect Children (proposed by Houston)

Accountability in Education (proposed by Houston)

After hearing a report on your reports, SB chose not to recommend any new study items, but did accept expanding the existing studies mentioned above.

A few of you (Richardson, Abilene, Dallas, Denton) specifically requested "No new program" but seemed to accept expanding specific present items. LLs which feel they cannot handle all the program items--and expansions of items--should be reminded that it is not required that every League study every item. Don't feel guilty if you can't do them all!

Meg Titus
Program Vice-President

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VOTING RIGHTS PROGRAM MAKING RESULTS
Special Report

State program-making returns from LLs indicate that there was considerable confusion about the question regarding declaration of party affiliation. In recent years, some members have voiced disagreement with the LWV position, and the state board felt that it should assess the seriousness of this disagreement within the League. If a considerable number of Leagues find that their membership is split on this position, the position should be dropped.

We would appreciate your reviewing the thinking of your members in coming to a decision. To help you make an assessment, we enclose a short list of pros and cons on the issue.

LWV-T POSITION: NO DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION WHEN REGISTERING. (This position would ban any kind of durational affiliation; that is, any requirement that a voter declare affiliation well in advance of the primary election to vote. In Texas, the voter now declares affiliation at the time of voting in a primary election, and that affiliation is effective only for the balance of the voting year, March 1 to February 28.

IN FAVOR OF LWV POSITION

1. A durational affiliation often disenfranchises voters who may wish to change party affiliations and may be prevented from doing so because of the cumbersome procedures involved; i.e., appearing in person at the registrar's office more than a certain number of days before the election.
2. In a county dominated by one party, voters who want to express a choice for county offices have no alternative to voting in the primary of a county party that they oppose on the national level. Durational affiliation would make voting impossible for many.
3. Persons who belong to a minority party within a county often suffer abuse, discrimination, and ridicule. Fear of exposure may force many persons to lie about their real allegiance or to refrain from registering at all.

AGAINST LWV POSITION

1. A durational affiliation requirement would effectively prevent members of a party from voting in the opposing party's slate in order to weaken that party's slate. A healthier political climate with party nominees who are clearly the choice of the membership would result.
2. It would encourage all parties to build strong and stable grass-roots organizations. The tide in the state is running against one-party rule, and more county offices are being contested successfully in general elections.
3. The increasing strength of minority parties would militate against discriminatory practices and abusive tactics. Protection is available under federal & state statutes.

The LWV of _____ has reviewed its decision about
the position on party affiliation and recommends that it be:

_____ dropped because of lack of agreement among the members
_____ retained as is

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL TO: League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, TX 78701

NOTE: There is another form on reverse side which your League may wish to utilize.

CONVENTION WORKSHOP ON PROGRAM

Plans are progressing well in preparing a role-playing game to use during the workshop time. It relates to property tax reform (PTR). This will be modeled after a very successful series of unit meetings held by the Dallas League in which members simulated a State Senate Legislative Committee created to draft PTR legislation. The object of the game is to have each of the groups participating draft specific proposals for a PTR bill. Players assume the roles of lobbyist, committee members, or staff assistants with dialogue provided to start the committee meeting--your creativity in playing these roles will provide the rest of the debate. We'll compare the draft proposals from each group at the end of the workshop. It should be a great learning experience and lots of fun as well.

Another feature planned for the workshop is a poster display illustrating a particularly innovative or successful local League meeting you've held. Example: Victoria held their Administration of Justice meeting in a courtroom and got not only broad participation but good press coverage. Please, Victoria, make a poster with all the pictures and stories from your local newspaper for us to see--and learn from. Every LL, I feel sure, has had some unique and successful program that will provide ideas for others. It would be great to have a poster from every League to display. (Put it on stiff, self-standing paper, please). Use the tear-off below to let us know about your poster plans.

NOTE: There is another form on reverse side which your League may wish to utilize.

NAME OF YOUR LEAGUE _____ DATE _____

We _____ will _____ will not bring a poster illustrating a specific successful program to State Convention for display in the Program Workshop.

Topic of meeting on display _____

Approximate size of poster _____

Name of member to contact _____ Portfolio _____

RETURN TO: LWV of Texas, 1212 Guadalupe, #109, Austin, TX 78701

Jan Wilbur
PTR/PSF/FSG Director

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Program - State
Revenue Governance & Distr.

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

We were correct in our projection of property tax reform as the most significant issue in the legislature and the most important action we can take to improve the school financing picture in Texas. We have maintained close contact with the property tax reform study committee of the Legislative Council as it has developed the proposed property tax code which meets our criteria for taking positive steps toward meaningful property tax reform in Texas.

We have identified and developed a corps of knowledgeable League PTR specialists across the state. Their competence and willingness to respond was admirably demonstrated by their valuable testimony and reports of the public hearings on the property tax code. Our response and reports of other responses to the code are detailed in the second issue of the Legislative Newsletter. If you (or your PTR specialist) have not subscribed, it is URGENT that you do so at once. Events occur rapidly during the session, and the only way we can be of service in keeping you informed is through the Legislative Newsletter. Watch for further developments there.

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Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Director, Voting Rights & Election Laws

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Program - Vertical
Voting Rights

The studies of the House Committee on Elections during the interim have borne fruit in the form of a thick volume of recommendations to the 65th Legislature. It includes drafts of a new Article VI of the Texas Constitution, a presidential primary bill, and the bill on a single county election officer, as well as reports and suggestions for appropriations for the Elections Division of the Secy. of State's office, recodification of the election laws, and reforms of the laws on punch-card voting systems. With the exception of the presidential primary bill on which we have no substantive position, we shall be closely tracking developments on all the recommended items. Because of our position on fiscal accountability and our interest in increasing and improving the services of the Secy. of State's office to local governments and the voters of the state, we shall be scrutinizing appropriations for elections very carefully.

County Elections Officer bill

As of this writing, the version drafted by the McBee Subcommittee has no sponsor, but many legislators have expressed an interest in it. Rep. Ron Bird of San Antonio has adopted the bulk of its provisions in his bill to establish a county elections administrator in counties having a population of more than 800,000 persons. Only Bexar, Dallas, Harris, and Tarrant Counties would be affected, and other counties would continue to have election functions split between the county clerk and the tax assessor-collector. The League advocates having a single elections office in all counties, and while we prefer that the responsible officer be an appointed administrator of elections, we acknowledge that the county clerk or the tax assessor-collector could conceivably serve effectively in some counties. We will need your all-out efforts to push this legislation in both houses if a bill that we can support is introduced. Watch the Legislative Newsletter for Action Alerts and suggestions about persons to contact in your communities.

Secret ballot legislation

At least one proposal is being prepared that will eliminate the ballot stub altogether in paper-ballot and punch-card systems. While we support such legislation, we think that it could be incorporated into a general bill dealing with ballot secrecy and security where it might have a better chance for passage. Besides eliminating the ballot signature requirement, such a bill might include changes in ballot counting and handling procedures, changes in write-in procedures in punch-card and lever-machine systems, training of polling place workers, easing restrictions on pollwatchers, changes in the challenge procedure, and requiring voters to sign their own application for registration.

Local Leagues vigilant during November general election

We have had detailed reports of irregularities from El Paso, Tarrant Co., Edinburg-McAllen, Brazos Co., and San Antonio. Lubbock and Sherman published in their VOTERS accounts of problems in their communities. Your accounts of election problems are used directly as examples when we testify before election committees or urge legislators to vote for a specific reform. The information you supply is the most potent ammunition we have in our lobby arsenal. Please keep those reports coming!

For your information only

The presidential primary bill introduced by Sarah Weddington is a great improvement over last year's temporary law from the point of view of voter convenience and comprehension. Read Legislative Newsletter for a summary.

Liz Davies
Director, Human Resources
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Program - Vertical
HR - Welfare

TEXAS, THE WELFARE STATE???

National attention has been focused recently on the welfare program in Texas. Articles on the front page of the Wall Street Journal and other publications are certainly arousing the interest of the general public in welfare reform. Here in Texas we find that we are being pointed to as somewhat of a "model" due to the fact that our recipient rolls are decreasing in an economy that finds jobs harder to acquire every day. This dubious honor comes as a result of the texas-tough approach to providing for the state's needs. Never mind that a Houston mother can be quoted as saying, "It's a terrible thing to be poor. It's worst to be poor in Texas". (She supports herself and six children on a \$164 monthly welfare check...abandoned by her husband and unable to work).

This texas-tough approach does allow the Texas Dept. of Public Welfare to run a tight ship, dispensing about one dollar per day to only 18% of the state's half-million poor, and spending less than its legislative allowance. The Texas Constitution still limits the cash-assistance ceiling to \$80 million with the general thrust being to keep the payments so low that the goal "to get people to work" will be realized.

Of great concern to the League is the fact that it is really children and their basic needs that are being ignored. Out of the nearly one billion dollars to be spent on welfare in Texas this year, most of it will go to Medicaid, social-service programs, and administration...with only about \$10.2 million per month paid to 236,464 children state-wide through the program known as Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC). A needs assessment and an increase in payments has not taken place since 1969. During the current session of the Texas legislature an increase will be requested. This request has been turned down by the Legislative Budget Board, thus making the likelihood of the increase somewhat dim, but still on the front burner for those determined to see the problem addressed.

The position of the League on this issue is clear...benefits to welfare recipients should be sufficient to provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter. These benefits should be revised periodically to take into account changes in the purchasing value of the dollar. Our concern for the quality of life for all leads us to a position of advocacy on this issue.

Accompanying this report is a publication: Assistance to Needy Families in Texas. (One copy per League). Prepared by the Texas Dept. of Public Welfare, it gives a history and description of the AFDC program. It presents the positive and negative aspects of the program and offers no recommendations. I hope this publication will help to provide background material for Human Resources Chairs to inform the local League members and their communities of the true picture of welfare in Texas and the need for a change. You will be hearing more on this subject and the need for your own League's legislative action as the session continues. Please utilize your VOTER for an article on this item; ask to be on the agenda at your next general meeting to brief the members; alert your HR committee to be ready for the Big Legislative Push on this issue.

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice

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Program-State-AJ

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Second-round consensus - Courts, Trials & Sentencing. 868 members from 28 Leagues and two provisional Leagues participated.

I'm sure you are as disappointed as the board and I were that we could not reach consensus on four of the 13 questions. After very careful evaluation of all the responses, together with qualifications and exceptions listed by many of you, it was evident that we were too evenly divided to take any position. For example, on the question of oral confessions, the result was 7 Leagues YES, 9 Leagues NO, 10 Leagues undecided or "no consensus". For comparison purposes, we added up the numbers participating--the results were the same. Therefore, we will not have any position on the Speakers Task Force proposals on denial of bail, oral confessions, evidentiary search warrants, and expansion of the death penalty (the latter may not come up at all in this session). But League consensus truly means a meeting of the minds on support or opposition to an issue, not just quick reactions to popular or controversial issues. Learning about the ramifications of these issues has helped all of us understand the criminal justice system better. It was interesting to me that differences of opinion were scattered; no one area of the state had one particular viewpoint, and big Leagues were as equally divided as were medium and small Leagues.

From your reports, many of you found it particularly difficult to consider the death penalty question solely on the basis of whether or not it should be expanded to cover other crimes. Many of the "yes" answers were so qualified on whether to have a death penalty at all, that the board decided that even though the "yes" answers added up to more than a majority, the qualifications made it better to take no position at all.

Although the League will be supporting enhancement of a sentence when a crime is committed with a deadly weapon (not just a firearm), the final proposal from the Task Force is written to deny probation to a person carrying a deadly weapon -- a question we did not discuss. Unfortunately, at the time our material was prepared and the consensus questions drawn up, the Task Force was just beginning its work. Our only concrete information was derived from speeches made by the Governor and Speaker of the House. By the time the Leaders Guide for AJ was prepared in September, there was some inkling that denial of probation both for carrying a weapon and for certain violent crimes might be recommended, but by that time it was too late to develop information pro and con on such proposals. The Penal Code presently allows indictment for a higher degree of a crime, e.g. aggravated robbery instead of robbery, when it is committed with a weapon of some sort. Therefore, our consensus statement, which is included with, but not attached to, this report includes "enhancement" with an overall revision of the punishments sections of the Penal Code. There was very strong consensus on making sentences more uniform around the state and for narrower ranges between the minimum and maximum years for a sentence. You also supported a formula for considering aggravating or mitigating circumstances which included enhancement for convictions after the first one.

Support of state help for adult probation services, and for a state jail commission with powers to set and enforce standards was very strong. A "speedy trial" law was nearly unanimously agreed upon, as was the abolition of sentencing by a jury. A strong court administration system was approved, with support about equally divided between Judicial Council and Supreme Court management. Support of appellate review of sentences was heavily endorsed. Clear consensus was achieved on opposition to any state law on allowing wiretapping or electronic surveillance.

Although the Task Force proposals probably will be in the headlines, much other necessary criminal justice legislation will be introduced with less fanfare and we will be looking

at all of it vis a vis this consensus as well as our earlier positions. Watch the Legislative Newsletter for further information. If possible, order a subscription for your Administration of Justice Chair. It's \$5.00 for the session, and will be coming out weekly. That's where you'll find the latest news on all AJ issues before the legislature.

Mary Blackstock of the Austin League will be the main Capitol Corps observer for the AJ positions. She has worked as a volunteer in probation and is finishing up her masters degree in criminal justice at UT. We are very lucky to have her devoting her talents and time as our eyes and ears in the 65th Legislature.

Finally, remember that our consensus is for the future as well as now. We cannot expect to achieve our ideals in one year (remember the Texas Constitution!). But we are learning a lot about the system and that knowledge will stand us in good stead for a long, long time. There are many ways to improve the criminal justice system in Texas and not all of them require acts of the legislature. Having the League identified as an organization interested in and understanding criminal justice problems can lead to appointment to policy-making boards in local communities.

A number of Leagues had questions or comments on justice in their consensus reports. I will begin to answer these individually in the next few weeks.

Since the next Texas VOTER will be full of convention news, I hope you will be able to print the state AJ consensus in your local VOTERS--plus any of the explanations you wish.

After vowing never to make another "Justice Game", I made two more during the holidays. One is for the state League to rent to any local League for \$2.50 (prepaid) to cover mailing costs. Several Leagues have used the game in general meetings, for study courses for other groups, and with classes in jr. and sr. high schools and community colleges. Give the state office several weeks' notice--hopefully you will not all want it at once. You may also rent it from me and make one of your own--all you need is several packages of colored paper, colored file cards, "Marks-a-Lots", and 12 hours of patience. The game is in Lubbock at the moment, but will be returned by the middle of February.

One final note: The two Administration of Justice Facts & Issues were the only outside publications included in the workbooks given to new legislators attending the pre-session course at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT-Austin. How 'bout that!

Diana Clark
Director, Administration of Justice

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Juvenile Justice

JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Facts & Issues on Juvenile Justice is being polished by me and edited by Barbara Materka after being written by the Tarrant Co. Juvenile Justice Task Force, reviewed by two judges and subjected to rigorous critiques by several knowledgeable people. It is due to be mailed to local Leagues in middle-to-late February.

Included with this mailing is the leaders guide, researched by many of the committee members and written mostly by Carol Lee, the Task Force Coordinator. This guide contains just about everything anyone needs or wants to know about the process under which juveniles are handled from the time they are taken into custody until disposition of the case. Besides being fascinating reading, the guide is an integral part of the study, as it greatly amplifies information in the every-member Facts & Issues. Every League will need it as additional background for a sound understanding of the complexities of the system and for the consensus questions. Each League and DPM will receive one copy; additional copies may be ordered for your resource committees and other interested citizens--League and non-League. The price is \$1.50

Even though the questionnaire for use in interviewing local juvenile officials is contained within the guide, one additional copy is being sent to each League and DPM. We hope you find this questionnaire useful in understanding your local system and we hope you will return to us the answers you get from your local people. If officials are reluctant to be candid in their responses, assure them that no identifiable results will be published without their permission. We really plan to use the results in a survey to determine if there is much difference in treatment of juveniles by police, juvenile probation departments, and courts in one jurisdiction as compared to another, but in a general, non-specific way.

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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

1. a. Is it necessary to collect uniform statistics on juvenile contacts with the system at all levels (law enforcement, intake, courts)?
b. If not, at what level should they be collected?
c. Should reporting of such statistics to the state be mandatory?
d. If so, which state agency should be responsible for collection?
2. Should juvenile training for law enforcement officers be expanded? If so, what should it include?
3. The Family Code outlines procedures for sealing of juvenile records. Should this process be automatic? Why or why not?
4. What are your recommendations for the proper handling of status offenders?
 - a. remove from the courts
 - b. retain present methods
 - c. otherPlease give reasons for your choice.

Optional for local League consensus: After reviewing your local guidelines for police procedures in handling juveniles, do you find them adequate or inadequate? Explain.

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Coming your way shortly (one per League, no DPM) is a publication on status offenders. Each League has already received one copy of the Texas Family Code (Title 3 is what we are concerned with), the 1976 Criminal Justice Plan for Texas and a bibliography.

Additional copies of the latter are available from the state office.

** Carol Lee has just discovered that the copy of the Family Code sent to you earlier is missing a section--be sure you add the page sent with this report (to LL presidents only) to your Code.

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Lucinda Headrick
Director, Water & Solid Waste

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Water & Solid Waste

Roll your sleeves up, crew! Our work is cut out for us, as we face the 65th Legislature on water and solid waste. How desperately you will be needed to rally the troops in lobbying your legislators when the cry goes out. So watch those Legislative Newsletters and Action Alerts. The following laundry list indicates some of the pieces of legislation we will be actively watching and working on:

WATER LEGISLATION

Word is out that the new Water Plan is supposed to be released about mid-February. However, as of this writing, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) can give no details. We continue to urge the TWDB to release the Plan early, before any public hearings are held. The plan is then to go to the legislature for approval.

We will be watching emerging legislation concerning consolidation of water agencies. It is difficult to determine where we will stand on the total subject at this time because of the enormous implications on each point of change. Be sure to read the upcoming Environotes for a summary of the Hobby Commission recommendations.

We definitely are interested in legislation introduced giving the Attorney General the right to initiate suits against polluters.

No question about another Water Bond Constitutional Amendment being introduced this session. It will be.

SOLID WASTE LEGISLATION

As most of you know, last year's Congress passed the Federal Solid Waste Act. It is not a "solve all our problems" piece of legislation. It is only the beginning--a taste--considering recycling, resource recovery, and source reduction, besides state-permitting plans. But the big new for Texas is that our state will have to close the gigantic loophole in our Industrial Solid Waste Regulations allowing on-site disposal without a permit for industry. Abuses that you would not believe have been occurring! Changes will have to be made through legislation--not regulation--as somebody 'way back there carefully inserted it into the state Solid Waste Act.

The latest on the TRINITY RIVER--

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with Texas A & M to organize a Public Involvement Program. This is to consist of three Citizen Assistance Groups (CAGs)--to meet during the next two years. There will be one for each section of the Trinity Basin (upper, middle, and lower). Each CAG is to have 40-60 persons divided evenly into thirds, with representatives from city and county officials, special interest groups and the public at large. During the month of December, public meetings were held throughout the Basin, explaining the program and to gather names of those interested in serving on these CAGs. On Jan 8, 1977 a public drawing was held in College Station. From a preliminary review of the names drawn, we are aware of three League members who will serve at least on the Upper Basic CAG--Shirley Johnson (Tarrant Co. LWV), Isabel Miller (Denton LWV), and myself.

December 7 the Trinity River Authority's Basin Planning Committee released their proposed Trinity River Master Plan. A copy of the plan can be obtained from the:

Trinity River Authority, [REDACTED]

COST: \$4.00

CARTER TRANSITION TEAM

--has released a list of Dept. of Interior water projects it wants to review. The projects are listed as "high priority projects for re-evaluation." The projects in Texas are, Palmetto Bend, Lakeview, Taylor's Bayou, and Trinity River Tennessee Colony.

Bobette Higgins
Director, Land Use

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Program - Land Use

COASTIN' ALONG

One minute it looks good--the next, shaky. I'm talking about prospects for passing the Texas Coastal Management Program legislative package in this session. Right now, it looks good, and I'm cautiously optimistic.

Many representatives from coastal Leagues met in Houston last month to hear Jep Hill do a once-over-lightly on the package. (He was so impressed with how knowledgeable the group was. So was I.)

The proposed legislation has not yet been introduced. As soon as it is approved by the advisory committee, introduced, and assigned to a committee,

LEAGUES WITH MEMBERS ON THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO CONTACT THOSE MEMBERS (SO EVEN IF YOU'RE AN INLAND/UPLAND LEAGUE, YOU MAY BECOME ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS).

Watch the Legislative Newsletter for bill analysis and lobbying tips. And when the whistle blows at the end of the session, let's chalk up a win!

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Bobette Higgins, Director
Project Safewater Task Force

GET YOUR FEET WET

I hope the packet of material we sent you in November did not get lost in the blizzard of holiday greeting cards. It contains excellent program material prepared by the members of our Project Safewater task force. Use it, pass it on to others. (Those brief fact sheets are just the right length for your VOTER articles, so we hope to see them popping up there, since that's an excellent way to inform your members.)

Our state board secretary, Sue Heaberlin from Decatur (no League in her town, she's a member-at-large, and a one-women band) has been affectively spreading the word about the Safe Drinking Water Act and our project. She contacted authorities in Decatur about the effects of the SDWA on local water supply, got a lengthy reply, and wrote it all up in a long and informative letter to the editor, which was published in her local paper. Thanks, Sue!

The slide show is ready to be borrowed, so send for it.

Possibilities are good for a follow-up grant from the EPA for LWV-T to develop a demonstration program informing the public concerning underground injection wells, so be expecting a sequel next fall. (Son of Safewater?)

Laura Keever
Energy, Off-board

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Energy

Events are moving so rapidly in the energy area that a report written one day will be out of date the next. I therefore encourage you to follow your newspapers closely to keep abreast of this ever-fluid field.

When the Council on Environmental Quality held its hearing in Austin in December, the League was there. You are receiving in this mailing (LL presidents & energy chairs) a copy of the statement which was presented. It was well received, and hopefully someone will listen! Our primary point was budgetary, for even though energy conservation receives top priority billing in ERDA's list of goals, it receives a miniscule portion of the budget.

Similarly, our energy goals on the state level pertain in part to budgetary matters. The Legislative Budget Board has eliminated the energy conservation funds of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council (GEAC) budget. RESTORING THOSE FUNDS WILL BE A MAJOR EFFORT UNDER THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO. Further negative news comes from the Governor's proposed budget, which does not fund GEAC AT ALL. It does, however, provide funds for an "Energy Office" within the Office of the Governor. According to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, the functions of the Energy Office will be "to assist the Governor in his planning responsibilities, to analyze energy information, to provide information on the impacts and implications of energy policy developments, and to monitor changes in the national energy policy and determine probable effects on the state." The primary functions of GEAC are to develop policy, as well as develop information and speak to matters pertaining to energy conservation and development. All of these functions are essential if we are to approach the energy problems of this state in a comprehensive manner. A bill to extend the life of the GEAC has not yet been introduced; however, I expect one soon.

The primary efforts of the GEAC in the past several weeks have been directed toward drafting a set of policy statements relating to energy. These statements were published in the January 7 Texas Register, and a hearing thereon was held on January 21 in Austin. A large number of statements were presented reflecting a fairly good balance between university, private and public interest groups. Elsie Colwell, energy chair for the LWV-Houston, presented an excellent statement on behalf of LWV-Texas, and I was sitting as a member of the hearing panel. The advisory committees to GEAC will be meeting this week to finalize the policy recommendations after considering the statements given at the hearing. Essentially the statements dealt with particular industry concerns, plus recommending that the environmental and conservation portions be made stronger and more explicit. I expect both of those suggestions to be reflected in the revised policy statements. This revision will then be submitted to the Council members, who will adopt a final policy statement, probably on February 7.

The Governor has finally designated an agency to develop the state energy conservation plan! The \$132,991 planning grant will go to the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, and they are contracting with Wayne Brown to develop the plan. The deadline (which will probably not be met) for completion of the plan is March 28. Nevertheless, plans are going on apace, and I expect that the Conservation Advisory Subcommittee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council will form the nucleus of an advisory group for developing the plan. I will keep you advised of whatever means develop for public participation and comment on the plan.

Joan Kyre
International Relations - Off-board

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International Relations

UN UPDATE

Following Betty Anderson's idea to provide information using video cassettes on UN consensus items, a 30-minute talk show was produced in December. It is now available to requesting Leagues. A second show, a 30-minute teleplay on the UN Update item will, hopefully, be ready soon. The programs have been booked by several Leagues for committees, general meetings, and educational television showings.

We had some problems with our video project. A small grant from the LWV-TEF helped defray the cost of the tapes. However, production expenses had to be arranged gratuitously. Gaining access to studio facilities and eliciting the help of TV personnel imposed a special requirement on the shows' contents. They had to have TV broadcast appeal, as well as League approval.

Consequently, the talk show was semi-scripted and the teleplay fully scripted. Delays in completing the teleplay shooting were caused by the need to work within the schedules of KTXU-TV and the Texas Tech departments of Mass Communications and Political Science. The campus cooperation has been outstanding in every respect.

We now have two tapes circulating, so we hope scheduling problems have been solved.

See the September State Board Report for order blank.

CHINA

As state IR Chair, I was invited to the formative session of the Texas China Council, a regional branch of the Asia Society. Its purpose is disseminating authoritative data about China to groups studying public affairs. While United States-Chinese policy is not now a consensus item, it is one of our continuing concerns.

Those Leagues wishing resource materials from the China Council can write directly to: F. T. Jannuzi, Director of the Center for Asian Studies, Speech Building, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712.

I hope that our Texas Leagues can work closely with this group next year. More information will be available after I attend another Council meeting in April.

Becky Moon
Director, Off-board - Air

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THE AUTO LOBBY BETS ON A DRAMATIC GAMBLE

General Motors insisted "demands were technologically impossible and would force car prices to soar." The electric power interests were joined by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as they advertised and lobbied, "the bill would halt industrial expansion and devastate the American economy." The oil industry complained, "the pollution control devices require lead-free gas." (a major nuisance to the industry).

Senator Garn of Utah representing Utah's business boosters and electric companies, led the assault. Declaring he'd talk the Clean Air Act Amendments to death, he demanded the 400-page text be read aloud by the Senate Clerk. The next afternoon, Congress voted to adjourn as planned, thereby killing the amendments.

The killing of the amendments insures that, come next session, unless the present law is changed, cars being manufactured in Detroit will be in violation of the Act. Detroit and its allies were willing, however, to take their chances with another round, rather than accept the new breathing space offered by the proposed amendments. Detroit knows the pressure is now on Congress to address the problem within the first months of this year.

Senator Muskie with angrily flashing eyes declared, "If they think they can come back in the spring of 1977 and get a quick fix, they'd better take a lot of long, careful thought about it."

The president of General Motors declared, "They can close the plants. They can put someone in jail--maybe me, but we're going to make cars this spring."

Bets are that the Clean Air Act Amendments will be high on the list of activities for January. The jobs-and-energy pitch promoted by the Act's advocates will continue to prick legislators in areas of great sensitivity. General Motor lobbyist, W. Chapman, is revitalizing his lobby corps, an army of local car dealers. When Congress convenes, the corridors of the Capitol will again be alive with local-franchise auto dealers, as though new models were being shown there. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, power industry, and oil industry are purchasing advertising space in media publications and newspapers. Lobbying budgets have been fattened. Goliath stands ready.

Supporters of a strong bill need not stand intimidated, however. We won many stunning victories last session. The coalition for orchestrating efforts is strong. Member groups, including the League of Women Voters, are urging the grassroots to "prepare". Typewriters back in legislators' home districts must convey the depth of our commitment to attaining healthful air. The passage of a lobby law has unlocked the shackles of many previously silent environmental groups.

Breathing is unavoidable for you, your children, the sick and the aged. The quality of our air has a direct impact on the health of this country.

Sharpen your pencils and wits. Lay in a stock of extra typewriter ribbons. The Clean Air Act Amendments have top environmental priority while under Congressional consideration by LWVUS. They are counting on us. 1977 is going to be a banner year.

Barbara Nobles
Legislative Director

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LEGISLATIVE

LOBBY LEARN-INS were held as scheduled in November. 148 people from 23 Leagues attended the five workshops. We learned much that will be useful during the session.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE: The office officially opened on Jan. 10, 1977. Margaret Roach is again our staff. Please note the phone number: (512) 474-5327. By the time you receive this board report, at least one Legislative Newsletter will have been published. If you are not getting your newsletter promptly, be sure to let us know. One copy will come to your LL president, and one to your legislative chair. Others may subscribe for \$5.00. At the suggestion of several Leagues, Action Alerts will be on the front page of the newsletter, so you can't miss them. If your League would set up some sort of telephone "tree", member response and involvement will be increased. Respond as INDIVIDUALS--only the president can speak for the League.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS: Most legislators feel that property tax reform, public school finance, criminal justice, sunset laws, highway funding, and medical malpractice insurance will be the most challenging issues that will have to be dealt with during the session. Please continue to send clippings from your local papers and anything else of interest concerning your legislators to keep the files up to date.

COMING TO AUSTIN: State board is working out procedures for a lobby liaison chair to work with local Leagues on their visits to Austin. Planning will be greatly facilitated if you will fill out and return the following form:

Do you plan to come to Austin during the session? _____

When will it best fit your calendar? _____

What particular issues are of interest to your League? _____

Would you like to combine your visit with other Leagues in your area? _____

If so, which Leagues? _____

Your name _____

LWV of _____

Address _____

PHONE _____

Return to: LWV of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, TX 78701

Diana Tilley (Mrs. Charles)
Publications Director/State Office Coordinator

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PUBLICATIONS

Brace yourselves and start planning a distribution strategy--new state publications and new publications policies are about to descend upon you! This will be a great opportunity for local Leagues to distribute League material to those who can best use it, garner some good public relations and perhaps even make some money (finance chairs please note).

NEW PUBLICATIONS POLICIES

1) Member discounts have been changed to conform to LWVUS policies. Please consult the enclosed new LWV-T Publications Catalog for specifics. It's our hope that this increase in discounts will be an incentive to local Leagues to sell more state publications, particularly in large quantities to non-members (no, I still haven't given up on having League publications be used as required curriculum material.) Our problem has been communication. The Public Subscription Service is going to help, but you can do even more by showing, for instance, the AJ Facts and Issues to law enforcement teachers at your community college--or the FSG Facts and Issues to government teachers. And don't forget LWVUS publications. Let's share all this good stuff so many of us have worked so hard on. Be sure to include a state and national catalog while you're at it--and attach the "compliments of" card available from national. We're trying hard at the state level--the hardest that MONEY and TIME will allow, but I'm convinced that a big upswing in publications sales will occur only when local Leagues place a higher value on publications--for whatever reason. And I know that many of you are already pedaling (peddling?) as fast as you can with all the other local League responsibilities. Give it a think though. Thanks.

2) In order to relieve the state office of a majority of the billing workload, while at the same time conform to LWVUS policies, we're asking that all publications orders be pre-paid. It's understood, of course, that emergency orders will require other arrangements. Also, all prices will include postage--but not sales tax. Be sure to add 5% sales tax to your publications orders.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

(Please read Beth Brown, Diana Clark and Betty Anderson's board reports for information regarding the contents and funding of these publications.) The Juvenile Justice F&I is being edited now and will be out no later than 2/21/77. When You Go To Austin, A Guide To The 65TH Legislature and Citizenship Rights of Felons and Ex-Felons will be ready for distribution around 2/4/77. You can use the enclosed new publications order form to pre-order. And don't forget the pre-payment policy and the sales tax.

A copy of each publication will be sent in the February local League Presidents and DPM mailings, along with a sample press release for each. It's hoped that the press release will make it easier for LL PR chairs to deal with newspapers and radio and TV stations. Also, LL VOTER editors can use the press releases for the local VOTER.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Subscription Service: The response has been very encouraging, and I must thank many of you for your support. The majority of subscriptions has come from college libraries, with the remainder a mixed bag of high school social studies depts., public libraries, newspapers, radio stations, a trade association, businesses and private citizens. It's not too late for additional subscribers for the PSS and the Legislative Newsletter. People just don't know what they're missing--so tell them. Yes, the PUSHY PERSON LIVES !!

Beth Brown
CI/VS Director
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Citizen Information/Voters Service

I want to alert you to two new publications that will be available very shortly. First is "Citizenship Rights of Felons and Ex-Felons." It is a flyer explaining in the simplest possible language what a person convicted of a felony in Texas must do to obtain restoration of citizenship rights. The information appears in English on one side and in Spanish on the other. LWV/T plans to distribute it through the Texas Corrections Association, the AFL/CIO, and other groups. Local Leagues should be thinking of outlets in your communities for this hitherto hard-to-come-by information, i.e., jails and other correctional institutions, bar associations, the judicial system, minority groups, other.

The second publication is also very near completion and is tentatively entitled, "When You Go to Austin--A Guide to the 65th Legislature." It will contain such information as: the office location and telephone numbers of House and Senate members; makeup of the committees of both houses; House and Senate floor charts; a map of the Capitol complex; information on other elected and appointed officers such as the Governor, the Secretary of State, etc. This will be invaluable not only to League members, but also to other citizens.

Both publications represent different and important approaches to citizen information. Both are free. Plan to make the most of them in your communities. Please refer to Diana Tilley's report for more specific details re publishing dates and pre-ordering.

I hope that in the brief breathing space after the November elections you reflected with satisfaction on the superb job all of you did under sometimes trying circumstances. Voter turnout was much higher than the nationwide average in many of your communities, and you should be proud of the part the League's get-out-the-vote efforts played.

Your bulletins reveal continuing election voter service in special district elections as well as preparation for the important local elections in the spring. Don't fail to make good use of "Register and Vote in Texas." Despite the notation "1976" on the cover, it is not out of date.

I read in your bulletins of interesting local League publications in the CI/VS area. I hope to see all of them in the Publications Room at Convention.

Barbara Glickman
Treasurer, LWV-Texas

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BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR 7 MONTHS
June 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>BUDGETED</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>IN-KIND</u> | <u>VARIANCE</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. Pledges | | | | |
| B. Members-at-Large dues | 33950.00 | 23864.04 | | 10085.96 |
| 1. MAL \$90.00 | 450.00 | 270.00 | | 180.00 |
| 2. UAL 180.00 | | | | |
| C. Publications | 5700.00 | 5788.99 | | (88.99) |
| 1. DPM \$1365.00 | | | | |
| 2. SO 1623.00 | | | | |
| 3. Leg. NL 40.00 | | | | |
| 4. Other 2540.99 | | | | |
| 5. Pub. S.erv. \$210.00 | | | | |
| D. Interest on Savings | 215.00 | 144.96 | | 70.04 |
| E. Contributions | | | | |
| 1. Member cash | 250.00 | 10.00 | | 240.00 |
| 2. Member in kind | 500.00 | | 977.65 | (477.65) |
| 3. Non-mem. cash | 1416.00 | 1200.00 | | 216.00 |
| 4. Non-mem. non-cash | 400.00 | 0 | | 400.00 |
| F. Election Night Reporting | 2000.00 | 2750.00 | | (750.00) |
| G. Anticipated cash reserves* | 0 | 1278.04 | | (1278.04) |
| H. Convention '77 | 5000.00 | 0 | | 5000.00 |
| I. LWV-TEF Reimbursement | | | | |
| 1. Overhead grants administration | 120.00 | 0 | | 120.00 |
| 2. Office - 1/4 SO cost** | 4975.00 | 273.60 | | 4701.40 |
| 3. Trustees Meetings - 1/4 SB meeting cost** | 1200.00 | 407.45 | | 792.55 |
| TOTAL | 56176.00 | 35987.00 | 977.65 | 19211.27 |

* Balance in General Operating Account

** For 1975-76 expenses

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>BUDGETED</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>IN-KIND</u> | <u>VARIANCE</u> |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. State Office Operating Costs | | | | |
| 1. Equip. Maintenance & Contracts | 720.00 | 163.00 | | 557.00 |
| 2. General Supplies | 1810.00 | 1908.42 | 1.92 | (100.34) |
| 3. Postage | 2400.00 | 1134.73 | | 1265.27 |
| 4. Telephone | 750.00 | 421.69 | | 328.31 |
| 5. Insurance & Bonding | 230.00 | 17.00 | | 213.00 |
| 6. Fixed Costs | | | | |
| a. Rent & Utilities | 2700.00 | 1600.00 | | 1100.00 |
| b. Salaries | 9550.00 | 5963.75 | | 3586.25 |
| c. Payroll taxes | 717.00 | 535.67 | | 181.33 |
| 7. Audit & Tax report | 300.00 | 27.06 | | 272.94 |
| 8. New equipment (inc. accrual) | 500.00 | 0 | | 500.00 |
| Subtotal | 19677.00 | 11771.32 | 1.92 | 7903.76 |
| B. Board & Administrative Costs | | | | |
| 1. President | | | | |
| a. Travel | 775.00 | 248.20 | 56.25 | 470.55 |
| b. Per diem | 200.00 | 26.21 | 20.50 | 153.29 |
| c. Secretarial asst. in Lubbock | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| d. Telephone | 250.00 | 99.89 | | 150.11 |
| 3. Representation | 250.00 | 115.55 | 38.20 | 96.25 |
| 2. Treasurer | 100.00 | 79.87 | 8.34 | 11.79 |
| 3. Board | | | | |
| a. Tools & Materials | 400.00 | 422.70 | 23.25 | (45.95) |
| b. State board meetings | 4800.00 | 1374.15 | 40.81 | 3385.04 |
| c. Administration | 200.00 | 122.81 | 29.10 | 48.09 |
| 4. Administrative Committees | | | | |
| a. Development | 200.00 | 54.50 | | 145.50 |
| b. Public Relations | 175.00 | 117.78 | | 57.22 |
| c. Budget | 150.00 | 147.12 | 8.50 | (5.62) |
| d. Nominating | 150.00 | 35.31 | 16.00 | 98.69 |
| e. Ad Hoc Financial Support | 250.00 | 0 | | 250.00 |
| Subtotal | 7900.00 | 2844.09 | 240.95 | 4814.96 |
| C. Services to Local Leagues | | | | |
| 1. Organization | | | | |
| a. Serv. to current LLs | 2100.00 | 1047.80 | 159.77 | 892.43 |
| b. Serv. to Prov. & Pre-Prov. LLs | 1075.00 | 651.31 | 134.86 | 288.83 |
| c. Members-at-large | 315.00 | 65.19 | | 249.81 |
| 2. Presidents' mailings | 875.00 | 821.07 | | 53.93 |
| 3. Local Program Supervision | 25.00 | 7.33 | | 17.67 |
| 4. Membership | 150.00 | 22.69 | 8.09 | 119.22 |
| Subtotal | 4540.00 | 2615.39 | 302.72 | 1621.89 |
| D. Convention, Council | | | | |
| 1. State Conv. '77, all costs | 5000.00 | 0 | | 5000.00 |
| 2. National Council '77, Del. Exp. | 800.00 | 0 | | 800.00 |
| Subtotal | 5800.00 | | | 5800.00 |
| E. National Services | | | | |
| 1. Pledge | 8654.00 | 6490.50 | | 2163.50 |
| 2. MAL PMP, 30 @ \$4.50 | 135.00 | 159.50* | | (24.50) |
| Subtotal | 8789.00 | 6650.00 | | 2139.00 |

* This was for 29 MAL @ \$5.50

Budget Analysis

-3- BUDGETED

ACTUAL

IN-KIND

VARIANCE

F. VOTER

1600.00

1293.34

2.85

303.81

G. Publications, Prod. & Dist. Costs

1. Dup. Pres. Mailings-100 @ \$15

1500.00

611.93

888.07

2. Standing Orders=200 @ \$7

1400.00

862.38

537.62

3. Leg. News1.-100 @ \$5

500.00

0

500.00

4. Outside printing

0

1862.60

(1862.60)

5. Other, inc. chairman

0

43.73

(43.73)

6. Public Sub. Service

0

4.13

(4.13)

Subtotal

3400.00

3384.77

15.23

H. Position Support Activities

1. Program supervision

25.00

66.78

65.49

(107.27)

2. State Program Action

a. PSF & PTR

125.00

66.75

24.00

34.43

b. Land Use

125.00

30.00

95.00

c. FSG

125.00

10.85

114.15

d. Admin. of Jus.

200.00

32.09

167.91

e. Human Resources

125.00

27.17

7.50

90.33

1. ERA \$15.95

2. Housing 2.81

3. Rev. Sharing 2.80

4. Welfare 2.89

5. Educ. 2.81

f. Environmental Quality

1. Air

50.00

55.86

116.98

(122.84)

2. Energy

75.00

49.12

114.66

(88.78)

3. Water & Solid Waste

100.00

100.70

74.17

(74.87)

4. Transportation

50.00

6.25

43.75

g. Voting Rights

50.00

20.59

26.41

3.00

h. State-Local Rel.

0

0

j. Modernizing St.Govt.

15.00

15.00

3. National Program Action

a. Internatinnal Relations

30.00

30.00

b. Representative Govt.

40.00

40.00

c. Campaign Finance

0

0

4. Legislative Office

a. Telephone

500.00

500.00

b. Dir. Exp., inc. sup,post

500.00

500.00

c. Secretary

1935.00

1935.00

Subtotal

4070.00

465.98

429.21

3174.81

I. Professional assistance

400.00

0

400.00

GRAND TOTAL

56176.00

29024.89

977.65

26173.46

Bank Accounts

Bal 6/1/76

Deposits

Expend.

Bal 12/31/76

Gen. Operating Acct.

1278.04

35868.64

28881.11

8265.57

TEF (Returned to TEF)

652.47

652.47

0

Time Deposits

4212.84

144.96

4357.80

Reserves (savings acct.)

2228.43

2228.43

TOTAL

8371.78

36913.60

29533.58

14851.80

Suspense Accounts

Texans for ERA

0

40.00

40.00

0

Project SAFEWATER

0

63.82

16.04

47.78

Johnson & Johnson

0

650.00

535.00

115.00

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LOCAL LEAGUE PLEDGE ACCOUNTS

June 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

| LEAGUE | PLEDGED | Amount paid to: | | BALANCE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| | | GEN. OPER. | TEF | |
| Abilene | 340.00 | 170.00 | | 170.00 |
| Amarillo | 770.00 | 609.44 | | 160.56 |
| Austin | 1770.00 | 1326.87 | | 443.13 |
| Bay Area | 700.00 | 700.00 | | 0 |
| Baytown | 555.00 | 416.25 | | 138.75 |
| Beaumont | 315.00 | 408.50 | | (93.50) |
| Brazos County | 750.00 | 750.00 | | 0 |
| Brownsville | 310.00 | 0 | | 310.00 |
| Corpus Christi | 1015.00 | 1015.00 | | 0 |
| Dallas | 4335.00 | 3251.25 | | 1083.75 |
| Deer Park | 300.00 | 0 | | 300.00 |
| Denton | 810.00 | 606.75 | | 203.25 |
| *Eastern Bell County | 225.00** | 225.00 | | 0 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 320.00 | 320.00 | | 0 |
| El Paso | 965.00 | 350.00 | | 615.00 |
| *Gainesville | 300.00 | 100.00 | | 200.00 |
| Galveston | 1600.00 | 1200.00 | | 400.00 |
| Garland | 394.00 | 197.00 | | 197.00 |
| Harlingen | 300.00 | 300.00 | | 0 |
| Houston | 5500.00 | 4125.00 | | 1375.00 |
| *Huntsville | 300.00 | 0 | | 300.00 |
| Irving | 1380.00 | 1050.20 | | 329.80 |
| Lamar County | 480.00 | 200.00 | | 280.00 |
| *Longview | 200.00*** | 200.00*** | | 0 |
| Lubbock | 350.00 | 0 | | 350.00 |
| Marshall-Harrison Co. | 200.00 | 200.00 | | 0 |
| Midland | 535.00 | 535.00 | | 0 |
| Odessa | 300.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| Orange Area | 300.00 | 375.00 | | (75.00) |
| Pasadena | 300.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| Pearland | 300.00 | 75.00 | | 225.00 |
| Plano | 300.00 | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| Richardson | 540.00 | 271.10 | | 268.90 |
| San Antonio Area | 1500.00 | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| San Marcos | 420.00 | 210.00 | | 210.00 |
| Sherman | 685.00 | 685.00 | | 0 |
| Tarrant Co. | 2270.00 | 1740.00 | | 530.00 |
| Tyler | 335.00 | 247.50 | | 87.50 |
| Victoria | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Waco Area | 510.00 | 254.18 | | 255.82 |
| Wichita Falls | 500.00 | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Subtotal | 33879.00 | 23864.04 | 150.00 | 9864.96 |
| Added since Council: | | | | |
| Rockwall | 200.00 | 200.00 | | 0 |
| TOTAL | 34009.00 | 24064.04**** | 150.00 | 9864.98 |

* Provisional League

** Prorated for fiscal year

*** Paid in 1975-76 fiscal year

**** Includes \$200 paid in 1975-76 fiscal year

PROPOSED LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR 1977-78 STATE BUDGET

| <u>League</u> | <u>Proposed 1977-78</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Abilene | 359 |
| Amarillo | 700 765 |
| Austin | 2,113 |
| Bay Area | 505 |
| Baytown | 598 |
| Beaumont | 943 |
| Brazos County | 795 |
| Brownsville | 300 |
| Corpus Christi | 1,117 |
| Dallas | 4,428 |
| Deer Park | 300 |
| Denton | 838 |
| *Eastern Bell County | 300 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 300 |
| El Paso | 806 |
| *Gainesville | 300 |
| Galveston | 1,501 |
| Garland | 300 |
| Harlingen | 300 |
| Houston | 6,407 |
| Irving | 1,409 |
| Lamar County | 410 |
| *Longview | 300 |
| Lubbock | 817 |
| *Marshall-Harrison County | 300 |
| Midland | 600 |
| Odessa | 300 |
| Orange Area | 300 |
| Pasadena | 300 |
| Pearland | 304 |
| Plano | 302 |
| Richardson | 673 |
| *Rockwall County | 300 |
| San Antonio Area | 1,554 |
| San Marcos | 366 |
| Sherman | 822 |
| Tarrant County | 2,496 |
| Tyler | 300 |
| Victoria | 635 |
| Waco Area | 592 |
| Wichita Falls | 631 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$36,929 |
| *Provisional | 986 |

Up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of local League support payments may be paid with tax deductible money through the LWV/TEF. No administration fee will be charged on such payments.

Carole Shlipak
Director, Development

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Administration - Development

1. Criminal Justice Conference (co-sponsored by the LWV-Texas Education Fund and Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) and held in Dallas on Nov. 11, 1977).

Over 200 attended the morning session (keynoted by Atty. Gen. John Hill), and 150 attended the afternoon session. Some 15 local Leagues were represented, coming from as far away as Galveston.

I want to share part of a letter to Anne Pfaff and myself, who served as Conference co-directors, from Dr. Bill J. Priest, Chancellor of the DCCCD.

"...I agree with you that the Conference was an "unqualified success", and I am proud of the contribution that the District and the League were able to offer to the citizens of Dallas County.

It was a pleasure working with your group. I hope that every future project you undertake for community service will be as successful as this program. In light of your energy, enthusiasm, and intelligence, I am sure they will be."

2. Contributions received by the Texas Education Fund since my last board report:

Kempner Fund of Galveston - \$1,000; LWV-Galveston share - \$280.
Arthur I. Ginsburg, Ft. Worth - \$300; LWV-Tarrant Co. share - \$150.
Texas American Bancshares, Inc., Ft. Worth - \$150; LWV-Tarrant Co. share - \$125.

3. Special Recognition to:

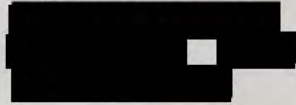
LWV-Gainesville Provisional - for a successful finance drive, and for utilizing the front page of their VOTER to announce it.

LWV-Dallas for using imagination in securing non-cash contributions for their finance drive, e.g. typesetting for printing their finance brochure was donated; printing of brochure is being done at a discount; and paper for the brochure was donated. Thus, League money saved can be used for other projects and services.

LWV-Bay Area - for an excellent report on their Finance Drive in their VOTER, including a graph showing "A Decade and One Years of Successful Finance Drives".

4. Good luck to all of you in your 1977 Finance Drives. Let me know if I can help you!

Helen Hunter
Organization Vice-President



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Administration - Organization

Two years ago we produced guidelines for a Temporary Alternative program for Leagues which were unable to maintain full-scale League activity. Last year we presented a "Module" unit plan suggesting alternatives for handling League activities within the unit system.

As you plan your Annual Meeting and start your program planning for next year, stop and analyze your League's organization policies and program workload. Is a full workload of current League activity impossible to maintain? Are you driving members away with overpowering program? Are board members burned out from overwork? Do you feel encumbered by League "do everything ourselves" tradition? Must we continue to operate in the same old way? Should we adopt new and innovative ways to handle League activity and strengthen League membership through organizational changes? Can you skip some League program and not feel "guilty"? Can you accept consensus from other Leagues when you have not participated?

If you operated on a 1-1-1 basis-- 1 local, 1 state, and 1 national program item for 1 year would this enable you to recruit new members and strengthen your organization for increased League activity in the future?

Or even a 1-program year? One local program item so exciting that you would involve all your members, recruit new members, obtain greater community visibility, and strengthen your organization so you could gradually increase to full scale League activity?

Would you like to operate for one year with your main emphasis on Citizen Information/Voters Service? This would require Citizen Information forums with emphasis on selective League program items, plus other voters service activity.

Any group about to embark on such an organizational change will work with their consultant in order to learn of experiences of other Leagues which have tried this organizational change and to share your experiences with other Leagues in the future.

The program core is now working on a new and innovative concept of program management by objective (PMBO) (achievable goal) rather than traditional program management. Watch for material relating to this new and exciting concept in the Convention Workbook.

Did you ever wish you could borrow a full-fledged presentation from another League? Or conversely, did you ever think that something your League prepared was so good that it was a shame to hide your light under a bushel? The state League would be glad to act as a clearing house for such material. Fill in the enclosed form and send it to us. We will make a compilation and send it out when we get returns from the Leagues.

Director, Communications
Texas VOTER Editor

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Administration
PR and VOTER

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

Ice may have been forming regularly on my driveway, but the influx (a veritable snowfall) of clippings in response to "Request Number One" in my September Bd. Report has been warming indeed! So many of you, LLs from A to V (Abilene to Victoria), have really kept my mail box stuffed; please don't stop. Included in the coverage were many newspaper photos of everything some of the LLs had done, from membership coffees to candidates' rallies. Muchas gracias.

And that brings me to a new request. (Do we ever stop asking?) In my new capacity as at least temporary VOTER editor I'm looking forward to a time when we can use many more photographs in the Texas VOTER. In particular, I'm thinking of pictures of innovative and unusual LL activities, real attention-getters to share with each other and to catch the eye of non-members. A "for instance" is a project that Sherman is undertaking in Voters Service. We've all registered voters and produced Voters Guides, but how many have painted precinct numbers over old metal real estate signs to be placed outside polling places at the time of elections? Sherman LWV thought of it and an action shot of that activity, together with a few words of description, would be exactly the sort of thing I have in mind.

Two things I want to stress: 1) the photo must be a black and white glossy print in sharp focus, and 2) it must illustrate some LWV activity that is out of the ordinary and show it actually happening. Photos made for newspapers by professionals are your best bet, so invite the local press to shoot your "happening". They will generally give you a copy of their glossy later, on request. I'll be waiting for your results.

In September, Jan Moore gave you some invaluable ideas for making a good impression with your own VOTERs. Do put those pages in your permanent portfolio and refer to them frequently. Did you notice the Beaumont VOTER's new look? It's super.

Bobette Higgins
PR Vice-President

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Administration - PR

THE BIG BASH: THE WAY IT WAS

Our last state board meeting was a stem-winder. Not only did we have a business-as-usual board meeting, we also attended the opening of the legislative session, and honored legislators at a reception. That was the week that was!

Here's a knothole view of the reception:

We held it in Rather House, a very lovely old home on the grounds of the Episcopal Seminary in Austin.

We had candles and flowers everywhere.

And flowers for the lapels of the newly-elected legislators.

We had champagne punch.

And delicious nibblies.

We had musicians (eight) who played on the balcony over our heads.

We had many interesting displays of League publications scattered throughout the rooms.

The Project SAFEWATER slide show, "The Water We Drink" was shown.

We welcomed many legislators, wives, and administrative aides who talked and listened and visited with us, and with each other, for three hours.

We had one GLORIOUS fiasco, the kind that all present will remember with fondness for years. During the height of the festivities, a musician dropped his cymbals, which rolled down two flights of wide, bare, wooden stairs, with the most spectacular tintinnabulation you can imagine. After an astonished pause, and with deafened ears, the whole gathering roared with laughter, the musician recovered the lost, and the reception resumed on a newly relaxed and casual note.

Afterwards, we compared notes on all the fascinating and informative conversations we had with "the decision-makers."

And we thanked Donna Green and the Capitol Corps and Austin League members, and President Nancy Bene, all of whom made arrangements, and cooked, and polished silver, and washed dishes, and coped, and coped, and COPED, with smiles and great good humor, all on a nickel-and-dime budget.

We determined that it was exciting, and worthwhile, and we made important and significant contacts.

But did our feet ever hurt.

TO: LL Presidents
FROM: Helen Hunter, Organization V-P

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS INFORMATION AND HARD FACTS POOL

Date _____

LWV of _____

Committee/Item _____

1. Do you have one or more unit presentations you would be willing to present to other Leagues?
2. Do you have written material for bulletin or unit use you would be willing to share? Cost?
3. Do you have plans for special kinds of community or League meetings that might be useful for another League?
4. Do you have action plans that you could share?
5. What are the dates by which you will have any/all of the above?
6. How far would the committee or members of your League be willing to travel to make a presentation to another League or group of Leagues?

PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE IF NECESSARY.

RETURN TO: League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, TX 78701

Betty Anderson
Chairwoman, LWV-Texas Education Fund

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Administration
Ed. Fund - Texas

REPORT ON THE TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Highlights of the LWV-Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees meeting January 12, 1977:

Proposed Budget for 1977-78

The budget for LWV-T which will appear in the Convention Workbook has recommended increases in the Ed. Fund portion for shared services: 1/3 for state office operating costs and certain board and administrative services, and 1/4 for the Texas VOTER and local League presidents mailings.

State-directed projects approved include:

- . 50,000 copies of "When You Go To Austin--A Guide to the Texas Capitol" including Senate and House committees, directory of legislators' offices and telephone numbers, listing of state officials, House & Senate seating charts, and map of the Capitol complex.
- . 10,000 copies of "Citizenship Rights of Felons and Ex-Felons"; a bilingual flyer describing voting rights of felons and ex-felons.

Local League Approved Projects

- . Dallas - Publication of a "Study of Plan A, Highland Park Independent School District".
- . Lubbock - a directory of elected officials and boards & commissions, in cooperation with the Junior League.

April 4 -- Deadline for submitting project proposals to be considered at April 18 TEF Board of Trustees meeting.

LWV of Texas
January 14, 1977
LL Presidents Mailing
I. Q.
Administration
President's Letter

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-at-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson, President, LWV-T

The State Board met in Austin during the first week of the legislative session, and most of the time was spent on things legislative and on matters relating to the April State LWV Convention. We attended the opening of the 65th Session Tuesday and honored the new legislators at a reception at Rather House Wednesday. Donna Green and the Austin League catered a lovely party which many legislators, their spouses, and aides "sandwiched" in between a Coors reception and one given by the Counties Association. It was a great opportunity to visit with the legislators in a relaxed setting. We thoroughly enjoyed it, and we think the legislators did, too.

Fiscal Notes

--The Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support, chaired by Jeannette Naman, met prior to the board meeting and will be bringing their recommendations to convention. After extensive studies of other states' financing and exploring alternatives, the committee and the board recommend a per-member payment (PMP), effective 1978. The foibles of formulas and the inexactitudes of pledges led the group to recommend a PMP, which will hopefully be more equitable and easier to administer.

--Budget Committee chair, Ethel Sturgis, presented the proposed budget for 1977-78 for LWV-Texas for \$65,000.

--Carole Shlipak had more good news--a \$1,000 contribution from the Kempner Foundation of Galveston and a \$300 gift from Arthur I. Ginsburg of Fort Worth, which was designated to be shared equally with Tarrant County.

--Reporting election returns to ABC netted the state organization \$2750. The project was directed by Bunnie Sawin of the Bay Area League, and we are indebted to her and the many volunteers throughout the state who assisted on election night.

Convention

If you miss the state Convention in Fort Worth, you'll be sorry. Board Convention Chair Beth Brown is convinced that this one will be the best ever. Tarrant County is planning several special events which sound inviting. Watch for reservation deadlines.

Program

--Diana Clark reported the consensus for the Administration of Justice, and we found we did not have consensus in the areas of bail, oral confession, evidentiary search, and the death penalty. The Tarrant County Task Force has completed the Juvenile Justice Facts and Issues, and it is being edited. Consensus questions for juvenile justice were approved, and will be in the Board Report. A summary of the Criminal Justice Conference in Dallas in November has been distributed to legislators.

--Jan Wilbur and Barbara Nobles met with Rep. Wayne Peveto Monday to discuss property tax revision strategy. Jan is also working with IDRA (Intercultural Development Research Association) in developing a few local conferences on public school financing.

--Fumi Sugihara met with Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner Monday on county election administration legislation.

Program (cont.)

--Liz Davies attended the Texans for ERA meeting in San Antonio, Saturday, January 8th. She also attended the women's press conference, coordinated by NOW in Austin Thursday. We were all surprised by Gov. Briscoe's endorsement of a Commission on the Status of Women in his state-of-the-state message Wednesday.

--Bobette Higgins continues to promote the Coastal Management Program; she spoke at the National Land Use Conference sponsored by the National Environmental Development Assn. in Washington last month.

--Laura Keever testified at the Council on Environmental Quality hearing in Austin in December and will sit on the GEAC (Governor's Energy Advisory Council) hearing panel January 21.

--Becky Moon is the proud new mother of a 9 1/2 lb. baby boy. She has also been appointed to the Board of the National Clear Air Coalition.

--Lucinda Headrick and Bobette Higgins attended the Texas Environmental Coalition meeting Saturday, January 15.

--Meg Titus reported that there was no real groundswell for any particular new state program item, therefore, none was recommended by the state board for consideration at convention. Inspired by the work of the budget committee to allocate the limited amount of money available for program fairly and accurately according to convention direction on priorities, the program core is discussing a novel and exciting concept of program management by objective (PMBO) (achievable goal) rather than by traditional program item (HR, AJ, NR, VR, FSG). Property tax reform is an example of the kind of objective the core has in mind. At a meeting in Austin later this month, the members of the program core plan to explore all the implications of their concept and their effect on local League management of state program. Material will be prepared to be included in the Convention Workbook relating to this innovative way of managing program.

Organization

--Helen Hunter and I will be attending a Membership Management meeting in Tempe, Ariz., Feb. 8-10. We will explore the three major membership themes: recruitment, retention, involvement. We have a new unit at large, Atascosa County, centered around Pleasanton.

--Jane Peterman reported heavy voter service activity this fall in the local Leagues and that some Leagues have increased their membership significantly.

--Kathy Leabo attended her first board meeting since being appointed as field service spec.

--Jan Coggeshall has written that the Endangered Species Committee met in Washington, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. Sixteen LWV members from diverse Leagues grappled with the intent of the Ohio resolution, adopted at national convention, to increase grassroots effectiveness of the League and to propose possible alternatives for discussion. She says it was a stimulating, exhausting, frustrating, but interesting experience. In February, local Leagues should expect a letter from the committee and a check-off questionnaire for board discussion.

Public Relations

--Barbara Materka will assume editorship of the Texas VOTER. Jan Moore has taken a remunerative position.

--Diana Tilley announced 84 subscriptions to the Legislative Newsletter thus far, and 30 to the Public Subscription Service. Three new publications are being planned under TEF auspices.

The Austin Office

The League's legislative office telephone number is (512) 474-5327. Margaret Roach is the legislative secretary—this is her second time around in this position.

TEF

Projects from Dallas and Lubbock were approved, along with the printing of two citizen information tools: "When You Go To Austin", (a guide to the Texas Capitol), and a flyer on felons' voting rights.

Miscellaneous

Ruth Clusen has been nominated in recognition of the League's role in developing the '76 Presidential Debates to the Ladies Home Journal Women of the Year honor roll. Deadline for casting votes is Feb. 15, 1977, and the official ballot is in the January LHJ. The number of ballots each nominee receives is a major factor in the judges' decisions on who receives the awards.

---Transcripts of the debates are available for \$1.00 per debate from national LWV. They are xeroxed copies of the NY Times text of each debate. They must be prepaid if you order.

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR LEAGUE HAS TURNED IN:

- Legislative interviews (yellow)
- LL Annual Report Forms (pink)
- Fiscal 1977-78 Financial Support Formula (gold)
- Your current list of members (total list) for updating state office files.

Pax,

Betty

LWV of Texas
November 19, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing, DPM
I. Q.
President's Letter

TO: LL Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

I hope each of you has had a chance to catch your breath after the election and all the concomitant activities. With the debates and the water amendment added on to the regular pre-election concerns, it got rather hectic, didn't it! Within the last month, it was good to see many of you at the Houston debate, in Fort Worth at the budget and convention committee meetings, in Midland at the Lobby Learn-in, in Dallas at the Criminal Justice Conference, and in Denton at the Conference on Environmental Legislation. But December is coming, and I plan to seal off my League office (that is, the end of my living room) for the last two weeks in December. I hope you will do the same.

Program--Meg Titus returned this week from a Hawaiian vacation (to an overstuffed mailbox, I imagine). The five regional Lobby Learn-ins have taken place over the past two weeks, and I hope the meetings helped you to gear up for the 65th session. We cannot overemphasize how much we depend on you in our Austin lobbying efforts.

In the Special Attention Area, be sure the PTR specialists return the Data Bank-tax office information by December 1st. The position paper on Property Tax Reform, prepared by Jan Wilbur, is invaluable, and I hope you will use the paper as a basis for educating the public as well as for lobbying.

out of print
Consensus deadline for Administration of Justice is January 7, 1977. (Please see enclosed memo from Diana Clark). Have you checked for distribution possibilities of the two Facts and Issues--while they are still current?

Please let Fumi Sugihara know of any election administration problems your community encountered during the general election. This type of information is really appreciated when presenting testimony before the Elections Committee; the specific story carries a lot more zap than generalities.

In our second priority area, the natural resources items remain active. We want to thank each of you for the excellent testimony and reports of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) forums. Surely, the League was instrumental in that "discerning vote" when the voters passed #2 and rejected #1. The Lubbock and Amarillo Leagues are "hanging in", but it has been a difficult fall for these two Leagues, and your understanding concern is appreciated.

Terry Hershey of Houston has provided matching funds to TEF for the printing of six editions of Environotes in 1977--with an expanded mailing list. Both energy and land use items will not go away in December. The Council on Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Environment and Conservation in Non-nuclear Energy Research and Development, Dec. 14-16 in Austin. The LWV-T will be presenting testimony. On December 16, Bobette Higgins will have a meeting in Houston to review proposed legislation implementing the Texas Coastal Management Program (see enclosed memo and of October 29). We also hope to be meeting with staff members of the TWDB in the next six weeks to discuss what a comprehensive water plan for Texas should include.

The Women Who Want to be Women did not go away; instead, they are alive and well and sending out legislative questionnaires. A new ERA brochure from Texans for ERA will be included in your next mailing.

In the third priority level, which includes human resources, I have received a memo concerning state hearings on New Vocational Education Amendments and Final Regulations for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended in 1974. These

new amendments require efforts to end sex bias in vocational education programs. The October, 1976 issue of Federal Education Project Newsletter (available free from Federal Education Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Suite 520, 733 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005) runs through the major provisions found in the amendments and discusses what local, state and national organizations can do to ensure that the intent of these amendments is carried out fully. Liz Davies will let you know if the hearing is scheduled in your area.

*to Margaret
Calkins
via
HR* { Enclosed is a paper, "Prepare #2", from Texas Impact (an interrelated religious network). It provides valuable information and we suggest you forward it to your HR Chair.

On the national program level, campaign financing is a timely item after the election. Enclosed (to presidents) is a press release on a new book, Campaign Money: Reform and Reality in the States. This book was prepared by the Citizens' Research Foundation from a Carnegie Corporation grant. Texas was one of the states to be profiled, and the chapter on "Texas: Big Money" was written by Jon Ford of the Austin American Statesman.

The scripting by International Relations Director, Joan Kyre, of the UN program is continuing and it is to be filmed in December. Joan attended a meeting of the Asian Association in Austin Nov. 11th. The People's Republic of China was the focal point of discussion.

Organization--Field Service Specialist Kathy Leabo has met with Helen Hunter and visited the Provisional LWV of Gainesville. She will be directing field service operations, coordinating consultants and supervising field service representatives. The membership profile compiled by Barbara Materka is enclosed; I think you will find it interesting reading. Also, Helen Hunter has prepared helpful hints for annual meetings (enclosed).

Public Relations--Plans for the reception honoring new legislators on January 12th at Rather House in Austin are progressing. Invitations have been mailed to all legislators--times on the invitations are staggered to avoid too large a crowd at one time, so when interviewing your legislators, please remind them of the event and understand why invitations differ in that respect. We hope we will see your legislator there.

If you have not yet ordered the Media Action Handbook--I enthusiastically recommend it. It can be ordered for \$2.00 from The National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, 1425 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Now is the time to promote the new state Public Subscription Service (please see enclosed memo from Diana Tilley).

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Dec. 1 Legislative interviews and PTR Data Bank
- Jan. 3 Proposed state bylaws changes
- Jan. 6 Fiscal 1977-78 Financial Support Formula
- Jan. 10 Program making deadline (forms must be received by Jan. 10)

I will be in the state office the first part of next week. The program core and Capitol Corps will be meeting on Monday, the 22nd.

TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

LWV-Tenneco Project--Becky Moon reports that the Steering Committee has been formed, and she hopes to get the first meeting in before the baby arrives on the scene. This

is the stated objective: "A fact-finding effort which will result in the delineation of vital points of consideration in formulating control strategies for known human chemical carcinogens emitted into the atmosphere. The findings of this committee will be compiled in a Committee Report and presented by a committee member to the Texas Air Control Board and/or the Environmental Protection Agency. The report is to be made public for the consideration and utilization of others."

The LWV TEF/Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) Conference, Criminal Justice: Is it Working? proved to be a very successful project. Over 200 attended the morning session November 11th. A good cross section of the public was represented. Diana Clark was responsible for putting together the excellent program, and Carole Shlipak and Anne Pfaff made it all run smoothly.

Please change these figures in the TEF 1976-77 Budget: Unrestricted Contributions to \$68,000, Memorial Gifts to \$300, and Total Income to \$97,275. Then it should balance with expenditures.

For your files: Please change the following two phone numbers:

As of December 1, Carole Shlipak's new phone #: [REDACTED]

Becky Moon (unlisted): [REDACTED]

List of Enclosures (in no particular order):

- Form for state program recommendations (3 copies)
- Memo & forms from Peggy Farmer re slide show rental
- Memo from Liz Davies re Texas United Community Services
- Forms for LL financial support calculation (3 copies)
- Memo from Becky Moon re Clean Air Act Amendments
- Memo from Becky Moon re citizen participation (APA)
- Memo (2 copies) and brochure (1 copy) from Lucinda Headrick re mitigation (forward second copy plus brochure)
- Prepare #2 from Texas Impact (forward to HR Chair)
- Memo from Barbara Materka re membership survey (2 copies)
- Memo from Helen Hunter re annual meetings (DPM)
- Packet of material from Project Safewater (2 packets and 2 cover memos)
- Memo from Diana Clark re AJ consensus deadline
- Memo from Diana Clark and Carol Lee (Tarrant Co.) re Juv. Justice (2 copies & DPM)
- Study Definition & Approach plus bibliography for Juv. Justice (2 copies & DPM)
- "Texas Crimes & Punishment" (one copy per League)
- "Texas Family Code" (one copy per League)
- "How to Write Government Officials" from Texans for ERA (DPM)
- Memo from Bobette Higgins re Coastal Management Program meeting
- Memo from Diana Tilley re publications and membership lists (2 copies)
- Call to Convention

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TO: LL Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson, President

LWV of Texas
November 19, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
I. H. 2.
Administration
Convention - State

C A L L

to the 16th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The 16th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, April 19 - 21, 1977 at the Fort Worth Hilton Inn and the Tarrant County Convention Center.

Under Article VIII, Section 5 of the State Bylaws, the Convention is charged to "consider and authorize for action a program...elect officers and directors...adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and ...transact such other business as may be presented."

Article XI sets forth the procedures for program selection. The final date for local League recommendations to reach the state office is January 10, 1977. The state Board of Directors will submit the proposed program to Leagues at least six weeks before the Convention. Forms on which to submit program recommendations are being sent to local League presidents in November. The deadline for receipt of bylaw changes will be January 3, 1977.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and chair and two members of the Nominating Committee will be sent out at least one month before the date of the Convention, in accordance with Article X, Sec. 3 of the State Bylaws.

In the coming months, you will be receiving many communications relating to Convention '77. Plan now for your League's maximum feasible participation.

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson
RE: Deadlines related to Convention materials

LWW of Texas
October 29, 1976
LL Presidents (NOT ON DPM)
II. E.
Program - Management

We are finding our earlier-announced deadlines in the proposed calendar, the deadlines mentioned in the bylaws, and our early-January state board meeting--incompatible. Therefore, we humbly request that you submit any proposed changes in the state bylaws to Jane Peterman, 2214 MacArthur, Houston 77030, by January 3rd. Then, if you are recommending any changes in your local League bylaws, please have those in by January 15th.

The real problem is moving the deadline for state program making from February 3rd to January 10th. However, the bylaws state:

(Article XI, Sec. 3.a.)

"Local League boards may make recommendations to the Board of Directors by January 10 of the year of Convention."

Please don't ask me how twenty of us could have gone to sleep at the switch during calendar making, but it seems we did. Please send in your program making recommendations before January 10th, if possible. Meg Titus has to have the report tabulated by January 11th--and she needs to get an early start.

May you profit by our mistakes and check your local bylaws now in preparation for annual meetings.

Lastly, be sure the treasurer submits the form for the pledge support formula by the early January deadline. We must have this for budget-making purposes.

We thank you for your patience and your understanding!

TEXAS
Sept 74

This is NOT going on DPM

LWV of Texas
October 15, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing.
I. Q.
President's Letters

TO: LL Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson

Tonight is the night of the vice presidential debates in Houston; I hope to see many of you there. The members of the Houston League are to be commended for doing a mammoth job in only a few days. This League had numerous pre-election projects going before the debates came to town; '76 is a year they will remember. After working with an allotment of only 85 tickets for the League and their friends, Houston was informed on the 9th that 300 tickets were available--hence, all the frantic phone calls last week end.

We are attempting to revamp the Duplicate Presidents Mailing, and many things being sent to the LL Presidents are being included in DPM in this mailing. We are trying to mark the distribution pattern when possible.

Enclosed you will find:

- More about water: Lucinda Headrick's statement in Dallas at the Texas Water Development Board's public forum, as well as a condensed version of a statement made by Joe Moore;
- Much more about Property Tax Reform, including a position paper, and Action Strategy
- Information on Lively Issues for State Program Making;
- A publications flyer suitable for libraries;
- The year-end TEF financial report and annual report;
- LWV-T Policy Guide (revised);
- Material with which to begin compiling information (for yourselves and state Legislative Office) on legislators.

Now is the time to review the section on Annual Meetings in "In League", page 53. Go over the checklist and be sure you have appointed the necessary committees. Mark your calendars for the deadlines when the proposed slate of officers and directors, proposed program proposed budget, and proposed changes in your bylaws must be presented to the members.

For your files: on the list of "Local League Presidents", please change the telephone number of Linda Ladendorff (Victoria) to: [REDACTED]

Peace

Betty Anderson

LWV of Texas
September 17, 1976
I. Q.
Administration
President's Letter
LL Presidents, Members at
Large

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-at-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson, President
RE: September 14-16 State Board Meeting

Gearing up for the 65th session of the Texas Legislature was the main focus of the September board meeting. The Post-Board Report, which will be mailed at the beginning of October, will provide more details.

Presidential Debates: The Sept. 9 National Memo tells it all--we do hope you are taking full advantage of the coverage for your own members and finance efforts.

Water: The amendment election is six short weeks away, and the Texas Water Development Board is apparently drumming up pro votes via the 20 announced forums. Please respond to Lucinda Headrick's enclosed Action Alert carefully. Also, try to correct the misinformation being circulated about the water amendments. SEE ADDITIONAL NOTE BELOW.

A Criminal Justice Conference, co-sponsored by LWV-TEF and the Dallas County Community College District, will be held Thursday, Nov. 11 at El Centro College, Downtown Dallas. Carole Shlipak and I had a productive visit with Attorney General John Hill Tuesday, and he will be the major speaker for the Conference which is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Conference will focus on some of the major issues and proposed legislation involved in criminal justice. Carole Shlipak and Anne Pfaff of Irving are Conference co-directors. Diana Clark is serving as program consultant.

Women's Issues: We appreciate the great response to the appeal for funds for Texans for ERA. Dallas and Lubbock passed the hat at recent meetings and collected \$100 and \$37.69 respectively.

The State Affairs subcommittee on the Commission on the Status of Women voted 3-2 against recommending a commission at their meeting Sept. 9th. However, legislation for a commission is being reviewed by women legislators--and a bill may yet be introduced.

Budget: The state budget committee will be meeting in October in Fort Worth to draw up the 1977-78 proposed budget for LWV-Texas. Local Leagues are encouraged to offer suggestions in connection with the budget. Please write any one of the committee members listed below--or chat with them in person--sometime not later than October 20th.

This committee welcomes your ideas.

Ethel Sturgis, Chair,

Betty Anderson

Louise Chandler

Barbara Glickman

Barbara Materka

Jeanette Vanderwater 7914

Jan Wilbur

Ethel Sturgis urges you to let us hear from you!

Additional note on Water: We are cooperating with (and Lucinda Headrick is on the steering committee of) "Texans for Clean Water." Enclosed is a brochure--order more from State Office.

Sept. 17, 1976

*Dallas
Nov 20
tentatively*

Regional Lobby Learn-Ins will be conducted in five locations throughout the state November 8-19th. Legislative Director Barbara Nobles and local state board member will conduct the sessions. We hope that a large group from your League can attend. Details later.

Property Tax Reform: Rep. Wayne Peveto (D-Orange), sponsor of the PTR bill in the last session, came to the board meeting to discuss strategy for the next session. He suggested that we talk with local tax assessor-collectors, local government officials (school, city, and county), and state senators about our concern for PTR as it relates to our positions on public school financing. In addition, he urged us to testify at hearings on the PTR bill that are tentatively scheduled this fall throughout the state.

Jan Wilbur reports that 22 Leagues have named PTR specialists. Material will be sent to these persons and to the president of the respective League IF YOU CHECKED THAT YOU WISHED TO GET COPIES on the form naming the PTR specialist(s). Otherwise, your name will not be on the special mailing list for PTR.

This is a response to groans from those who feel overburdened by reams of "unnecessary" paper you get. It is not to exclude those who WISH to get all the information. Be assured the special mailing list is not closed--if you wish to add names (yours or those of others in your League) please do!!

The responsibility for developing the data bank has been changed to give some of that responsibility to the state level. We are gathering info. we can get from TEA and will get a first draft to you for you to fill in only the info not readily available to us at the state level. We are now targeting Oct. 1 to get the first draft to you, but feel (since we are doing some of the work) that the Nov. 1 deadline for your return is still realistic.

International Relations: A video presentation geared to the UN consensus questions is being prepared by Joan Kyre and the Mass Communications Dept. at Texas Tech. Forms for booking the presentation will be in the Post-Board Report. Play-back decks for viewing can oftentimes be borrowed from schools, libraries, or Ford (or other) auto agencies, etc. It is possible to use any TV as a monitor, but Please check with your source of equipment to make sure that deck and monitor are compatible. Also, you may need an adapter for a grounded (three-pronged) plug.

CI/VS: Materials for Voters Guides were mailed from Houston by Beth Brown on August 25th. Please call her if your local League has not received its material. The reply from Pat O'Reilly, Socialist Workers Party, was received Sept. 13th, one month after the deadline.

Publications: The new flyer We Support, is designed as a piece for every member, although you will want to order additional copies for prospective member, contributors, your community, etc.

Monitoring: Watch for Becky Moon's report on monitoring agencies meeting in your area. We plan to collect data on how the Administrative Procedure Act is being implemented. Remember, monitoring is an action tool--"observing with a purpose"?

TEF: The Texas Ed. Fund is \$3500 richer from a \$5000 donation from the Fikes Foundation--solicited by Carole Shlipak. The other \$1500 will go to LWV of Dallas, where the Fik Foundation is officed.

Project requests for Voters Guides in Austin, Denton, and San Antonio were approved.

President's Letter

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September 17, 1976

Misc.: If you have not corrected (and notified your VOTER distributor of) Helen Hunter's address on your state board list, NOW IS THE TIME. What looks like "3930 Beechnut" is really "8930 Beechnut". Her mail is taking the long way home--if it gets there at all.

I've been reading of your fall plans in your minutes and VOTERS. I hope League activities are off to a good start and all is going well.

Please respond to the two enclosed Action Alerts.

Peace,

Betty Anderson

This month's Presidents Letter is from the three vice presidents. Betty Anderson has been enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

LMV of Texas
August 27, 1976
I. Q.
Administration
President's Letter
THIS IS NOT GOING ON DPM

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Meg Titus, Program Vice-President

SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN PROGRAM

Summer is not all vacation time! Lots has been accomplished in the program area to prepare for increased League activities in the fall--and for the coming legislative session.

Publications: Four program publications are on their way to you. These past two months have been a sort of test-by-fire for our new publications chair, Diana Tilley, but she has handled this publication pile-up with her usual skill and organization.

"We Support", the four-fold flyer which is to replace "This is Our Stand" will be sent with this mailing. Order lots of these briefs of our positions for: prospective and new members, city and county officials, legislators, and, of course, your own board and membership.

"State Program", the more detailed publication of our positions (also included with this mailing) has excellent historical perspective on our study items written by Ruth Joor from her extensive knowledge and experience in LMV-T program. She's given us lots of valuable new information in this revised study tool. This will be loose-leaf in order that new portions such as future consensus positions can be readily added to it.

"Local League Program Directory", containing all local League study items in Texas, along with all LL positions on these items, has been something many of you have been requesting for some time. It's bulky and detailed, but should be valuable in exploring new program items on the local level, in preparing consensus and drafting positions, and in considering possibilities for concurrence. It will be grouped by study items with positions listed alphabetically by League--and will be out in late September.

"Program Update", a kit being prepared both for provisional and established Leagues, will contain publications 1 and 2 listed above, along with item-related lists of other helpful publications. This combined with LMVUS "Documents", plus program update workshops of your choice should help all our members stay current on program.

Action Reports: A few months ago, all LL presidents were sent Action Report Forms which we would like you incoming presidents to continue to use. Please check your inherited file for extra copies of these as they will be most helpful now that the legislative session is nearing and Leagues all over the state are coming out of the summer doldrums. Many states have found this method of action reporting very useful. We think, with your cooperation, it will help LMV-T to coordinate action and interpret the results.

Legislative Questions: Each program chair has been asked to draft one (or more if necessary) issue-oriented questions for LLs to ask legislative candidates at various meetings--formal or informal. These are included in this mailing. Please report back to Barbara Nobles, legislative chair, the sorts of reactions and answers you receive--it will be valuable in preparing her pre-session files.

VOTER topics for the September issue will include lots of program material, as you have been requesting. Remind your membership to watch for state VOTER articles on program priorities, property tax reform, water bonds, land use, administration of justice, and the last financing state government consensus--a most important issue.

August 27, 1976

Meg Titus - continued

During the Summer:

Administration of Justice - Diana Clark has completed the second F&I which is now at the printer. Look for it very soon.

Air - Becky Moon attended the LHVUS Environmental Quality Committee meeting in

Washington--she's been selected to this national committee and we're very proud.

She has prepared a report on the Tenneco hearing, and it is included in this mailing.

Energy - Laura Keever also attended her national committee meeting this summer--on energy, of course. Included in this mailing is her (and Liz Davies') backgrounder on energy rate structures as they relate to our HR concerns.

PTR - Jan Wilbur held workshops in June on PTR strategy. Watch for a position paper due soon.

Voting Rights - Fumi Sugihara has been working hard drafting VR legislation this summer in preparation for the January legislative session.

Water - Lucinda Headrick has sent out strategy papers relating to our action relating to the November water bond election. She's working in coalition with TEC and CAUT on this matter, as well as keeping up with other water and solid waste matters.

The entire NR core will meet on August 26 to discuss inter-related matters and prepare for the September state board meeting.

FROM: Helen Hunter, Organization Vice-President

BICENTENNIAL TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA
ORGANIZATION UPDATE

I attended Justice '76, A National Citizens' Assembly on Improving Courts and Justice, July 4-6 in Philadelphia. The 4th in Philadelphia was just as exciting as I thought it would be. We heard the Philadelphia Orchestra in their new Robin Hood Dell amphitheater; visited the new Living History Center and the Balch Institute; toured Independence Hall, of course; saw the premier of the production "Case and Trial of John Peter Zenger"; had lobster (what else?) at the Old Original Bookbinders Restaurant; waved at the President; and curtsied to the Queen.

The purpose of this assembly was "to study the historic nature of federal and state systems and the system's ability to make good the promise of equal justice under law." The meetings were well planned and the panelists and about 200 participants were representative of all sectors of society. The panelists were great. The discussions focused on analyzing the system, identifying the objectives and assessing the needs to meet our present-day problems.

The top priorities adopted by the assembly were merit selection of judges--federal and state, and educating the citizens and involving them in improving the system. It was recommended that all phases of justice be taught in our schools from the beginning--arrest through the courts.

The panelists were outstanding and the discussion groups lively. I wish all of you interested in our A of J study could have been there. The LHV was well represented. Ruth Clusen was one of the panelists. It was all very interesting, informative, and exciting.

Carl Stern of NBC was also one of the panelists. He was in Texas recently filming portions of a special program on Merit Selection. WATCH FOR IT!!!

August 27, 1976

Helen Hunter - continued

Organization: The LMV of Austin is planning an experiment with their night unit developing their own program with some coordination with the regular program for the day units.

The LMV-Houston has scheduled an experiment with its units in September and October. September units will be devoted to planning an action campaign--the target: Property Tax Reform. Each unit will discuss types of action and then plan a campaign. In October, units will not hold regular meetings but will be assigned a day in a shopping center to participate in the League's "Get Out the Vote" drive. They look forward to 12 action modules!!

FROM: Bobette Higgins, Public Relations Vice-President

PROJECT SAFEWATER

Plans for the development of really super program material, including a slide show with taped narration, fact sheets, sample press releases and complete how-to-have-a-program suggestions have been occupying the minds of the busy members of the Safe Drinking Water Task Force. Funded by a grant to the LMV Education Fund by the Office of Water Supply of the EPA Task Force, members met in Dallas on August 2 and will meet again in Austin on Sept. 2-4. National board member, Jean Anderson, will be present at the September meeting, as well as national SDW Project Director, Fern Summer.

The program material will be ready for use sometime during the month of October. We want to distribute this material to as many organizations, schools, local governmental entities, etc. as possible. We're counting on your help in this. Everybody needs to get into the Safe Drinking Water Act! (And everybody is: We were fortunate enough to be able to interview the Governor on Texas' plans for implementing this act, and his comments were taped and will be included in the slide show, along with photographs made during the interview.)

COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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FROM: Diana Clark, Administration of Justice Chair

A MESSAGE OF REASSURANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CHAIRS

Although the Leaders Guide and questionnaire promised for this summer are not ready, the Facts and Issues is included in this mailing. The Leaders Guide will come out shortly, too.

In the meantime, your committees might take the tentative consensus questions as a guide for interviews or background reading. The bibliography is sparse for this part of our study, but Chapter 7 in The Government and Politics of Texas, Fifth Edition,

by McCleskey, Dickens and Butcher, is a very good starting point. The consensus question on bail will be dealt with in the September VOT R article. The question on the death penalty will either be made optional or eliminated. There will be a question on the Jail Commission, material on which was in the December, 1975, VOTER and in the supplement to the first Leaders Guide. Final board approval of consensus questions will be made in September and rushed to you with a short guide to the questions.

If you really are behind, we will consider moving the consensus deadline back to February. Let me know your wishes.

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Pres. File
LHV OF TEXAS
July 23, 1976
I. Q.
Administration
President's Letters
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Dear LL Presidents,

Enclosed in your packet is a brochure on the water bonds, prepared by Citizens Against Water Taxes (CAWT). You will note in Lucinda's memo that John Henry Faulk will head this group. Presently, we are working through the Texas Environmental Coalition and CAWT on the water bonds election. The League Steering Committee will meet in Dallas August 7th to finalize plans for the November election. Some Leagues are already gearing up for action as committees are being formed in major cities. Speaking at the Oct. 7th general meeting of the LHV-Houston will be General James Rose, Texas Water Development Board executive.

Coalitions--In the February 1976 issue of Women's Agenda, Nancy Seifer discusses coalition building. She prefers this definition of a coalition--"a temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons or states for joint action." Some coalitions are built around a broad range of issues and composed of extremely diverse groups while others are made up of homogenous organizations, most of whom are accustomed to habitually "talking to each other." The LHV-T is officially associated with three coalitions: Texans for ERA, the Texas Environmental Coalition, and the Texas Coalition for Utility Regulation. We are considering joining a fourth--the EAF (Environmental Action Foundation) Solid Waste Coalition. In addition, I have been attending the Texas Council of Presidents (of Women's Organizations)--a loosely-knit group developing areas of common interest. After a 3 1/2 hour session Sunday, the group decided to focus on three areas: The Commission on the Status of Women, education, and employment. The group will also serve as a communication system for other legislative and governmental concerns.

ERA--At the Steering Committee of Texans for ERA in March, a \$5,000 budget was adopted. Barbara Vackar sent out an appeal for funds in May, but only \$910 has been collected. The Steering Committee has attempted to underwrite the budget, since Texas is said to be the #2 target state for rescission. The Texas Women's Political Caucus, B&PW, and NOW each pledged \$1,000 for the cause. The League was asked to contribute \$300.00. As you know, this was not included in the budget, so I am asking that you make a special contribution to Texans for ERA--if at all possible. I realize that many of you did not include it in your budget, either. However, I think an appeal at your board meeting could easily raise the amount requested. These are the suggested amounts:

\$15.00--Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Tarrant County

\$10.00--Beaumont, Brazos County, Corpus Christi, Denton, El Paso, Galveston, Irving, Lubbock, Midland, Sherman, and Victoria

\$5.00--Abilene, Amarillo, Bay Area, Baytown, Brownsville, Deer Park, Eastern Bell County, Edinburg/McAllen, Gainesville, Garland, Harlingen, Huntsville, Lamar County, Longview, Marshall/Harrison County, Odessa, Orange Area, Pasadena, Pearland, Plano, Richardson, Rockwall, San Marcos, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls.

If you would send a check to the State Office, made out to Texans for ERA, I would greatly appreciate it.

LHV-US helped us financially with our ERA during the last session. However, this year money is being channelled to 8 unratified target states, plus Colorado and Massachusetts.

In September, LLs are to receive a packet of ERA study and action material from national. One section--study--will include excerpts from major documents pertaining to the ERA; a bibliography including reference material as well as resource material such as films and tapes; background material on the status of women; and information on existing state ERAs. The second section--the opposition--will present information and some analysis of the opposition along with a "how to deal with the opposition" piece. The third section--action--will be directed toward suggested League activity in support of the amendment at the state and local levels.

July 23, 1976

Program Happenings

PTR--Property Tax Reform specialists met with Jan Wilbur in Houston, June 23rd to map out strategy plans through December. This plan will be sent to you shortly.

AJ--I sent a letter to Governor Briscoe prepared by the Tarrant County League about the new Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board. Names of ten Tarrant County Leaguers were submitted as well qualified to serve on such a committee. The Tarrant Co. LHV has been actively involved in Services to Children and Youth for ten years.

The correct date for consensus deadline on AJ is May 6 which appears in the Guide to LL Calendar Planning--not the April 6 date mentioned in the last Board Report.

Voting Rights--Fumi Sugihara is attending meetings of the Elections Subcommittees, submitting proposals on deputy registrars, seems to be in constant communication with the Secretary of State's Office on little-known election laws, and commenting on proposed election laws legislation.

Natural Resources

Air--Becky Moon's latest word is that the dispute with Tenneco and the TACB with regard to the requested construction permit to build an addition to their present polyvinyl chloride plant will be settled within a few days. The Texas Air Control Board will meet in Austin the 23rd of July. Becky and her committee will also be monitoring the budgetary process of the TACB.

Energy--In Dallas hearings, Pearl Wincorn has been busy testifying on energy for the Dallas and Texas Leagues. On July 2, she critiqued the proposed State Energy Conservation Planning guidelines. Laura Keever also submitted written comments to the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) on guidelines. On July 15, Pearl presented testimony to the FEA Consumer Affairs/Special Impact Committee.

SDM--Bobette Higgins and the statewide steering committee will consult with the national staff specialist on the Safe Drinking Water Act Grant, September 2-3.

Human Resources--Also included in this mailing is a brochure from the Dallas Theater Center about plays on current human problems. Jonathan Hole of the State Dept. of Public Welfare states that contact for the use of the plays may be made through Matt Tracy. Mr. Tracy plans to spend three weeks per month in each of these areas: Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Lubbock, Houston, Beaumont, and the Valley. Questions concerning the text of the plays may be obtained from Mr. Tracy.

Organizational Matters

Jane Peterman has asked me to remind you to consider the needs of your local League Board when setting the agenda for board training sessions.

--should your members have the opportunity to meet with the trainer?

--should all program chairpersons meet separately and/or as a group?

--should all portfolio chairs meet with their vice president as well as separately?

Consider these questions along with your concerns when scheduling board training. Let the training fit your particular situation. The board trainers are flexible and want to be of optimum assistance.

Please send three (3) copies of your budget, bylaws, and policy sheets to State Office immediately--if you have not already done so!

PR Affairs

Voter Registration--The Secretary of State's Office is mounting a gigantic program to register all eligible voters.

Their campaign includes targeting high school students, distributing voter registration materials through retail grocers via Coca Cola distributors, conducting voter registration workshops, utilizing fire departments, and developing public service announcements.

The League's help is also needed. Hope you will say "yes" when asked.

According to the Texas Register, "All voters must be registered before October 3, 1976 to be eligible to vote in the general election November 2. However, since the date falls on

July 23, 1976

a Sunday, persons wishing to register are advised to do so by October 1, a Friday and working day to assure their appearance on voter rolls."

Corrections, Changes, etc.

P Please change Baytown's president from Phyllis Dignam to Mrs. David Walker (Maria),

Pansy Dobbs of Rockwall--phone no.: [REDACTED]

Helen Hunter's address is: [REDACTED]

B Barbara Glickman's new address: [REDACTED]

P El Paso's new president is Helen Tullis

Linda Avena, [REDACTED] will serve as offboard chair of Revenue Sharing

Enough copies of revised "Keeping Files" have been included for your DPMs and Standing Ord.

* Congratulations to Jan Coggeshall, who has been selected to serve on the LHV-US Endangered Species Committee, which was the result of the Ohio resolution at National Convention. She will serve with 11 other LL presidents, two state presidents and one national board member.

On August 7th, Bobette Higgins and I will be participating on panels at the Texas Women's Political Caucus Convention in Dallas. I will discuss the League's legislative priorities, and Bobette will tell how to effectively involve members in the lobbying process.

I will be in New Hampshire and points north August 10th to August 23rd. The VPs are being asked to write the August President's Letter.

Hope the summer and the League are being good to you.

Peace,

Betty Anderson

Return to ES

LWV of Texas
May 21, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
Members-At-Large
I.Q.
Administration
President's Letter

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-At-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson (with a little help from my VP friends)
RE: May 18-20 State Board Meeting

Planning for the 1976-77 League year was the main business of the May board meeting. Included in the Post-Board Report, which will be mailed June 4, is the Guide to Calendar Planning. The national Board met this week also, so hopefully you will be receiving their deadlines and suggestions for calendaring soon.

Board Shuffling. Barbara Materka of Dallas will assume a new position as Communications Director and Special Membership Projects Director. She will work with the media while Bobette Higgins continues as PR VP; she will also spearhead the modular strategy developed by the Research and Planning Committee. Peggy Farmer will take the balance of the membership portfolio. MSG has been divided into chunks--with Helen Hunter taking the judicial and Barbara Nobles the legislative items. Off-board chairs will be secured for executive, S-L Relations, Revenue Sharing and TCR

Grantsmanship. LWVUS has obtained grants for two projects--Safe Drinking Water (SDW) and 208 Planning. We have agreed to participate in these projects. They are program-related projects and our budget will benefit. Bobette Higgins has been designated as project director.

Carole Shlipak has prepared a proposal for a Criminal Justice Conference for the North Central Texas area. This application will be made to the Texas Commission on the Humanities and Public Policy. More details will follow.

Program Management. We are suggesting dividing the state program agenda into four categories:

I. Special Attention

AJ

FSG/PSF--Property Tax Reform

Voting Rights

II. Working Hard with Other Groups

Air

Energy

HR (ERA)

Land Use

Water-Water Bond Election

III. Watch Well

HR

MSG (Judicial)

Solid Waste

State-Local Relations

IV. Standby

MSG (Executive-Legislature)

TCR

Transportation

Included in the post-board report will be a tear-off to return to Jan Wilbur with the name of your Planning and Research specialist.

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Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo, sponsor of the Administrative Procedures Act in the Senate, came to Rather House and discussed the Act with us. He gave us the legislative history of the Act. He said that the intent of the Act was to open up the system, but that he recognized, in reality, that it sometimes became more difficult to participate because legal counsel was oftentimes necessary (Air-Tenneco--case in point).

Water Bonds: Constitutional Amendment Election in November. The Board voted to support the \$100 million Texas Water Development (TWD) bond issue for water quality enhancement purposes. This money would be used for grants to political subdivisions to be used as the local governments' portion to the Federal government's matching fund.

We voted to oppose the \$400 million TWD bond issue for water development. After prolonged and agonizing analysis, we agreed that state constitutional and statutory law does not guarantee adequate environmentally and financially sound safeguards in the planning and building of water resources financed by these reports. Watch for Lucinda Headrick's

report in the Board Report. State Program 1976-77 which contains the details of our state decisions will be ready for distribution in August. We Support 1976-77, the small, four-fold statement of our LWV-T positions will be ready in early July.

Please submit copies of your local League study items and local League positions to Meg Titus immediately (if this has not already been done)--a publication containing all Texas Local League program will be compiled and mailed as soon as all the information is gathered. Only ten have been received to date.

Legislative candidate questions, addressing the issues, will be sent in early August. These can be used during campaigns before November to raise the issues to which we are concerned. Questions for the Voters Guides will also be prepared, but they will be shorter, fewer, and more general in nature.

All Around the Town.

Fumi Sugihara represented the League on May 10 at a meeting with the McBee subcommittee House Committee on Elections, to discuss a County Elections Administrations bill.

Laura Keeven and Bobette Higgins attended a Public Utilities Commission meeting May 17th. Regulations were discussed. Laura is the chair of the Conservation Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. The subcommittee meets the last week of May.

Carole Shlipak called on three prospective contributors in Austin this week.

The flyer "Register and Vote in Texas" will be available next month. The two color brochure has a question and answer format, and it won't go out of date. We think you will like it, and it's inexpensive--3¢ each, \$19.50/1000.

There will be only four VOTERS next year--but they will be good ones.

Organization. We are delighted to announce that Rockwall County has been recognized as a Provisional League.

The LD Committee has received 16 requests for training. If you opt for the leadership development training, please stress to your board members the importance of staying for the complete training sessions.

Another important reminder: Please send three copies to the state office of your Annual Meeting minutes, adopted program, budget, bylaws, and list of officers and directors.

Peace--

Betty

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LNV of Texas
May 21, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
Members-At-Large
I.H.I.
Administration
Convention-National

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-At-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson
RE: National Convention Report

Since there were 19 Texas local Leagues and three provisionals which could not send delegates to National Convention, May 3-7 in New York, Meg Titus, Jan Wilbur, and I will attempt to give you an overview. I will report on bylaws and miscellaneous, Meg on program, and Jan on budget and PMP.

The May 7 New York Times story read, "It's Still the League of Women Voters"--the organization overwhelmingly voting to keep the old name after deciding that it was more valuable than it was sexist. The League of Voters was debated, but other suggested name changes did not reach the floor. The majority argued that people knew the present name, that it had prestige, and that the organization would have no legal control over that name if it were replaced. Very little time was spent on this, thank goodness!

Other bylaw changes and additions include:

- . adding 'acting on selected governmental issues' to the League purpose--as well as promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. (This states what we really do and in no way changes our purpose.)
- . Changing Art. II, Sec. 2 to read, "Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local or state Leagues". (States with many members-at-large (MALs) such as Nebraska and Wyoming promoted this change.)
- . combining the secretary-treasurer position on the national Board.
- . increasing the number for a quorum at both national Convention and Council.
- . eliminating state pledges to national (beginning in 1978) by increasing the LL direct PMP to national.

Officers. Veta Winick was elected to the national Board and will be assuming the PR and publications portfolios. Other assignments announced were VP Ruth Hinerfield--Action; VP Nan Waterman--HR; Secretary Kay Fields--State-Local under Organization; Yvonne Spies--treasurer; Ann Viner--Organization; Judith Head--Research and Development; Ruth Robbins--International Relations; Joanne Hayes--Litigation and ERA; Holly O'Konski--Land Use; Betty MacDonald--Energy and Natural Resources; Connie Fortune--CI/VS; Jean Anderson--EQ; Judith Heimann--Representative Government; and Dot Ridings--HR.

Presidential Debates on TV are planned by LWVUS this fall. The series of four debates between major Presidential candidates would be the first since the Kennedy-Nixon debates on 1960. The League sponsorship would obviate the need for special legislation to permit the two major candidates alone to debate on TV. The FCC has interpreted the Equal Time Law to mean that television may cover a bona fide news event under the auspices of an independent organization. And this would qualify as a legitimate news event--thus getting around the minor candidates problem.

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Membership and Program concerns surfaced in the Ohio Resolution. The "Endangered Species" Committee was funded for \$8,000, and it will propose alternative choices for the future direction of the League. The committee will be composed of 12 LL Presidents, two state Presidents, one ILO President, and one national board member. The Ohio Amendment was designed to focus on leadership overload, proliferating program, superficial scattershot Study and Action, decreased effectiveness, harried vanishing volunteers, staff and money needs, League imbalance, grassroots needs, etc.

Texas is ranked 13th in state League size. The other comparable in size to Texas are:

| | <u>Number of Leagues</u> | <u>Number of Members</u> | |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <u>As of 1/1/76</u> | <u>Changes Since 1/1/75</u> |
| Florida | 27 | 3891 | +102 |
| Maryland | 18 | 3560 | -178 |
| Michigan | 43 | 3903 | -321 |
| Minnesota | 68 | 4155 | -542 |
| Texas | 39 | 3856 | -244 |

Texas Delegates. The Texas delegates included Diana Clark for Dallas, Liz Davies of San Antonio for Sherman, Jeannette Naman of Houston for Pasadena, and Kathleen Kenefick of Brazos County for Wichita Falls.

Austin: Nancy Benè', Pat Oakes, and Jacqueline Bloch
 Bay Area: Bunny Sawin
 Baytown: Sarah Epperly
 Beaumont: Shirley Gleason
 Brazos County: Joan Zingaro
 Dallas: Ruth Kee, Eleanor Sutherland, and Pearl Wincorn
 Denton: Betty Bailey
 El Paso: Betty Phillips
 Galveston: Jan Coggeshall and Olivia Myer
 Houston: Madeleine Appel, Brenda Gehan, Pat Lawson, Dorothy Lockwood, Becky Moon, and Penny Murn
 Longview: Alice Sutton
 Lubbock: Carolyn Lanier
 Midland: Evelyn Gould
 Richardson: Louise Chandler
 San Antonio Area: Virginia Baker and Rowena Rodgers
 San Marcos: Frances Emery
 Tarrant County: Marilyn Forney, Ethel Sturgis, and Virginia Sloan

LWV of Texas
May 1976
LL Presidents (2)
I.F.3.
Administration
Bylaws-Local (Dues)
NOT ON DPM

TO: Local League Presidents (forward second copy to Treasurer)
FROM: Barbara Materka, LWV-T Director, Bylaws and Membership
RE: Annual Dues Vs. Anniversary Dues

ANNUAL DUES

Under this system dues are payable on the first day of the local League's fiscal year, which is usually April 1, May 1, or June 1. Dues notices are sent out about the second half of the previous month and reminders are sent out at the beginning of the month following the due date. The annual finance drive for both member and non-member contributions is often held just prior to or just following the start of the fiscal year. The implications of this system are:

1-Stability in Budget Making

Most of the local League income is raised early in the year; therefore, if adjustments in the budget are necessary, decisions can be made well ahead of the program year. Conversely, if a surplus is raised, early adjustments upward can be made. Especially for smaller Leagues, this system may be effective in preventing any serious "money crunch."

2-Heavy Workload for Treasurer and Membership Committee

Since dues notices, and sometimes member contribution appeals, are sent all at one time, there is a heavy one-time burden on the treasurer and the membership committee. Not only is the bookkeeping and filing a big chore for them, but in the case of membership, many telephone calls must be made all in one month to those who do not pay their dues after the reminder has been sent. For larger Leagues, with 500 or more members, this can be a very onerous task.

3-Accuracy of Membership List

A fairly accurate membership list can be prepared in late summer. By this time the two-month grace period has passed and delinquents have been dropped. Unless prorated dues are accepted, few Leagues will add members after January 1; thus, an accurate count can be made, corresponding to the mailing list, which can be sent to state and national on January 1.

4-Unfairness to Member

New members who choose to join the League at some time other than the first day of the fiscal year will not receive a full year's worth of material in exchange for dues. Some Leagues try to solve this problem by establishing dates for prorated dues, but this can lead to the following problem:

5-Extension of Costly Prospect Period

When a date is set for prorating dues, the prospect is encouraged to wait for that date before joining and thus the period of free service is extended. Then, if that date happens to fall before January 1, the League will be faced with making a full Per Member Payment on that person who has paid less than full dues.

ANNIVERSARY DUES

Under this system dues are payable on the first day of the month in which the member originally joined. Dues notices, and sometimes member contribution appeals, are sent monthly to those whose anniversary it is. There is no particular tie-in with the finance drive. The implications of this system are:

1-Need for Projecting Income for Budget Making

Income from dues arrives monthly. If the finance drive is held early in the fiscal year, there is still a considerable sum coming in early, but money decisions must be made on the basis of long-range income and expense projections. There might be a cash-flow problem if the finance drive is less than successful, but most Leagues under this plan still have a large carryover of members whose anniversary date remains April 1, so this is not likely to be a problem. It is, nevertheless, possible that the need for budget cuts or for additional fund raising efforts will not be apparent until well into the program year.

2-Lightening the Load for Treasurer and Membership Committee

Since dues notices and reminders are sent out each month, the treasurer and membership committee are not over-burdened at any particular time. Larger Leagues have found it wise to designate a membership treasurer whose function it is to receive dues money, record payments on anniversary-dated cards, send the checks on to the treasurer, mail out dues notices and reminders, and send in monthly reports on membership to the local committee, to state, and to national. It is recommended that her files be kept in the regular League office so that VOTER and other mailing lists can be kept current.

3-Difference in Handling Membership List

It is more difficult to prepare a truly accurate membership list, but of course, no list is ever 100% accurate since it is never known how many of those on the grace period are actually going to pay dues and how many are eventually going to be dropped. The best method under anniversary dues (and perhaps under annual dues, too) is to count those members who have actually paid dues between January 1 of a given year and January 1 of the following year. Thus, those on a grace period, say in November or December, will be counted in the following year's membership at the time dues are actually paid. This does not in any way change their anniversary date nor take them off the VOTER list; it is simply a way of being consistent in the counting of members. The treasurer's and the membership committee's lists then tally, and the totals even out after one year of using this method.

4-Fairness to Member

No matter in what month a member joins, a full twelve months' worth of material will be received. Thus members are more inclined to pay dues at the beginning of the program year instead of waiting for some proration date.

5-Shortening of Prospect Period

In addition to bringing in those who might otherwise wait for proration, anniversary dues will tend to bring in earlier those who might postpone joining during February or March in order to wait for the beginning of the next fiscal year. Thus it encourages a steady influx of new members instead of large increments at selected times of the year and has the effect of reducing the length of the costly prospect period.

LWV of Texas
May 21, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
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Program-Vertical
Environmental Quality
Air

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Becky Moon, LWV-T Air Quality Chair
RE: LAURELS TO LOCAL LEAGUES

Writing local League Presidents always takes on such urgency...I'm either asking for ACTION or wanting to thank you for past action. In trying to keep up with the scheduled LL Presidents mailings, I'm always playing "The Waiting Game."

The fast approaching summer signals the end of another successful League year. (Having been at National Convention...let me assure you much has been accomplished.) Before the outgoing presidents and E.Q. chairs hit the summer trail, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for the time you devoted to improving the quality of air in Texas. Cumulatively your efforts made a real impact.

In behalf of the Clean Air Act Amendments...Local Leagues are to be commended for their letters to the editor, telegrams, mailgrams, letters and bulletin articles. The battle to maintain the integrity of the important piece of legislation has been prolonged, and I project will extend into 1977. The intensity demonstrates the breadth of citizen support. Without this citizen support vested industrial interests would have succeeded in badly gutting this legislation months ago. With the coordinating help of LWVUS, local Leagues throughout the nation have provided a strong voice for legislation that will protect the health of all. Our battle to postpone further consideration until after the November election. As one legislative aide said, A congressman has too many votes at stake, regardless of how he votes." They know it's a hot issue. Here's hoping for a quiet summer, but if my guess is wrong, be assured, however, that I will alert you.

Tenneco Hearing; LWV-T made its way through the maze of its first adjudicative public hearing and raised over \$1000 to cover legal expenses. Neither the new procedures for public hearings nor the issues at stake were easy to understand, yet 10 local Leagues provided impressive support. Two Leagues, one very large and one small provided the kind of encouragement so vital to a state chairperson. Loretta Caudle's efforts (past president of the Deer Park League) in the local community paid off when banner headlines and editorial comments about the hearing hit the newsstands the Thursday before the hearing. CBS NEWS is also appreciative for the time she devoted to the filming of The Politics of Cancer, a news documentary on vinyl chloride and regulatory agencies to be aired in late June. The president, board, and general membership of the LWV-Houston provided unforgettable sustaining support. With their intimate understanding of the health issues their counsel was priceless. Letters of support from LWV-Austin, Lubbock, Irving, and San Antonio demonstrated the breadth of support to the Texas Air Control Board. Among the 150 attendees at the hearing I recognized familiar faces from Pasadena, Deer Park, Pearland, and Houston. Increased consideration of substances known to cause cancer by the Texas Air Control Board is attributed to the League of Women Voters.

Where Are We? The TACB is in the process of developing a Health Advisory Council! The TACB appreciated receiving your suggestions for members. At long last industrial input will be balanced with input from those knowledgeable in public health. JUST ABOUT A REALITY...

The TACB staff is considering proposing a regulation for vinyl chloride. Writing this type of regulation is difficult. Implementation of the regulation will be strongly opposed by industry. NEEDS CONSTANT VIGILANCE and may demand future ACTION.

Our joint efforts made a difference. Thank you.

LWV of Texas
May 21, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
MAL Mailing
I.H.I.
Administration
Convention-National

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-At'Large
FROM: Jan Wilbur, LWV-T Director
RE: 20th National Convention Report--PMP and Budget

A. At national convention we adopted a \$5.50 per-member-payment (PMP) for the next two years--up from the \$4.25 adopted two years ago.

-Proposed PMP values ranged from the \$6.00 amount recommended by national board down to \$4.75. Those delegates supporting the lower PMP's expressed grave concern about the effect of the \$6.00 figure on the fiscal health of the other levels of League. In some places there are three other levels of League--local, Inter-League organizations (ILO's), and state--in addition to national to be considered.

These arguments were balanced by those who argued that since membership has decreased and costs have risen, national must have increased financial support in order to continue to represent us adequately at the national level. The compromise figure of \$5.50 was arrived at but only after the vote to defeat the \$5.50 amount was reconsidered and then the \$5.50 PMP was voted on again--and passed.

-This year and next we will be paying both the \$5.50 PMP and a state pledge. A state pledge will be out of the picture starting with the 1978-79 fiscal year (unless the 1978 Convention reinstates it, which doesn't seem too likely).

B. Budget--Both the LWVUS and the Education Fund budgets are program budgets so the "fixed and allocated" (F&A) costs, i.e., rent, telephone, salaries, fringe benefits are divided among the various functional activities (expense items) on the basis of the number of square feet occupied, number of telephones, and the staff employed to carry out that particular activity. Convention delegates were provided exhaustive budget materials and at a budget workshop, our president Ruth Clusen, budget chair Yvonne Spies, treasurer, Elizabeth Rack and office manager Peg Lampi fielded questions and dispensed information far into the night (well, 'til after 10:00 o'clock). There was a real effort to inform us as fully as we wished to be informed. The workshop was helpful because many questions were answered that night which did not have to be raised on the floor of the convention.

Budget Comparison, LWVUS 1975-76

Only our expense category, Finance and Business Office, was overspent. It was under on F&A but over on operating costs--data processing for payroll and treasurer's reports, equipment costs, and legal and audit costs, in particular. The bottom line figure for the total budget showed an excess of income over expenditures of \$84,122, about 8% of a \$1,115,381 budget on the LWVUS side.

Adopted Budget, LWVUS 1976-77

Income--the PMP income will be significantly higher this year than last and the state pledge figure is about the same as last year's adopted budget. The actual income from pledges was about \$12,000 less than the adopted figure. These two amounts account for \$1,083,690 out of the total projected income of \$1,348,147.

Program adoption had a significant impact on the budget:

- The Ohio Resolution called for \$8,000 to be budgeted in the LWVUS budget for this "Endangered Species" study.
- The emphasis on ERA ratification efforts is shown by a new item of \$39,632. (\$61,000 in special funding is already in place to supplement this amount.)

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- With the adoption of Energy as a study item, a \$13,345 figure was put in the EF budget with staff being paid for from restricted funding.
- The UN Study means an increase of about \$12,000 in that item in the EF budget.
- The Cities/Urban Crisis item--the work this year will be done with existing staff to pull together relevant material, with the major part of the expense coming in next year's budget.

EF Budget--two major changes: the State-Local Government item is moved to the LHMUS side to allow this department to work on action implementation of state and local program items instead of being restricted to education activities.

And a litigation item is added in case the restricted grant is not renewed.

A note: restricted grants are not all reflected in the EF budget because of differences in "life" time of the grant. That is a grant may be received to start March 1 and run for eight months. It overlaps the end/start of League fiscal year and is difficult to fit into the budget in a meaningful way. A description of the restricted grants that we do have was furnished all delegates.

Even though we added major additional study demands on the national board and staff, it looks as though the budget should be ample to allow them to carry out the tasks. But what about local and state Leagues? That is a problem!

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The Ohio Restoration Center for \$8,000 to be budgeted in the LHMUS budget for this "Endangered Species" study.
The requests on EPA restoration efforts is about a new item of \$25,000. (\$21,000 in special funding is already in place to supplement this amount.)

LWV of Texas
May 21, 1976
LL Presidents Mailing
MAL Mailing
I.H.I.
Administration
Convention-National

TO: LL Presidents, Members-At-Large
FROM: Meg Titus, LWV-T Program Vice-President
RE: Report on National Convention, May 3-7, 1976 New York City

The entire convention was an exciting experience, but I think the adoption of National program provided the most surprises for the delegates. The board-recommended program (see page 8 through 12 of the National Voter, Spring, '76) was devised to impact the issues in '76-'78 yet put program in more manageable form for local and state Leagues. This attempt resulted in a new focus on interrelationships among program items and positions.

Program has been regrouped under four new topic headings: Government, Human Resources, International Relations, and Natural Resources. These encompass all our previous study items and positions plus study of the two new board-recommended study items, a reexamination of the UN system and an evaluation of the sources of energy. This new statement of our focus is shortened and simplified so much that it, plus a five-point checklist of our principles fits on one small page.

There will even be room on that single page for a non-recommended item which was adopted by a vote of 733 yes to 685 no called Cities-Urban Crisis. This will probably not be as formidable an addition to program as it sounds, as we have many positions under HR, EQ, Land Use and our principles which national will pull together for the first year's study. The outlook for work is a) develop an urban policy, and b) study how government programs and policies affect urban problems.

Written notices of intent were filed by both state and local Leagues on a number of other non-recommended items, however, none of these passed. The wording was changed, though, under the Government item by adding the words "self-government" before the words "Washington, D.C." Items proposed which either did not receive the necessary 3/5's for consideration or did not pass by a majority vote after consideration were: Health care; People on Earth; The Food, Energy and Land Equation; Gun Control; Nursing Homes; National Security Policy; Law of the Sea; Federal Finance; Regulatory Agencies; Middle East; Social Security; Executive Branch; and Women's Issues.

Debate was lively, germane--for the most part--and generally excellent and thoughtful. There was at least the usual amount of caucusing and lobbying to attempt to get the needed support for a favorite item of adoption.

Other matters affecting program which passed the convention were budget changes relating to the revamping of program, and passage of the Ohio Resolution. This allocates \$8000 of the LWVUS budget to establishment of a committee of local League, ILO and state presidents, plus one national board member, which will look at proliferating program and loss of membership. Its acceptance by a vote of 829 to 484 indicated that the convention delegates expect the committee to come up with suggested ways to cope with the program load, overloaded volunteers, and a threatened erosion of our grass-roots base.

(OVER)

Many of the items which did not pass were presented to the national board during program direction in order that these concerns can be addressed under various present positions, if possible.

In addition to adoption of program items, action was taken on several of our present positions by the convention. A telegram was sent to Senator Mondale expressing League's full support of S. 626, the Child and Family Services Act. A telegram was sent to the Senate opposing adoption of the Moss Amendment to the Clean Air Act, postponing enactment of provisions to prevent significant deterioration and institute a one-year study. A wire was also sent to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee urging immediate consideration and approval of a strong toxic substances control bill as reported out by the subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance.

All in all it was a very productive and exciting--if tiring--week.

Program has been reorganized under four main topic headings: Government, Human Resources, International Relations, and Natural Resources. These encompass all our previous study items and positions plus study of the new hard-recommended study items, a reexamination of the oil system and an evaluation of the sources of energy. This new statement of our focus is shortened and simplified so much that it, plus a five-point checklist of our principles fits on one small page.

There will even be room for a single page for a non-recommended item which was adopted by a vote of 733 yeas to 333 nays. This will probably not be as favorable an addition to program as it sounds, as we have many positions under Mr. E. J. Land and Mr. W. J. Land which national will put together for the first year's study. The outcome for work is a) develop an urban policy, and b) study how government programs and policies affect urban problems.

Written notices of intent were filed by both state and local leagues on a number of other non-recommended items. However, none of these passed. The wording was changed, though, under the Government item by adding the words "self-government" before the words "localization". Items proposed which either did not receive the necessary 3/4 vote for consideration or did not pass by a majority vote after consultation were: Health care, People on earth, The Food, Energy and Land Education, Our Country, Housing Homes, National Security Policy, Law of the Sea, Federal Finance, Regulatory Agencies, Middle East, Social Security, Executive Branch, and Women's Issues.

Debate was lively, genuine--for the most part--and generally excellent and thoughtful. There was at least the usual amount of cursing and lobbying to get the needed support for a favorite item or adoption.

Other matters affecting program which passed the convention were budget changes relating to the revamping of program, and passage of the Ohio Resolution. This allocated \$8000 of the LNU's budget to establishment of a committee of local leagues, 100 and state presidents, plus one national board member, which will look at revamping program and loss of membership. Its acceptance by a vote of 829 to 221 indicated that the convention delegates expect the committee to come up with suggestions ways to ease the program load, overloaded volunteers, and a threatened erosion of our grass-roots base.

LWV of Texas
April 16, 1976
LL Presidents
Members-At-Large
I.Q.
Administration
President's Letter

TO: Local League Presidents, Members-At-Large
FROM: Betty Anderson, LWV-T President

Thank you for your generous financial response to our cry for help! We were overjoyed as we heard the roll call of LL support for state and national services-- a large majority of Leagues accepted the proposed figure for '76-77 (although some were very healthy increases); five Leagues pledged an amount over the requested amount, and only two were not able to accept the proposed amount. Overall, it was a beautiful response, and we do appreciate it! The extra money that several Leagues brought for this year's budget was also a much needed boost. Those monies plus the statewide fundraising that seems to be in full gear will make it possible for us to continue operations for the next two months.

Carole Shlipak's announcements of two contributions to LWV-T at Council were welcome news. She announced a contribution of \$1,000 to the Education Fund by Bernard Rapoport of the American Income Life Insurance Company and \$2,000 from Texas AFL-CIO to LWV-Texas. Texas, Waco, and Austin Leagues will profit from these contributions and the sharing formula. Since Council, Carole has reported still another contribution; Liquid Paper Corporation has given LWV-T \$200, along with a matching contribution to LWV-Dallas.

A special thanks goes to the Galveston League for their warm hospitality at Council. We enjoyed their city, the facilities, and the Galveston Leagers. Franka Correia, Pat Nishimura, Jan Moore, Leslie Goolishian, and Jan Coggeshall deserve special accolades. It was a pleasure to recognize the Plano League and their president Judy Shrader and adviser Beth Brown, as well as Provisional Leagues Longview and Marshall/Harrison County and their respective presidents and advisers, Alice Sutton and Jane Peterman, Nancy McClaran and Peggy Farmer. Also, Council '76 was the first statewide meeting held following recognition of Provision Eastern Bell County, and we were proud to introduce their president, Millie Savage and adviser. Kathy Leabo.

ON THE MOVE. . .

Lucinda Headrick testified on the Trinity River before the U.S. House and Senate Public Works Subcommittee in Washington, April 5. COST (Citizens' Organization for a Sound Trinity) is assisting with travel costs.

Helen Hunter will be attending Justice '76, A National Citizens' Assembly on Improving Courts and Justice, in Philadelphia July 4-6, 1976.

Laura Kever's statement to the Texas Energy Forecast Conference in Houston March 15 garnered some interesting response. (See the April Amarillo VOTER.) Her address will be sent to you shortly; it's good background material for Leaguers if there is a special session on utility rates. Also see Liz Davies' Human Resources Briefs distributed at Council.

Fumi Sugihara participated in a conference on voting rights, sponsored by the Texas State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The conference was held April 10 in San Antonio, and Fumi spoke on monitoring elections at three workshops.

(MORE)

Jan Wilbur testified at the Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) property tax hearing April 2 in Austin. A second public hearing, scheduled for May 7, will be devoted to public school finance. Jan's statement, as well as further information on the League's stand on property tax reform will be forthcoming.

The state EQ/HR committee will be meeting Thursday, April 29 midway between Dallas and Houston. Program will be focusing on interrelationships in '76-'78.

Becky Moon attended two more pre-hearings on the PVC-Tenneco case in Houston last week. The hearing is now scheduled for April 24 in Pasadena, and League members in the area should be there in full force. Becky reports she needs 300 supporters at that meeting. Becky has given her all on this; won't you give a day?

Temporarily not ON THE MOVE is Barbara Glickman, who has been hospitalized with a back problem. She hopes to be out of the hospital in a week or so (from 4/9) and says she is "getting something intravenously."

TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

The Texas Education Fund has received the second payment of \$4500, which totals \$16,000 we have received from the sale of Houston Production Company stock; we are expecting one more payment. Originally, this stock was given to TEF as an endowment, and we have invested it at 8.06% in three Austin savings associations. You will note on the TEF budget that we anticipate \$1600 in interest from these monies. At the Trustees meeting, March 29, we approved seven LL projects and three state projects--printing of Voters Keys, the Council speaker's expenses, and the juvenile justice section of the Administration of Justice study.

CI/VS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Carol Toussaint, Public Relations Chair of LWVUS, has written that the Connecticut League and the LWVUS have cooperated with Aetna Life & Casualty in the production of a half hour film on the state legislative process. The film is a good introduction to the legislative process and Connecticut's sunshine law, as well as highlighting women as legislators and policy makers--also, the League is shown in a very positive way.) This film could be helpful to Voters Service work and it's available from:

Film Librarian
Aetna Life and Casualty
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Conn. 06156

The League has also endorsed a proposal from the National Citizen's Committee for Broadcasting (NCCB) advocating increased public affairs programming during prime TV hours (see September '75 Board Report). NCCB is proposing that Leagues and other citizens groups encourage both individual TV stations and the TV networks to devote at least one hour a week to prime time public affairs programming. Local Leagues wishing to participate can request copies of the proposal from the National Citizen's Committee for Broadcasting, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of former state board member, Lois Braunagel. Lois, who was a member of the Waco League and later, the Eastern Bell County Provisional League, will be remembered with fondness and gratitude for her many contributions to the League.

LWV of Texas
March 19, 1976
LL Presidents
I.Q.
Administration
President's Letter

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Betty Anderson, LWV-T President

Council plans are finalized, and Galveston eagerly awaits us. We think the sessions will be most worthwhile, and we are looking forward to seeing you.

If you haven't already heard, former state board members Chris Brasher and Jo Coker are running for the legislature, along with Bette Harris, former president of LWV of Corpus Christi. We wish them well.

League People and Places:

I met with representatives from AAUW, WEAL, B&PW, Texas Women's Political Caucus, NOW, Texas Nurses Association and the Wichita Falls Commission on the Status of Women March 14th. We identified five issues to explore and strategize: a state Commission on the Status of Women, education, employment, child care, and criminal justice. A task force composed of representatives from each group will report back to the core Council group.

I attended the Texans for ERA meeting Sunday afternoon (3/14). A \$5,000 budget was adopted, and a selective direct mail approach will be used to solicit funds.

Meg Titus will serve as a panelist at the American Society on Public Administration's national conference in May in Washington.

Bobette Higgins, as program director of North Texas State University Institute of Applied Sciences, is a conference coordinator of a Dallas Energy Consumer Conference, "Energy and the Good Life," March 31. She attended Habitat, sponsored by AIA, March 1-2 in Austin. Her "Land and Man" project was featured as a "model proposal" in the latest Texas Committee on the Humanities newsletter.

Helen Hunter and Jane Peterman made a swing through East Texas last month visiting Tyler, Longview, and Marshall. Longview and Marshall are ready to be granted provisional recognition. Peggy Farmer is serving as adviser to the Marshall group.

Beth Brown has disseminated the information on candidates for statewide offices in the May primary which includes U.S. Senate--8 candidates; Railroad Commissioner--10; Texas Supreme Court--2; Texas Court of Criminal Appeals--2.

Diana Clark serves on a North Central Texas COG Section 208 committee and will lead one of the discussion groups in a "public participation" meeting March 24th. She's also working on the next phase of the Administration of Justice study.

Lucinda Headrick has followed the river (Trinity, that is) the last few months. She will be attending the water development conference at Texas A&M March 25-26.

Barbara Materka has been meeting with a group in Rockwall interested in starting a League.

Fumi Sugihara, an appointee to the 150-member Committee for Voter Registration, gave a short presentation to the committee at its meeting March 8th.

Laura Keever attended a San Antonio Energy Conservation Conference March 5-7 and spoke at a Texas Energy Forecast Conference in Houston March 15th. She has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council, which held its first meeting March 12th.

Becky Moon reports that Tenneco is giving her at least one Excedrin headache a week. The postponed hearing is now scheduled for April 24th in Pasadena. She has been conferring with area local League Presidents Loretta Caudle of Deer Park, Ruth Jobs of Pasadena, and Mary Emma Bristow of Pearland, as well as Madeleine Appel of Houston. She has also served as consultant to CBS personnel who are filming a news special report, entitled "The Politics of Cancer," focusing on environmental chemical carcinogens.

Carole Shlipak is making finance calls this month with prospects from Dallas, Waco, Austin, and Galveston. The Annual Report is being sent to legislators, and the mayor and Chamber of Commerce president and executive director in each League community.

Other board members have been spending their time: 28 hours on the budget--Jan Wilbur; on Council plans--Jan Moore; on publishing F&I's--Barbara Nobles; on wearing half a dozen HR hats, plus the Aquifer--Liz Davies; on money matters, book-keeping, and minutes--Barbara Glickman and Sue Heaberlin.

Peace,

Betty Anderson

NOTE: Please change Barbara Materka's home address (as it appears in the Council workbook) to read: 4114 Northaven, Dallas, Texas 75229.

LWV of Texas

February 1976

Presidents Mailing

DPM

I.Q.

Administration

Presidents Letter

TO: LL Presidents cc: Members-at-large

FROM: Betty Anderson

FE: January 28-30 State Board Meeting

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

STATE BOARD REPORT

JANUARY 1976

1212 Guadalupe, #109
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Calendar

CALENDAR

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- March 1 Every-Member-Agreement on Administration of Justice deadline
Pledge Payment due in State Office (SO)
- March 15 Local League Annual Reports due
- March 29 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees of LWV-TEF
- March 30-31 Council, Galveston
- April 15 Sales Tax Report due to State Office (SO)
- May 1 Consultants Reports due to Jane Peterman
- May 18-20 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees of LWV-TEF

713 488-5273
713 693-6888

817 382-9040

915 682-1805
915 625-0793

1407 Brookforest, Houston, 77028

1721 Clarion
2010 N. Locust
2801-20th Street
Box 7437

1706 E. Park (at 37th) 77007
Rt. 5, Box 107, Jarroville 75401

Update of Local League Presidents
Bunny Smith
Brazos County Joan Zingaro
Corpus Christi Linda Spiving
Benton Betty Bailey
Lubbock Linda McGowan
Midland Sally English
Victoria Linda Lidenhart
Hunt Co. HALL Bobbie Day

Shelley Friend

LWV of Texas
January 1976
LL Presidents
DPM

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: State Office
RE: Additions and Corrections

Correction to Policy Guide (January 1976):

P. 6, RELATIONS TO LOCAL LEAGUES, Paragraph 1:

Since state board assignments are time consuming, it is unwise for a member of the state board to be a member of the board of her local League.

Update of LWV-T/LWV-TEF Officers and Directors/Trustees

Delete:

Marion Gholston, Secretary, LWV-TEF, Budget, Bylaws, Policy, State-Local Relations

Add:

Barbara Materka (Mrs. William), Secretary, LWV-TEF, Bylaws, Membership
4144 Northaven, Dallas, Texas 75229 (214) 352-9003

Delete:

Jean Bizzell, Legislative

Change:

Jane Peterman--new zip code: 77030

Fumi Sugihara--new telephone number: (713) 693-5653

Becky Moon--new zip code: 77096

Jan Wilbur--add Budget

Pauline Clarke--add State-Local Relations

Elizabeth Davies--add Transportation

Jane Peterman--delete Membership, add Policy

Delete:

Elaine Huser, Assistant Secretary

Add:

Shelley Friend

Update of Local League Presidents

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bay Area | Bunny Sawin | 16407 Brookforest, Houston, 77058 | 713 488-5373 |
| Brazos County | Joan Zingaro | | 713 693-5888 |
| Corpus Christi | Linda Stubing | 1121 Clarion | 78412 |
| Denton | Betty Bailey | 2010 N. Locust | 76201 |
| Lubbock | Linda McGowan | 2801-20th Street | 817 382-9040 |
| Midland | Sally English | Box 7437 | 79701 |
| Victoria | Linda Ladendorff | 1706 E. Park (as of 3/1/76) | 77901 |
| Hunt Co. UAL | Bobbie Day | Rt. 5, Box 101, Greenville | 75401 |

Meg Titus (Mrs. D.L.)
Program Vice-President

LWV of Texas
January 1976

Program-State

PROGRAM

We dealt with some very important topics at January board:

Priorities Setting was done by ballot after considering working papers on each of the following topics: Money, Public Participation, Membership, Property Tax Reform, and Administration of Justice emerged in that order as matters for priority consideration for the rest of the biennium. The program committee (chairs of the various program items) is attempting to develop short-range and long-range plans to use these priorities as guidelines in our action plans for the rest of this biennium. Details will be in this, and later, board reports.

The plans outlined below were developed based on the above priorities:

Action Strategy from the present time through the 1977 legislative session was discussed by the program core committee with valuable input from Suzy Reid and Jan Albers, two experienced Austin Capitol Core members. Plans are to:

- 1.. Start now working with legislators in drafting bills relating to our program positions in preparation for the beginning of the session next January.
3. Start now to keep in close contact with legislators. Local Leagues should really map out plans for constant contact. In areas with no LL, the State board may wish to assign a Leaguer from a nearby town. We will be working toward more one-to-one contact with legislators--from local, from state, and from capitol corp members.
3. Start now developing a system for monitoring governmental and interim committee activities for use at both local and state levels. The Texas Register--cost-\$25 per year--will publish governmental information 100 times per year from a centralized source. (Your library should have it--if not ask them to order now.) The House Journal and the Senate Journal are also valuable tools and can be had for the asking if you get your bid in soon enough. Each legislator is entitled to five copies--ask for one of them.
4. Start now working with (or forming if necessary) coalitions in your area. There are lots of organizations with positions common to ours who are short of money and members too.

Preliminary plans were made to investigate the possibility of League organizing a "money making" conference on property tax reform--a topic which cuts across nearly all our program areas of concern. It's going to be one of the "hot" issues during the next session; its one which many other groups are also concerned about; its one in which we MAY be able to accomplish something this session. After TCR we all need a success. This area of property tax reform seem to the SB to be the issue most likely to give us that success. Planning Committee for Property Tax Reform Conference: Bobette Higgins, Jan Wilbur, Liz Davies, Barbara Nobles, Fumi Sugihara, and Laura Kever.

Council is just two months away, and we're asking you to cooperate in handling program direction a bit differently this year. A form will be included with your first council kit asking LLs to take program direction to the members--through a unit meeting, a general meeting, or a board meeting. Please return the form promptly as possible as these will be analyzed for use as a basis for a Council one-hour discussion period. All state board program chairs will be present to answer questions and facilitate our discussion of program direction.

Action Guidelines are being revised and should be in local League hands before Council. Carole Shlipak and Laura Keever have done yeoman's work condensing and clarifying it. Lots of LLs sent in good ideas and suggestions which they incorporated into the revision.

This Is Our Stand will not be published in its updated form as promised until after both the FSG and A of J member agreement positions can be included--that money shortage makes it impossible to plan to get this to local Leagues before mid-summer. In the meantime, State Office will include a mimeo copy of our current positions with the Council workbook.

Environotes will be discontinued due to our acute budget crunch--unless we can find enough groups or individuals to make it pay for itself. Try again to find some subscribers at \$6.00 per year.

Local Program Positions is another publication that needs to be done again soon. We have two shortages to deal with, however, not only money, but information too. PLEASE, Program Veeps, send me (with cc to SO) all your local League positions and a list of all local program study items. Several of you have asked for this to: a) enable more use of concurrence, b) spark new ideas for local studies, c) provide a broad picture of local League concerns. If all you Veeps send me the material NOW we might--just might--be able to get this together for distribution at Council. Think of all the postage that would save. Please do it today.

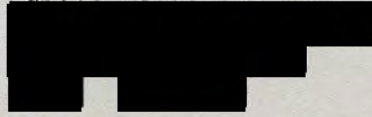
A "Think tank" is being planned (also before Council) to put together a program "catch-up kit". It should be useful to going Leagues as well as provisionals.

Executive Consensus (an analysis of) by the Texas local Leagues is being sent with this board report as separate copy. LWVUS consensus is now out, and comparing our state member agreement positions with the national ones might make an interesting article for your local VOTER. A reminder: In the future please add the name of your local League along with the signatures of the President and Program VP and the state copy of any consensus reports.

National Program Making has brought lots of mail from state and local Leagues across the country. Many of them asked that the state send copies of their flyers to all LLs--BUT we just couldn't afford it. Following is a list of new study items which have been proposed. If you have a special interest in any item contact Betty Anderson, Jan Wilbur or myself, as we are your three delegates to Convention '76.

- LWV, Baltimore County-Impact of Population Growth
- LWV, District of Columbia-Gun Control
- LWV, Hamilton-Wenham ? -Regulatory Agencies of Transportation in the US
- LWV, Houston, Texas-Energy (further study, further member agreement, further action)
- LWV, Iowa-International Investments
- LWV, New Jersey-Women's Issues
- LWV, Weson, Conn.- US National Security Policy in Relation to our National Priorities and Goals
- LWV, Wisconsin-Energy (supply and demand, sources, costs)

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Public Relations Vice-President



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Clippings are rolling in at a fast clip (HAD to, couldn't resist) detailing all kinds of League activity, and showing evidence of lots of savvy on the parts of P.R. Veeps. Up and at 'em! IF YOU WOULD SEND ME DETAILS OF SOME OF YOUR MORE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THESE BOARD REPORTS FOR OTHERS TO NOTE AND ADAPT TO THEIR OWN USES.

P.R. Veeps could play a significant part in helping to spread the word about the Coastal Management Program a-borning, if they would walk right up the land use chair and bowl her over by offering to help schedule and show the film Faces of the Coast. I hasten to add that this activity is NOT one that should be confined just to coastal Leagues. I hope local Leagues all over the state give this a whirl. This kind of interaction is possibly the best way for a PR person to function. Look over your League for other possibilities.

Barbara Materka (Mrs. Wm. J.)
Director, Membership/Units

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Membership
Unit Organization

THE BROKEN RECORD

Recruit, Orient, Involve, Retain. How many times have you, the chairperson, heard or read those words about the job you must do in membership? Has it become a broken record? Are you slightly nauseated by them? Have you also heard--ad infinitum--that the League needs to be more flexible and more innovative?

O.K. What we need, then, are some positive and specific suggestions on how to accomplish these things. A few were mentioned in the November Board Report, such as stressing the responsibility of the individual member and of the member of the local board. Have you tried any or all of the following?---

1. Include in your VOTER a tear-off sheet for mailing in memberships, or at least, list on the front page the membership chairperson's name and address.
2. Pass around at League meetings WHO DO YOU KNOW sheets, asking for names, addresses, and phone numbers of prospects to be contacted by a prospect committee.
3. Have a Counterpart Workshop for Leagues in your area, where membership ideas can be exchanged. (Irving had a successful one on January 9th!)
4. Have a night meeting to which husbands can be invited and asked to join. Added incentives might be an outstanding speaker, a panel on some burning issue, or even a wine and cheese tasting party. (A couple of Leagues actually tried the latter. Do I need say it worked?)
5. Organize a unit that meets for lunch and design it for Leaguers who work. (Think of the possibilities for including businessmen.)
6. Organize one unit that does nothing but Action, a kind of "Have stationery, will write!" group.
7. Have day-time units meet in a church, Y, or other public place where babysitters are available.
8. Have some general meetings at noon with a luncheon included and some in the evening.
9. Create a party out of member orientation meetings, with mixer type games and skits to demonstrate League program and action.
10. Follow up your interest questionnaires with telephone contacts to see where and how a member is functioning in the League (or not functioning). Be prepared to make specific suggestions tailored to the individual's profile.
11. Use names culled from these same questionnaires to pass along to the various League portfolios for use in recruiting help of all the various kinds.
12. Always telephone or see in person anyone who has not paid dues within the prescribed time limit. If that member has lost interest, find out why. Many of these potential drop-outs can be saved with a little sincere attention.

There you have a dozen ideas, certainly not original, but with definite potential. Perhaps they can help you break your record in membership totals.

P.S. I'm still waiting to hear your good ideas.

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Administration
Misc.-State

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Jane Peterman, LWV-T Director
RE: Local League Consultant Assignments

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LOCAL LEAGUES IN TEXAS

CONSULTANT:

Diana Clark (Mrs. W.A.)
[REDACTED]

Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)
[REDACTED]

Marty Kissinger (Mrs. T.A.)
[REDACTED]

Kathy Leabo (Mrs. C.J.)
[REDACTED]

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.)
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Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
[REDACTED]

Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin D.)
[REDACTED]

Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
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Chris Selman, Audrey Shutt
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Galveston

Amarillo
Lubbock

Denton
Richardson
San Marcos

Bay Area
Edinburg-McAllen
Orange
Pearland

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Austin
Dallas
El Paso

Brownsville
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Gainesville Provisional
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Longview Pre-Provisional
Huntsville Provisional

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Meg Titus, Program Vice-President, LWV-T
RE: An Analysis of Member Agreement in Texas on
Executive Study

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LL Presidents
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MSG-Executive
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MEMBER AGREEMENT IN TEXAS ON THE EXECUTIVE STUDY

Nearly 700 of you in 22 local Leagues voiced your opinions during unit meetings on the Executive. The words I kept seeing over and over as I reviewed your reports were, "accountability," "periodic review", and "responsibility to the public."

All of us seemed to realize that executive agreements as a fact of life, therefore you saw a need for review procedures by appropriate Congressional committees, knowing that presidential authority and executive secrecy is at times essential.

I detected wide support for the Case Act and considerable interest in the Glenn bill, both requiring reporting texts of agreements to Congress. A number of LLs expressed the need for periodic yet regular public information and public review of such agreements, so long as this would not endanger national security. A few Leagues, however, felt there should be no major changes in the ways executive agreements are used.

War Powers were more difficult for us to agree on. Several LLs want severe restrictions such as no use of military power to protect persons or property in a foreign country. Others simply see a need for curtailment and greater accountability of war powers. A minority wants no change or decrease in war powers in the interest of national self defense.

Most LLs supported the War Powers Act, especially its requirement that the President consult with Congress. We saw the need, however, for both periodic review and ability to take emergency action.

We agreed with the provisions of the National Emergencies Act of 1974 and its automatic termination of emergency powers. A minority felt reports of expenditures for emergencies would be required periodically to Congress.

Fiscal Power responses too were varied. Some ideas were: computerized data bands to oversee the budget; line item veto power; Congressional preparation of the budget (a minority wanting Presidential budget preparation); accountability of the Federal Reserve Board; control of impoundment power with Congressional override power. Very broad support was expressed for the Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974.

Other powers mentioned frequently as necessary to increase executive responsiveness were: Presidential responsibility for actions of advisors; Congressional approval of executive appointments; clear definition and accountability of powers of appointed aides.

Most Leagues expressed a need for time limits and periodic review processes but, were not precise. Suggestions ranged from 10 day time limits on Executive agreements to 8 years, however, a frequently mentioned time limit concerned war powers and congressional appointments with LLs largely saying 60 to 90 days. A two-year limit on emergency power was often mentioned.

Some other matters you talked about: a second Vice President; better caliber of Cabinet officers; whether or not Congress could cope with time limits and whether or not our League method really measured out member agreement on this study.

The N.Y.U. section brought objections from a few of you, but it did show clearly that

you think there should be some changes in presidential succession, no (overwhelmingly) special election to fill either a presidential or vice-presidential vacancy.

You said no to all VPs using the 25th amendment procedures, but a strong yes to a time limit on Congressional confirmation of a VP. One LL only wanted the 25th amendment repealed, and only one, changes in the Presidential Succession Act. A few said yes if more than half the term of office remained. No LL opted to abolish the office of Vice President, and none thought we needed two or more Veeps. Nearly all of you expressed in some way the need to retain as much voter control as possible over the two highest offices.

Very few wanted the presidential term of office changed, nor the 22nd amendment repealed--nor a single term for President.

The LWVUS member agreement on this study was announced at its January board meeting. Watch you local VOTER for it--it will be interesting to compare our Texas opinions with the national member agreement.

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Dear Presidents,

This is probably the time to hold your treasurer's hand--or send flowers if you can afford it. January 10 was the deadline for the reports on "Fiscal 76-77 Finance Support Formula" and "LL Survey/Questionnaire on Financial Support of the State League." Then on the 15th, the LL Treasurers Report is due to state and national offices and the sales tax report to state office. So if a treasurer ever needed positive reinforcement, it is probably now.

Other deadlines to remember:

January 13th Deadline for submitting TEF project proposals
 to be considered at January state board meeting
January 15th Deadline for Section 1 of LL Annual Reports

The Houston General Meeting on Financing the League was like "Old Home Week." Among those attending were Gwen Murphee, who served on the state board in the early '60's and has served on the national board eight years; three former state presidents, Glen Boller of Galveston, Ruth Joor of Houston, and Veta Winick of Dickinson; at least seven former state board members, including Betty Baker, Alice Mae Berthelsen, Jeannette Naman, Dot Schmidt, and Julia Pollard of Houston, Ruth Jobes of Pasadena, and Louise Loomis of Beaumont. There were also Leaguers from several surrounding communities--Galveston, Beaumont, Bay Area, Deer Park, and Pasadena. It was a very enjoyable as well as worthwhile meeting.

Our Texas Committee on the Humanities and Public Policy proposal was turned down. The project would have complemented our Council meeting in Galveston in March. Fumi reports that the Committee felt that (1) the conference audience was not grassroots enough--it was too selective since only persons who wanted to run for office would be interested; (2) the conference location was bad; (3) there was not enough humanistic participation and dialogue; (4) it cost too much per participant for the select group it involved. We plan to try again; the Committee makes grants quarterly.

A legislative subcommittee on establishing a Commission on the Status of Women will be meeting in Lubbock January 9-10th. Both Linda McGowan, Lubbock LL president, and I will be testifying. Bobette will be testifying before the National Water Commission in Fort Worth, January 12, on Section 208 and before the Railroad Commission on stripmining reclamation regulations January 30th. I will be in Austin January 16-17th. Mary Emma Bristow of Pearland is planning a legislative workshop for home economists and other professionals on the 17th in Austin, and I will be participating in that.

FYI--The state board is submitting the following suggested bylaw change to national: "The president shall be limited to two consecutive terms of office." Bylaws deadline is February 3rd.

I hope you all had good vacations; best wishes for the year ahead.

Betty A.

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I.F.I.
Administration
Bylaws-National

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Judy Phillips, Bylaws Chairman, LWV of Brazos County
RE: National Bylaws Proposed Amendment

"Article XIV-Sec. 2(b): Each member enrolled in a local League shall pay annual dues to the local League. These annual dues shall include \$8.00 to be paid by the local League directly to the League of Women Voters of the United States as national dues and an amount set by each state League payable to that League as state dues. Local Leagues not submitting these dues within six months after the due date shall have their recognition reviewed as set forth in Article VI of these bylaws. Each member-at-large shall pay annual dues to the state League for state and national dues. These annual dues shall include \$8.00 to be paid by the state League to the League of Women Voters of the United States as national dues."

This proposed amendment would replace the present Article XIV Sec. 2(b).

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FILE

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: State Office
RE: Additions and Corrections

Correction to Policy Guide (January 1976):

P. 6, RELATIONS TO LOCAL LEAGUES, Paragraph 1:

Since state board assignments are time consuming, it is unwise for a member of the state board to be a member of the board of her local League.

Update of LWV-T/LWV-TEF Officers and Directors/Trustees

→ Delete:

Marion Gholston, Secretary, LWV-TEF, Budget, Bylaws, Policy, State-Local Relations

→ Add:

Barbara Materka (Mrs. William), Secretary, LWV-TEF, Bylaws, Membership

→ Delete:

Jean Bizzell, Legislative

Change:

→ Jane Peterman--new zip code:

Fumi Sugihara--new telephone number:

→ Becky Moon--new zip code:

→ Pauline Clarke--add State-Local Relations

→ Elizabeth Davies--add Transportation

→ Jane Peterman--delete Membership, add Policy

Delete:

→ Elaine Huser, Assistant Secretary

Add:

Shelley Friend = *Address?*

Update of Local League Presidents

✓ → Bay Area Bunny Sawin
✓ Brazos County Joan Zingaro
✓ → Corpus Christi Linda Stubing
NEW PLATE ✓ Denton Betty Bailey
✓ → Lubbock Linda McGowan
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- February 11 Workshop for Leadership Development trainers - Austin
- March 1 Every-Member-Agreement on Administration of Justice deadline
Pledge Payment due in State Office (\$0)
- March 15 Local League Annual Reports due
- March 29 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees of LWV-TEF
- March 30-31 Council, Galveston
- April 15 Sales Tax Report due to State Office (\$0)
- May 1 Consultants Reports due to Jane Peterman
- May 18-20 Meetings of Board of Directors of LWV-T and Board of Trustees of LWV-TEF

713 488-6373
713 693-6888

917 385-9040

915 685-1808
515 575-8293

77058 16407 Brookforest, Houston

78415 1151 Clarion

78501 2010 N. Locust

78701 2801-20th Street

78701 Box 7437

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

CALENDAR

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| December 1 | Pledge payment due to state office |
| December 10-11 | Anderson to be in state office |
| January 1 | Report number of paid members as of January 1 to state and national (total only) |
| January 10 | Deadline for local League Survey/Questionnaire on Financial Support of State League |
| January 15 | Deadline for Section 1 of Local League Annual Reports (Membership and Finance) Local League treasurers report for state and national Sales tax report to state office |
| January 27 | Budget committee, LWV-Texas |
| January 27-28 | Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Support |
| January 28-30 | State Board Meeting, Austin |
| February 1 | Member Opinion Questions Form deadline, Financing the League (must be received by February 1) |
| February 3 | Deadline for suggestions for national program (must be received by February 3) Deadline for suggestions for national bylaws amendments (must be received by February 3) |

State Board Deadlines

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| January 5 | Consultants Reports Due |
| January 12 | Pre-Board Reports Due |
| January 15 | Completed Concept Proposal Papers by Wilbur, Brown, Clark, and Higgins |

Meg Titus (Mrs. D.L.)
Program

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PROGRAM

Setting priorities for the coming year was discussed at length and ideas emerged which will be developed into a plan for action at the January board meeting. Money, members, citizen participation and the possibility of property tax reform becoming an issue to hang our collective program hats on were all given serious consideration.

In analyzing the failure of our TCR positions November 4, we are attempting to formulate other methods and routes for accomplishing some of our goals and implementing some of our positions through legislation, coalitions, rules and regulations of boards and commissions, litigation, and constitutional amendments. The board felt, even though revision was thoroughly defeated, we must continue to work to attain change through other means. We're developing plans to try to accomplish some of these changes.

Another program dilemma which we didn't have time to deal with at this mini-board meeting, but hope to delve into extensively at the January meeting is the matter of the inter-relatedness of our program items, and how to resolve conflicts which may emerge between positions--energy and air being an example of potential conflicting ideas.

A first rough draft of a revision of "This Is Our Stand" was circulated to the board for comment by December first. We hope to get this to the printers and distributed to everyone very soon--we hope January.

A local program directory should follow soon after that. I'll be in SO on December 11th to try to compile information about local League program for this publication. I'll be "piggy-backing" this with another meeting in Austin. The Texas Water Quality Board has appointed me as one of ten members of an ad-hoc advisory committee, which will in turn choose three of its members to represent Texas on a similar ad-hoc committee for the Region VI EPA. This is a "first" for League with the TWQB. I'm delighted they've asked me (not to represent League but as an environmentalist and a woman--the only one). I'll do my best to have some impact on their decision-making.

Speaking of meetings--I presented a statement on behalf of LWV-T at the White House/Department of Commerce hearings in Dallas, October 30, on "New Jobs for Texans". Secretary Rogers Morton was unable to preside as planned, but it was very well attended by the business community, and I felt fortunate to have had position #4 on the agenda following the Texas Instruments chief executive officer and just preceding the head of LTV. The format enabled Q&A from the Commerce Dept. panel AND

the audience which provided a unique opportunity for League to be heard by leaders in industry in this area. It was one of the most gratifying, and hopefully productive, "testifying" experiences I've had for League...and they promised that every idea considered would be given serious consideration at the next Dept. of Commerce policy committee meeting. No one has told us that before.

But, back to the board, Action Guidelines is being studied for possible revision by a committee of two--Carole Shlipak and Laura Kever. They'll present recommendations at the January board meeting. Some of you have sent suggestions--there is still time.

Will all local League program vice-presidents PLEASE send me copies of three things:

1. Your member agreement report on "The Role of the Executive Branch"--I have six to date.
2. Your member agreement report on "Financing the League"--None yet.
3. Your local League report on national program selections.

If I receive enough of these to give a reasonably good indication of the results from our Texas Leagues, I'll compile them and publish our Texas member agreements in the VOTER.

Consensus questions for Administration of Justice and for Financing State Government were approved at this meeting and should be in local League hands very soon.

I trust ALL of you responded to the Action Alert on HR 9924. LWV-T sent a wire to Kazen (only one without a local League) asking him to change his vote to "YES". Please send me copies of your responses to LWVUS action requests also, as we need to know what we have done and how well we have responded.

I also trust ALL LL's have made some plans for presentation of the "Women's Agenda" (see September National Board Report) to officials in your community. We'd like to hear about these too.

The LWV-Illinois has contacted us regarding support of a national program item on handgun control. The following is a summary of the information received from them:

The League of Women Voters of Illinois urges you to recommend the following item for National program, 1976-78:

A STUDY OF THE NEED FOR HANDGUN CONTROL AND OF PENDING AND FUTURE LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO SUCH CONTROL

Reasons for this study:

1. Few groups have studied the problem and the positions of many of these groups have generated great emotional involvement. There is an open avenue for reasonable, intelligent, and unbiased examination.
2. There is a necessity to separate fact from myth regarding this issue.
3. There are real decisions to be made: a) whether further regulation of handguns can lead to a reduction of violence in our society; b) what the most effective kinds of legislation would be (banning possession, mandatory sentencing, banning manufacture, registration, licensing, etc.).

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

P.S. The new LWVUS Committee Guide and Current Focus (both geared for LL-EQ chairs) are excellent--a good way to start the New Year.

There will be no December issue of Enviro-Notes. The reason for that--the holidays. We'll try for one in January.

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ORGANIZATION

Thanks to all local Leagues for your response to the board trainer evaluation and for your suggestions. We plan to restructure board training for next year and will try to use many of your suggestions and meet as many of your requests as possible.

Again, I encourage you to be flexible in your planning for unit meetings. Try one month when each unit may plan their own program to meet the varied interests of League members. I'd like to pass along to you two plans that are being used for unit meetings in November. Although these are large Leagues, the idea could also be used in any League with two or more units. In the Houston League, each unit will have a city or county official or candidate for office, as a visitor. League members are invited to attend two units, their own and the one hostessing the official or candidate of their choice.

In the Tarrant County League, the general meeting will be two tours of the Fort Worth city jail (one in the morning and one at night). The Mid Cities group has invited their new county commissioner to a get-acquainted coffee, and the Arlington unit has invited their two city councilwomen for lunch. This spring they plan to schedule one or two "open" unit meetings so that each unit may do something of their own choosing.

Would this encourage more member participation in your League? Do you have a "success story" to share with other Leagues? Let us hear from you.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thanks to all of you with-it PR veeps for your great campaign for the late lamented Constitution. (Don't feel remiss because it didn't pass. Looks to me like it would have failed even if graven on stone tablets, or spoken by a voice from a burning bush. Or both.)

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I have been reading with great pleasure stacks of clippings from local Leagues (thanks Abilene, Denton, Galveston, San Marcos, San Antonio) indicating quite plainly that we MATTER, and we're NEWS!

It occurs to me that maybe for a while we might consider concentrating on a little internal PR. League members need to know what other members are up to. If you have members who are doing special things in your community, let OTHER members know through your bulletins. Pursuing that same thought, it might be a good idea to check with state board members in your community, if you have one/some, and do local news releases on their special activities occasionally, either in your local papers, or your bulletins.

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DEVELOPMENT

(Plans for a Great 1976 Fund-raising Campaign!)

Final plans were approved for a 1976 statewide Development Campaign. It will begin in January. Personal calls will be made by the Development Committee on individuals, corporations, foundations, and unions.

The first Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the LWV of Texas Education Fund will be given to each prospective contributor. We are very excited about the Annual Report. (It will be similar in format to a corporation's Annual Report, including the League's accomplishments, future plans, budget, etc.)

We are looking forward to a mutually beneficial and rewarding relationship between the State Board Development Committee and the local Leagues in this effort. As you recall from the last post-Board report, our new sharing formula secures 30% of a new contribution for the local League. (A \$1000 contribution to the LWV-T will result in \$300 for the local League in that area.)

Development Committee sub-committees on Research, Methodology, Solicitation, Local League Assistance, and Grants have been formed. Most members have not yet been contacted by me, but I hope they'll say, "Yes, of course," when asked to serve on a sub-committee.

We are very enthusiastic about the 1976 Development Campaign. We feel confident that every League member is committed to its success.

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ABOUT MAGIC WANDS

Greetings from a new and very green board member, one who wishes she could furnish you with such a wand. It seems that nearly all LL's are concerned about membership and are hungry for ideas on how to attract new members and how to retain those of long standing. Some are thinking in terms of a membership drive, some about organizing a workshop, and some merely wish for that magic wand.

Not being a fairy godmother, however, I suggest we think first in terms of the following three essentials:

- 1-ENTHUSIASM: Membership is essentially a selling job and the best way to generate interest in the League is to project positive feelings about it.
- 2-ENERGY: A short burst may be brought about through a membership drive or a workshop, but this will fizzle out unless the level is maintained throughout the League year by the chairperson and committee. Let's not fool ourselves into thinking there is any substitute for HARD and PERSEVERING WORK!
- 3-EFFICIENCY: A committee is good, providing each member clearly understands the assigned responsibility; assigned responsibilities are good, providing they are carried out; and all assignments carried out are good, providing the results are recorded and such records are periodically reviewed, acted upon, and up-dated.

Do these three essentials apply only to the chairperson and the committee? Of course not. The job of membership is the responsibility of every member enrolled in the League. To sell that idea to the total membership first off is basic to achieving goals. Taking a friend to a unit meeting is a League tradition we tend to forget about or ignore; inviting someone we know is interested to go with us to a general meeting or to help out on a project is something we do not take time for; phoning to find out why a member was absent does not occur to us. Think about other things the individual member can do for membership. Perhaps this could be the primary purpose of a workshop or drive.

Next, we must sell local board members on their special responsibilities. Every portfolio can be related to membership, some very directly, such as PR, others at least indirectly. Ask for some time at a board meeting to discuss what each one can do. The discussion should include some general brainstorming and planning in the whole membership area.

Finally, whatever plan is devised, workshop, drive, or just strongly motivated committee work, let there be plenty of emphasis on member involvement. Granted that many want to join the League only to receive our literature or only to come to meetings and listen to what others are doing, we must not overlook the fact that there would be a much higher level of participation and thus a higher level of retention of members if our invitations to take part were more personal, more visible, more numerous, and more frequent.

Success stories are always heartening. Please send me those, along with any questions, and let's establish an exchange of ideas on how to reach more people and how to keep those we have. We can find magic, not in a wand, but in a will.

November 11, 1975

Statement
to the
Public Forum on Domestic Policy

Austin, Texas

by

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The League of Women Voters of Texas appreciates the opportunity to present a statement of some of our views concerning domestic policies. For 55 years, the League has worked for citizen participation in government, and we commend President Ford and Vice-President Rockefeller for providing this forum for a review of federal policies.

The League's primary commitments at this time are employment and land use. After discussing these two areas, we would also like to examine three other concerns--energy, revenue sharing, and housing policies.

Full employment, though always announced as a national goal, does not appear to be an element of the federal economy policy. We believe we need a new national commitment to full employment--when every worker who possesses useful skills is fully employed. We're not sure what the magic figure of unemployment is, but we're pretty sure it's not 8.6 per cent, which was reported last week. Full employment has historically been sacrificed to "higher goals." Fiscal and monetary policy have been manipulated to control inflation, but not, as a rule, to control employment. We believe these fiscal and monetary policies should be reevaluated and redirected in order to foster a healthier employment level.

Land Use Management. Currently, traditional procedures for the regulation of the ways land may be used have been left to local or state governmental units. At the state level, a bewildering array of agencies, boards, and commissions exists to carry out state activities pertaining to land and natural resources. Most states, including Texas, have not enacted state-wide land use management procedures. And the federal government, which like nature, abhors a vacuum, has filled the void.

We have an absolute smorgasbord of federal land use management regulations, sometimes with conflicting rules, overlapping responsibilities, and a multiplicity of organizational structures.

- . The EPA, established in 1970, with Congressional mandates for clean air and water, has many land use regulatory powers; Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Amendments passed in 1972 being a potentially powerful land use measure.

- . The Clean Air Act which now contains land use components controlling development which might contribute to significant deterioration of air quality, is in the process of being revised and amended.

- . The Coastal Zone Management Act, administered by the Department of Commerce is a land use act, limited to coastal regions.

- . The Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the 701 planning process, has land use regulatory authority.

- . The Flood Insurance Act encourages flood plain management by land use planning procedures rather than structural methods, and discourages new development in these areas.

Through this piece-meal process, land use management is becoming a reality. The wisdom of going about it in this way is surely open to question. It leads to that condition most feared by those who oppose a federal land use bill--a welter of bureaucratic red tape, conflicting regulations, and time-consuming permitting processes. Hopefully, a federal land use policy will soon be enacted, which will provide an opportunity to restructure this land use hodgepodge into a workable whole.

It is appropriate to consider why we need land use management when we did all right without it for so long. At a time when all cities everywhere suffer those inner-city blues, due to the migration to suburbs, it seems not too optimistic to hope that some sensible managing might ameliorate the problems. And at a time when farmers and ranchers can no longer afford to farm and ranch because the tax structure makes it impossible, it is not too much to ask that some remedial action be taken. And at a time when Texas must consider a water plan including the importation of water great distances to maintain a vast agriculturally significant region, to suggest that land use planning for such an enormous undertaking is wrong might be termed irresponsible. Even Texans are coming to realize that land is a finite resource, and that the ever-growing conflicting needs create a necessity for wise choices in the use of our land.

Energy Policies--The League of Women Voters supports the conservation goal set forth in the "Agreement on an International Energy Program," and we urge strong national leadership to implement these goals. Last year the United States entered into this Agreement with 15 of the world's major oil consuming nations. The Agreement called for the United States to reduce the importation of oil by one million barrels a day. However, we have not kept this commitment to the International Energy Agency; instead, we have increased the importation of oil to this country.

The League believes that energy conservation should be the keystone of governmental energy policies and citizen responses. Conservation should have a two-fold aim: greater efficiency and cuts in consumption. The burden of energy conservation measures should be borne as equitably as possible among all energy users. To achieve such conservation, we would have you consider:

- . Mandatory fuel economy performance standards for autos
- . Mandatory efficiency standards for appliances
- . Incentives to increase energy efficiency in the heating and cooling of buildings
- . National mandatory thermal standards for buildings

- . The recycling of waste and heat as an energy source
- . Federal, state, regional, and local funding for public transportation
- . Reviving and developing a nationwide rail system to move people, goods, and raw materials with less energy per mile
- . Revising electric utility rate structures to reflect the costs of fuel and capital investment as well as promoting conservation.

Further we believe that any national energy policy should reduce the growth rate in energy demand.

We, in Texas, are particularly supportive of conservation of our energy resources. Obviously, we have an economic stake in such an approach--for Texas is not only the leading producer state in the nation, we are also the leading consumer state. Furthermore, it is projected that by 1985 we will be a net consumer state. So the stakes are high for us, as they are for all the nation.

We are concerned that in the development of additional sources of energy, the environment will receive short shrift. In Texas, we are concerned with the problems of strip mining of coal and uranium, additional sulfur emissions from coal-fired power plants, and radioactive and thermal emissions from nuclear power plants.

Strong environmental standards must be kept as these resources are developed.

Our dual recommendation is a strong conservation effort coupled with strong environmental safeguards in future energy development.

Revenue Sharing--The State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 (general revenue sharing) represents a major thrust of the "new federalism" concept. Last year the League of Women Voters of Texas monitored the revenue sharing program at the state level to learn how the program affected citizen participation, civil rights, and the needs of minorities and the poor. Our study revealed that revenue sharing funds were distributed in a fragmented manner without the benefit of a well-defined comprehensive plan incorporating careful analysis of the state's greatest areas of need.

There was no direct citizen input to the allocation process. Our study placed heavy emphasis on evaluating the impact of revenue sharing on the poor and minorities. It was our conclusion that revenue sharing allocation had little impact in meeting the needs of minorities or of the poor who constitute one-fifth of Texas' population.

The following recommendations are made for policy and procedural changes in administering revenue sharing:

- . Stricter compliance procedures.

Without federal level enforcement of civil rights provisions of the law, state governments knowingly and unknowingly perpetrate the pattern of discrimination that already exists, particularly in the area of state employment practices.

- . Adequate provisions for citizen participation mandated by the law.

Publishing the Planned and Actual Use Reports in a major newspaper is not enough. Decentralized public hearings for revenue sharing, held early in the decision-making cycle, should become an integral part of the process.

Housing Policies--Since 1949, the United States has had as a goal "a decent home for every American." Last year the Housing and Community Development Act redefined this goal, "Development of viable urban communities including decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for those of low and moderate income." But we are far from that goal.

Texas has no state housing programs, and former housing programs, such as urban renewal, must now compete for Community Development Funds. Although one of the primary objectives of the Act was to eliminate slum and blight, many local officials yield to the temptation of spending large amounts of community development funds on other eligible activities, such as public works, facilities, and site improvements. And housing suffers.

Section 8 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 was to be the major federal housing program for lower income people, but HUD is inclined to withhold funds. Requirements are needed so emphasis is placed on new construction and major rehabilitation to provide a significant increase in the housing supply in this income range. We view housing construction as one of the more important ways for creating employment while at the same time meeting long-term housing needs in the nation.

The League of Women Voters of Texas is deeply committed to conserving our human and natural resources and to equality and equal opportunity for all persons. We therefore urge you to consider our recommendations concerning these domestic policies.

October 30, 1975

STATEMENT BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HEARING
CALLED BY SECRETARY ROGERS MORTON
ON "NEW JOBS FOR TEXAS"

by Meg Titus, Program Vice President, League of Women Voters of Texas

The League of Women Voters of Texas is both pleased and honored to be invited to present our views at this public forum on domestic policy for White House/Domestic Council review. Because of League's uniqueness as a non-partisan organization encouraging informed and active participation of all citizens in government and politics, we view this hearing as a real opportunity to provide some insights our organization has into community needs, community thinking, and community, state, and national goals as they relate to implementing policies designed to develop new jobs.

I will try to respond to your questions in the sequence you posed them, however, some of the questions you asked do not relate to League positions.

In the first group of questions regarding investments, you ask, "Are the nation's investment priorities in energy, agriculture, environment, mass transportation and basic industries in consonance with the needs in our state and region?" League believes many of them are not.

In regard to the first--energy investment policy--we believe it essential that a national energy plan be developed soon. We realize that many agencies such as the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) have been drafting a national plan for energy research and development, with Texas' Representative Olin Teague and his Science and Technology Committee reviewing and amending this plan. We concur with his recent comment that we needed this sort of planning 10 or 15 years ago, however, we urge that this nation's energy focus be put on conservation much sooner than 1985 as set out in this plan. ERDA has emphasized the controversial and potentially hazardous nuclear energy option as our energy source for the future. The League of Women Voters believes that greater emphasis and higher investment priority should be given to research and development in alternative energy sources such as solar, geo-thermal and wind energy. We also urge a much greater allotment for educating the public to the immediate need for instituting conservation practices. We think that government at all levels should take the responsibility for such public education rather than placing emphasis nearly exclusively on the development of oil and gas reserves, gasification and liquification of coal and shale, and nuclear energy. We urge that a larger portion of the \$100 billion Federal Energy Independence Authority funding requested by the President for development of synthetic fuels and nuclear power be designated for development of a public education plan for conservation. Our members believe that careful and wise use of our energy resources will buy time to decide on further energy programs and policies, and enable Americans to act as responsible citizens of the world community. In local discussion groups, as we have studied energy problems the past year, our members emphasized that energy conservation must distribute costs and hardships as fairly as possible without bearing unduly on the poor, and at the same time give full consideration to the environment. A recent Federal Energy Administration (FEA) poll reveals that the number of persons who believe that the fuel crisis is real has increased from 32 percent last year to 45 percent now. This indicates to us that the public is beginning to realize that policies to solve our energy problems are essential.

News releases tell of all sorts of exciting research being done in the area of synthetic fuels. For example, it is now possible, as you know, to produce energy from garbage. A pilot project in California is converting 35 truckloads of waste per day into 200 barrels of liquid fuel, and another project in England is producing not only fuel but other valuable by-products such as synthetic foam from sugar-based compounds. League urges increased emphasis and funding for research such as this, utilizing renewable rather than non-renewable resources.

Our national, state and local investment priorities regarding mass transportation are another area of League concern and relate directly to jobs. Our positions on human resources, protection of the environment, and land use planning require that we urge that the White House and Congress make it possible to develop alternative transportation systems other than the ubiquitous automobile. In Texas we are particularly reliant on cars for transportation to and from jobs. This has resulted in severe and persistent air pollution problems, particularly in the Houston area. It has also contributed to that phenomenon called urban sprawl to further complicate job accessibility. League believes that the orderly development of our state through planning techniques such as clustering, green belts, and communities with a full mix of uses, will help us preserve and plan the wise use of our remaining agricultural lands and open spaces, as well as providing Texans with a higher level of social interaction through orderly development which will, in turn, improve job accessibility through improved transportation planning. Even though we seem to have lots of open spaces and clean air in Texas, many of our cities and even some rural areas are having air quality problems which improved transportation planning can help to alleviate. A Michigan State University research team has recently published findings to show that photochemical oxidants from auto vehicle pollution now exists in potentially harmful quantities in broad areas of the eastern third of the U.S., and indicates damage to some food crops. Policy must be developed to solve such problems. The League believes, for example, the state and national Highway Trust Funds should be restructured enabling cities to plan and adequately finance integrated transportation systems with alternate forms of transportation such as busses, trains, and even bicycles. There has been a dearth of R & D funding to develop such alternate forms of transportation with the result that people without cars are often people without jobs.

Several local leagues in Texas have recently completed a survey relating to jobs. May I tell you some of the findings of the Dallas League in their interviews with public officials trying to provide job placement and job training? Officials of the Texas Employment Commission and the local Manpower office agreed that, along with lack of skills they find in the available labor force, they find the lack of public transportation one of their most difficult problems, and one over which they have no control. The recent unveiling by the U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman, Jr. of "A Statement of National Transportation Policy" is very welcome, even though some of the proposals seem quite vague, some of its key points seem valid. It pledges governmental support to increase the auto's energy efficiency; it will seek to modernize railroad rate regulations; and it suggests user charges on firms using the nation's waterways. It seems to address some of our national transportation woes, and we hope, along with the Minneapolis Star, that it "does not disappear into that great Washington chasm where so many solid reports have been lost before."

Another of your questions asked about bottlenecks and shortages in our area. League doesn't pretend to be able to offer suggestions for unclogging industrial bottlenecks, but we do have some positions we would like to share with you about shortages. We think the federal government should establish policies and programs to increase the demand for secondary materials, to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes and to reduce the generation of solid wastes. The federal government should help state and local governments develop recycling facilities such as

the one I mentioned in California which produces petroleum from a renewable resource, garbage; and at the same time should encourage private construction and operation of recycling facilities. The primary goal of such national policies would be to forestall depletion of non-renewable resources, to increase demand for secondary materials, and simultaneously to provide additional job opportunities in the recycling industry. The rapid depletion of our oil and gas reserves, the strip mining of our extensive lignite coal reserves could well be delayed materially through improved policies for re-use and recycling of basic metals alone.

League at all levels, local, state and national, also believes that all levels of government should share in the responsibility to provide equal opportunities for all in employment and in the related areas of housing and education. We would like to have programs increased which would aid in the education and training of disadvantaged people, as this would assist many in becoming self-supporting, contributing members of society, perhaps in some new industries such as recycling. We urge policies to expand opportunities for apprenticeships and on-the-job training, as well as aid in providing day care centers and adequate low-income housing. Our organization monitors the implementation of such policies at all levels, for example we are watching the recently appealed Indianapolis court decision disallowing renovation and utilization of certain inner-city housing. We also monitor programs for assistance to low-income individuals, food stamps, and revenue sharing. League supports not only job training but counseling and follow-up services in such training programs as those done by the TEC and Manpower. Our interviews indicated further a need to link up in some cooperative way with such programs as local training for nurses aides.

Your next group of questions on new markets touches two additional areas of League concern: our international trade positions and our environmental quality stands. First, regarding world trade, we continue to believe in a liberal U.S. trade policy, and are still convinced that the political and economic interests of this nation and our state are best served by such policy. This would pave the way not only for political harmony with other nations, but will expand and stimulate economic development here and abroad with the end result of increased jobs. We endorse systematic reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, and urge the U.S. to continue to participate in multilateral negotiations of trade agreements, as we are convinced that the free flow of investment and technology fosters economic development and is in the best interest of all of us. Unilateral restrictions on trade should be rejected on both domestic and international grounds. Not only would they cost American consumers hundred of millions of dollars each year in increased prices but, by stymieing our export industries, could cost Americans upwards of a million jobs. League believes that the U.S. can remain competitive with other countries whose workers enjoy a standard of living lower than ours through expanding new markets by reducing trade barriers. We have food, equipment, and technology which is marketable throughout the world so long as we don't retreat into protectionism. The recent long-term sale agreement with the Soviet Union is a case in point. It should help remove uncertainties in the grain trade, and prevent wide swings in the market that can play havoc with domestic food prices to the detriment of those looking for jobs, or those on low incomes. Accords of this sort should help build interdependence thereby giving both parties a stake in stability and cooperation rather than hostility.

The last question regarding technology League feels ill-equipped to address except to call your attention to some recent information given by Russell Peterson of the Council on Environmental Quality. He says, "In the face of economic ills, the environmental movement finds itself perceived by many people--especially (and most disturbingly) by some decision-makers in industry and government--as an obstacle to providing more jobs and deflating the inflation rate. This is simply not true.

Spending to control pollution can stimulate the economy. Those who hold otherwise are ignoring the facts. According to the best estimates of the CEQ the costs of federally-mandated environmental clean-up through 1982 will be \$194.5 billion or from seven-tenths of one percent to 1.4% of the Gross National Product over the estimating period. Private industry tends to view this outlay as "pure cost", a "non-productive investment," and an inflationary factor that will increase the cost of the goods we buy and promote unemployment. But there is another side to this coin. The \$194.5 billion will not go for duplicating copies of environmental impact statements. Rather, the money will be spent for hardware, software, and human labor. For example, according to CEQ studies, a typical wastewater treatment plant for a city of 100,000 people will cost about \$4.2 million. According to the Stanford Research Institute, those costs will break down as follows: 11.6% for metal products; 26% for machinery and equipment; 12.6% for stone, clay and glass products; 3.1% for lumber and other materials; 28.9% for labor; and 17.8% for overhead and profit. This money spent for environmental repair does not disappear down the maw of an insatiable government agency; it goes into the pockets of real, live, human beings working in the private sector who pay taxes, buy groceries, support orthodontists, finance colleges, and in all other ways behave like consumers. A \$20 billion per year expenditure for environmental protection provides a powerful stimulus to our economy at a time when it badly needs stimulating.

The League concurs with Mr. Peterson and with Dr. James Brian Quinn of the Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth, that the nation must not abandon environmental protection for economic-growth goals. We must instead continue to expand pollution abatement technology as it can and does provide essential jobs. Russell Train of EPA pointed out recently that 55,000 persons are working on sewage treatment plants mandated by federal law, as opposed to 12,000 jobs lost when some 70 plants closed rather than meet clean-air standards. I believe Mr. Peterson, Dr. Quinn and Mr. Train have successfully rebutted contentions that environmental programs are creating unemployment.

Also relating to technology, I would like to quote British economist E. F. Shumacker who spoke at a recent conference in Houston. "The United States is as backward as any developing nation when it comes to the technology needed for the future--a technology that is easy on energy, soft on the environment, and in small enough units so that production of many commodities can be spread around the countryside." He explains that we need to develop an "intermediate" technology that is somewhere between handicraft and the auto assembly line. He sees our economy of mass production as based originally on cheap fossil fuel and cheap labor, neither of which is available to Western nations now. Small technology advocates cite waste paper recycling at village-size units as an example of this type of small industry which could stop the drain of workers and resources from the countryside to the cities, thereby reducing job concentration, reducing air pollution and housing problems. He cites for example that in Britain it now costs as much to transport a brick 200 miles as it does to make it--there are no doubt many similar situations we could cite in the U.S. Dr. Shumacker says, "The big technology ship may flounder, so... let's build alternative ways to live. Let's build some lifeboats." Other economists have other solutions to propose in helping the jobless. Some of these ideas heard recently by members of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress at their hearings on unemployment ranged from Senator Humphrey's Equal Opportunity and Full Employment Act of 1975 aim to keep unemployment below 3 percent by providing public service jobs, to Milton Friedman's urging a cut in federal spending. Robert Eisner of Northwestern University, on the other hand, urged increased spending to spur the economy. Thus with unemployment figures still at an unacceptably high level, there is no quibbling about the consensus developing that the White House must act. Leadership needs to identify the extent of our social and economic problem of unemployment, then, after obtaining public participation such

as this, lay out remedies that will rally the very real strengths of the American people.

A recent Dallas Times Herald editorial said, "If we are convinced that nothing can be done about economic recovery, then nothing will be attempted. If we are told repeatedly that unemployment will remain at 7 or 8 percent for years to come, we draw our economic wagons into a circle and tell those outside--the unemployed, the poor and the fixed-income elderly--not to cry too loudly lest they disturb the 90 percent or more of this nation who are making it pretty well." League finds pulling our economic wagons into a circle an unacceptable alternative and urges the White House, as a result of this series of hearings, to hastily develop and implement domestic policy which will remedy our most serious current economic problem--unemployment.

Again, thank you for asking the League of Women Voters of Texas to express its views to you today.

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Party Primaries, May 1, 1976

LWV-T will not publish a statewide Voters Guide for the spring primary election. Only seven statewide races will be on the ballot: one U.S. Senator, one Railroad Commissioner, three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, two Justices of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Since a state Guide would include only contested races, a Guide of minimum size (four page tabloid) could not but represent an indefensible waste of paper.

The state CI/VS committee will submit questions to statewide candidates, put their answers in final, word-counted form, and provide this material to each local League for incorporation in local Guides. Although local costs for typesetting and paper may be slightly increased, these increased costs can scarcely equal the cost to local Leagues of purchasing a wasteful state Guide.

The state board wrestled with this problem for several months. The decision to take this approach was based on League positions regarding conservation of natural resources (paper), as well as state board concern for husbanding the economic resources (money) of the League at both levels. The committee will work hard to supply guidelines, time lines, aid, and comfort. Meanwhile, please think positive.

Presidential Preferential Primary

From a Voters Service perspective, the PPP is a can of worms. The Democratic party will elect its delegates from the thirty-one state senatorial districts; the Republican party will elect its delegates from the twenty-four congressional districts. Only the names of the delegate candidates will be officially on the ballot, not the names of the presidential candidates themselves. There seems no way for League to handle the intricacies of this operation at either the state or local level. And since the PPP represents a distinctly partisan popularity contest rather than an election, it may be an inappropriate place for the League in any case. The CI/VS committee will try to provide an explanation of the delegate and convention process for use in your local Guides.

The off-board members of the CI/VS committee are: Marian Bryan, Austin; Libby Eddins, Tarrant County; Molly Kahn, Irving; Mary Lou Woods, Dallas. They, League love 'em, will help you and me thread our way through the coming election year. God bless us every one!

Local Leagues continue to find interesting ways to secure funding and increased distribution of Voters Service material. In Dallas, the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce is publishing 3000 copies of Your Elected Officials in Spanish at no cost to the Dallas League. The DISD is providing the translation. Other Leagues in communities that have a Mexican-American C. of C. might give it a thought.

In Midland, 22,000 copies of the elected officials guide were distributed as inserts in the Sunday paper. Ed. Fund money was used to purchase the paper. The printing was done by high school students under the Industrial Cooperative Training Program, and Gibson's Discount Center covered the cost of stuffing the newspaper. How's that for utilizing a combination of community resources! And note in both instances involvement of local schools.

By the time you receive this, the case involving SB 300 will have been heard and perhaps ruled upon. Maybe then we will know just what the League can do to assist citizens in the initial re-registration period. Meanwhile, as always, let us keep our minds and options open.

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LWV-TEF
November 1975
State Board Report

TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

The next deadline for submittal of project requests is January 13th. These proposals will be considered at the January 29th meeting of the Board of Trustees in Austin. Please submit the proposals on the Project Request Form, which will be sent with the updated TEF Handbook.

Every project will have a project supervisor, appointed by the TEF Board. She will serve as a consultant to the project chair and committee, and she will be asked to submit an evaluation report of the project.

At Convention in El Paso it was decided that we would experiment with allowing one-fourth of a local League's pledge to be paid with Ed. Fund money. We have had indications that four Leagues (Amarillo, Richardson, Baytown, and Tarrant County) are interested in paying a portion of their pledge in this manner. Would these Leagues please send a request for the amount of money they wish to have transferred from their Ed. Fund accounts to both TEF Treasurer Sue Heaberlin and LWV-T Treasurer Barbara Glickman. One-sixth of the costs of state Board and Trustees meetings will be charged to the administrative account of the LWV-Texas Education Fund during 1975-76.

Please send checks to be deposited to the Education Fund to the state office.

LWV of Texas
October 1975
LL Presidents
I.A.2.
ADMINISTRATION
ACTION-STATE

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Barbara Nobles, LWV-T TCR Chairperson
RE: TCR Campaign

The League of Women Voters of Texas is aware of a paper against the proposed constitution that is being distributed by W.W.W.W.* The paper speaks to the usual anti issues--annual sessions, salary commission, welfare ceiling, and so on.

They also have the wrong date for the election!

Technically, they are in violation of H.B.4 because they are not registered with the Secretary of State.

Upon consultation with the Citizens for the Texas Constitution, it was decided that any formal action would produce more undesirable results than it warranted.

*W.W.W.W.--Women Who Want To Be Women

LHM of Texas
 LL Presidents Mailing
 DPM
 October 1975
 I.E.2.
 Administration
 Budget-State

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Journal of Food and Agriculture

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| | BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIOUS |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| 4. Administrative Committees | | | |
| a. Finance | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| b. Membership and Units | 40.00 | -0- | 40.00 |
| c. Public Relations | 175.00 | 28.65 | 146.35 |
| d. Budget | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| e. Nominating | 200.00 | -0- | 200.00 |
| f. Ad Hoc Financial Support | 250.00 | -0- | 250.00 |
| Sub Total | 10345.00 | 1862.36 | 8482.67 |
| C. Services to Local Leagues | | | |
| 1. Organization | | | |
| a. Services to Current LL | 2375.00 | 454.62 | 1920.38 |
| b. Services to New Leagues | 525.00 | 226.00 | 298.91 |
| c. State Board Visits | 150.00 | 96.00 | 54.00 |
| d. Workshops | 250.00 | -0- | 250.00 |
| e. Members-At-Large | 100.00 | -0- | 100.00 |
| f. Units-At-Large | 220.00 | -0- | 220.00 |
| 2. Presidents Mailings | 875.00 | -0- | 875.00 |
| 3. Local Program Supervision | 25.00 | -0- | 25.00 |
| Sub Total | 4520.00 | 776.71 | 3743.29 |
| D. Delegates and Travel | | | |
| 1. 1976 Council (State) | 2000.00 | -0- | 2000.00 |
| 2. 1976 National Convention | 1400.00 | -0- | 1400.00 |
| Sub Total | 3400.00 | -0- | 3400.00 |
| E. National Services | | | |
| 1. Pledge | 9225.00 | -0- | 9225.00 |
| 2. Members-At-Large Dues | 212.00 | -0- | 212.00 |
| Sub Total | 9347.00 | -0- | 9347.00 |
| F. VOTER | 2500.00 | 301.32 | 2198.68 |
| G. Publications | | | |
| 1. Production Costs | 2610.00 | -0- | 2610.00 |
| 2. Voters Guides | 5000.00 | -0- | 5000.00 |
| 3. DPM | 1500.00 | -0- | 1500.00 |
| 4. Standing Orders | 2240.00 | -0- | 2240.00 |
| Sub Total | 11350.00 | -0- | 11350.00 |
| H. Educational Activities | | | |
| 1. LNW-TEF | | | |
| a. Program | 1125.00 | -0- | 1125.00 |
| b. Voters Service Project | 1000.00 | -0- | 1000.00 |
| c. Legislative Research Material | 500.00 | 153.94 | 346.06 |
| d. Non-League Workshop | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| e. League Workshops & Conferences | 13000.00 | -0- | 13000.00 |
| 2. LNW-T (not Ed. Funded) | | | |
| a. Voters Service Committee | 200.00 | 11.72 | 188.28 |
| b. Affiliations | 100.00 | -0- | 100.00 |
| c. Publications & Subscriptions | 100.00 | 3.35 | 96.65 |
| d. New Program Study, A-J | 250.00 | 2.80 | 247.20 |
| Sub Total | 16575.00 | 171.81 | 16403.19 |

| | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>VARIOUS</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| I. Position Support Activities | | | |
| 1. Program Supervision | 50.00 | -0- | 50.00 |
| 2. Campaign Expenses | 1000.00 | -0- | 1000.00 |
| 3. State Program Action | | | |
| a. TCR | 500.00 | 6.50 | 500.00 |
| b. Human Resources | 100.00 | 10.00 | 90.00 |
| c. Modernizing State Government | 75.00 | -0- | 75.00 |
| d. EQ--Air/Water | 550.00 | 225.75 | 294.25 |
| EQ--Solid Waste/Land Use | 450.00 | -0- | 450.00 |
| EQ--Energy | 150.00 | -0- | 150.00 |
| e. Voting Rights | 250.00 | 6.00 | 244.00 |
| f. Financing State Government | 125.00 | 101.28 | 23.72 |
| g. State-Local Relations | 25.00 | -0- | 25.00 |
| 4. National Program Action | | | |
| a. International Relations | 25.00 | 34.24 | [9.24] |
| b. Representative Government | 50.00 | -0- | 50.00 |
| c. Campaign Finance | 25.00 | -0- | 25.00 |
| 5. Legislative Office | | | |
| a. Rent | 755.00 | -0- | 755.00 |
| b. Directors Expenses | 150.00 | -0- | 150.00 |
| Sub Total | 4280.00 | 413.77 | 3866.23 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 84389.00 | 9285.99 | 75103.01 |

BANK ACCOUNTS

| | <u>Balance</u> <u>6/1/75</u> | <u>Deposits</u> <u>June 1 - August 31</u> | <u>Disburse</u> | <u>Balance</u> <u>8-31-75</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Gen. Operating Account (Austin) | 509.80 | 12883.39 | 11557.10 | 1836.09 |
| TEF (Austin) | 903.65 | 34.25 | 153.94 | 783.96 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 4763.87 | -0- | -0- | 4763.87 |
| Reserve Fund | 3352.64 | -0- | -0- | 3352.64 |
| | 9529.96 | 12917.64 | 11711.04 | 10736.56 |

TEXAS ED FUND ACCOUNTS

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|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|--------|
| Legislative Research Material | 768.16 | -0- | -0- | 768.16 |
| Land Use | 56.49 | -0- | -0- | 56.49 |
| Public School Finance | 43.92 | -0- | -0- | 43.92 |
| Financing State Government | 28.67 | -0- | -0- | 28.67 |
| Voters Keys | 1.12 | -0- | -0- | 1.12 |
| | 903.65 | -0- | -0- | 903.65 |

LWV of Texas
October 1975
Presidents Mailing (3)
II.A.2.a.(Program-Vert.
Human Resources-Education

TO: LL President (distribute 2nd & 3rd copies to HR and Education Chairpersons)
FROM: Liz Davies, LWV-T Human Resources Director
RE: Attorney General Opinion No. H-702-Authority of School Districts to Charge
Fees for Certain Courses, School Supplies, and Extracurricular Activities

This ruling relates to policies and practices of local school districts. The ruling confines itself only to the question asked and states that all areas addressed in the Opinion that are not permitted by law are prohibited. It does not attempt to answer questions which were not asked.

An Attorney General's ruling carries no weight as judicial precedent; however, state officers and officials are expected to reply on it. Therefore, school districts are put on notice as to the Opinion rendered on October 1, 1975.

The following statements are submitted in response to the many questions from local school districts and we hope that the following will help you in implementing the opinion.

1. The effective date is the date of the ruling, October 1, 1975. The Attorney General's Opinion did not cover fees collected prior to the date of October 1, 1975.
2. The ruling does not speak to students furnishing traditional supplies such as pencils, paper, etc.
3. Fees charged to buy such materials as workbooks, etc. are covered under the ruling. Fees for typing, labs, etc. are also covered by the ruling.
4. Materials necessary for the student to acquire basic skills required in vocational education courses must be furnished by the school district; however, the school district may allow a student, at his option, to furnish costlier or different vocational materials for approved projects undertaken for credit in such courses without incurring any obligation to pay for such materials, so long as the materials and the projects created from them remain the property of the student.
5. A school district may charge tuition for driver training if taught in a student's fourth quarter (summer school). This is one of the areas in which tuition may be charged as indicated in Texas Education Code, Section 16.864.
6. A school district may charge nonparticipating students admission to extracurricular activities where attendance is voluntary.
7. A rental fee may not be charged on band uniforms. The Opinion does not address the question of students furnishing their own uniforms and/or equipment.

School districts should prudently apply this ruling to specific cases within the district in determining the legality of any funds collected from or purchases required of pupils.

Further questions concerning this matter should be directed to:

Mr. L.B.T. Sikes
Director of Administrative Services
Texas Education Agency
Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone: (512) 475-4521

LWV of Texas
October 1975
LL Presidents Mailing
DPM
I.Q.
Administration-
President's Letter

Dear Presidents,

Your efforts for the Texas Constitutional Revision campaign are deeply appreciated. Your letters and VOTERS indicate a variety of techniques and strategies being used in local campaigns. Amarillo is conducting a Panhandle caravan; several Leagues are conducting public meetings; and San Marcos is organizing block workers to distribute flyers and bumper stickers. Houston conducted a press conference with Judge Robert Calvert in a historic park with a view of modern skyscrapers towering over the antique buildings. Abilene's speaking engagements in the city and surrounding area numbered 15--six weeks before the election. Win or lose, we can't be accused of not trying!

May I reiterate that the TCR flyers were not designed to appeal to Leaguers or others already persuaded to vote yes. The purpose of the flyer is to attract attention to the election--to vote YES and when to vote. It should be distributed door-to-door, placed under windshield wipers, handed out at fairs, ball games, etc. When we attempted to list reasons for voting for the Constitution on a brochure, it became impossible to compile a list that did not antagonize some segment of the voting public. We have also been unable to come up with a suitable symbol for a constitution--it just doesn't lend itself to gimmickry. The multiplicity of the issues and the complexity of the document make campaigning very difficult, as you well know.

Action in Austin: On October 1, Fumi Sugihara testified before the subcommittee on Electronic Voting of the House Committee on Elections. Fumi has received a letter of appreciation from Luther Jones, chair of the committee. He said, "Good legislation requires good input from concerned citizens. I feel the subcommittee received this good input because you offered your time and effort to share your knowledge and experiences with us."

On Sept. 26, Lucinda Headrick spoke before the Natural Resources Water Subcommittee of the House. Lucinda thinks that she and Stuart Henry of the Sierra Club were able to make some points heard. Both statements are enclosed.

League Mailing from State Office: We are still experimenting and learning. Some communities get prompt third class mail. Others do not. We have learned that metered mail must be mailed at a certain location in Austin. Also, the Austin post office has had a tremendous volume of mail recently. So bear with us.

Quotes from Ruth Clusen in an interview on the Agency for International Development's program, "Overseas Mission."

On Men:

"We did a count last spring, since our membership has been open to men as of a year ago May, and we had approximately 6,000 (men) at that point."

On a Name Change:

"Let me speak to the name change. It must be done at a national convention because it is a bylaw change of the membership...I have a strong feeling that there will be a strong push to change the name...Part of the problem is that there's no agreement on what the name should be. That's one of the hangups on it."

EQ--Industry or environmental groups?

"...Where do we stand? Do we endorse the environmentalists or industry? Neither one. We have our own positions. We want to try to protect, as much as we can, some of the environmental positions we have. But in addition to that, we recognize the need for new sources of energy, and our positions in that field really deal with the conservation of energy rather than whether they shall mine coal in the Great Plains, for instance."

Question: "Mrs. Clusen,...one of your favorite phrases is 'Let the people know; make the people care; help the people act.' How do you assess what you've been doing, in light of Watergate, CIA, multinational corporation disputes, over the last few years?"
Clusen: "Obviously, we haven't been doing enough, but in some ways, the situation is helpful to us, because there are a lot more Americans nowadays who realize you can't just let government operate in a vacuum."

New Provisional League: State and National have recognized the Provisional LWV of Eastern Bell County (Temple, Belton, Salado). Barbara Nobles and Jean Bizzell conducted a TCR workshop in Temple Oct. 8th.

Bylaw Changes: Please submit your local League bylaw changes to Barbara Materka, rather than Marion Gholston, by Nov. 15.

Board Resignations and New Appointee: Regretfully, Marion Gholston and Jean Bizzell have both resigned from the state Board. We will miss them. But we are fortunate to have found an excellent replacement for one position. Barbara Materka has accepted an appointment, and she will work in the area of membership and organization.

Please add her name and address to your state board list.

Barbara Materka (Mrs. William)
4114 Northhaven Road
Dallas, Texas 75229
(214) 352-9003

November State Board Meeting: The state Board will be meeting Nov. 18-19, instead of Nov. 11-12 in Dallas. Some Board members want to attend a conference on women in public life celebrating International Women's Year, Nov. 10-11 in Austin.

Administration of Justice: Correction to Administration of Justice section in the State Board Report. "The LWVUS has a new publication "So You're Interested in Your Police Department, Ed. Fund, 4 pp., #584, 25¢. Also Update on Community Issues, #574, 25¢ has a section on policewomen around the country."

In an effort to save money without hampering efficiency, the state office will be experimenting with the mailings to local Leagues and state board members. We would appreciate your noting when your mail arrived, which class (1st, 3rd) is was marked, and then letting us know at your convenience. We've already noted the necessity for 1st class mailing to Dallas, Irving, Denton, and Beaumont, and are interested in hearing what kind of mail service other Leagues receive.

LWV of Texas
October 1975
LL Presidents Mailing

Communications received from local and state Leagues: For your information--You may respond to the following requests if you wish; these are not obligatory requests.

Name Change

San Antonio is interested in submitting an amendment to the bylaws of the LWVUS concerning a name change for the organization. The deadline is February 3. If your League is interested, contact the LWV of San Antonio

National Program Making Request

From: LWV of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.

"The oceans, called by many our 'last frontier' are awaiting massive exploitation that advanced technology now makes possible. Several World Conferences under the auspices of the United Nations have been held on the Law of the Sea, addressing questions such as: jurisdiction over fishing rights; navigation (particularly international straits); marine pollution; conservation of ocean resources; rights of land-locked countries; deep seabed mining; and the establishment of a mechanism for international control and cooperation in these areas. These are vital issues which the International Relations Committee of the LWV of Montgomery County, Md. feels should be urgently addressed by our members and the National League.

As a first step, we request that you put this item on your national program planning agenda. We are hopeful that through the program planning process we can place a study item on the Law of the Sea on the agenda for the 1976 National League Convention. We feel this study directly relates to the LWV's basic principle of support for greater international cooperation and understanding, as well as national positions under - Energy, Environmental Quality, International Trade, Aid to Developing Countries, and Support of the United Nations. Last, but not least, the time for discussion and public education is NOW, as another, and possibly final United National Conference on the Law of the Sea is scheduled for New York City in March, 1976.

More information and a complete bibliography will be supplied at your request.

Please reply to the address below:

Bea Stow, Chairwoman
International Relations Committee
League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Md.
7402 Glenbrook Road
Bethesda, Md. 20014"

Presidential Candidates Meetings

We have also had a letter from Dorothy Tracy, president of LWV of Georgia about a Presidential Candidate meeting in Atlanta at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel on Friday, October 31 and Sat., Nov. 1, 1975. If you are touring the South about that time, it might prove interesting.

LWV of Texas
October 1975
LL Presidents Mailing-2
A.A.2.
Administration-
Action-State

TO: LL President (distribute 2nd copy to TCR chairs)
FROM: Betty Anderson and Barbara Nobles
RE: Last Minute TCR Push

We must intensify our campaign in these 3 ways:

1. Letters-to-the-Editors

Please write letters-to-the-Editors in these last few days. Ask League members and well-known supporters of revision in your community to write letters. This section has a high readership, and much can be gained from well written letters to the editor campaign. Emphasize facts concerning the new constitution and why it is better.

2. A modified phone bank

It is essential for us to get the YES vote to the polls. On Monday, Nov. 3, call every member of your League (utilizing board members, TCR committee, telephone committees and telephone tree systems) and ask them to call 5 to 10 friends who support the Constitution on Tuesday, November 4th--to be sure to vote. This is a tried and true campaign strategy and we think Leaguers will be willing to make this effort.

3. Distribute Constitution Countdown when you walk your block

Flyers, entitled Constitution Countdown, will be sent by bus (for larger shipments) next week. The brochure:

- 1) lists endorsing organizations.
- 2) quotes five state leaders countering Governor Briscoe's opposition.
- 3) has a section on observations for the Concerned Voter on efficient and economical state government, local control of government, taxpayers benefit.

4. If you have a college newspaper in your community, talk with the editor and discuss:

- a) Art. IV, Sec. 2, (d)--Removal of appointed officers by the governor. A governor of Texas was impeached in 1917 over this issue. The new constitutional provision would permit the governor to remove members from Boards of Regents of state colleges and universities.
- b) It will be a much easier document to read and study--study of the Constitution is a requirement in most schools.

A concerted effort is called for. We know we can count on your help.

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LWV of Texas
November 1975
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ATTENTION: HR CHAIRS

CARE ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN?

1976 MAY BE YOUR YEAR!

As a bicentennial activity, Child Care '76 of Texas and the State Department of Public Welfare are sponsoring Child Care Forums in ten Texas cities. The cities selected are: El Paso, Corpus Christi, Houston, Tyler, Lubbock, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley. Since there are local Leagues in or near all of these cities, I hope that you have already been contacted and are involved in the planning of these Forums. Many of us have felt for a long time that the rights of children have not been addressed and surely the focusing of attention on children's needs will be a beginning toward creating public awareness. The primary goals of the forums are to:

1. Educate and motivate parents to become advocates for their children.
2. Create working relations between community resources and parents.
3. Point out unmet needs within the family setting.
4. Allow working parents an opportunity to share their concerns in caring for their children.
5. Identify potential leaders in the area of children's concerns.
6. Develop a solution for at least one of the identified needs.

Ultimately those of us who are already deeply involved and committed to the idea of all segments of the individual communities coming together to seek solutions hope to achieve:

- more effective legislation
 - greater agency co-operation
 - improved environments,
- And the expansion of all vital resources necessary for the total development of the family unit.

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If your League's Community was not included, I would like to suggest that you act as the catalyst and present a similar Forum. It is a challenge but the perfect opportunity for the League to form a coalition of concerned organizations, agencies, church groups, and other organizations to meet and discuss the needs of children in your community, in the State of Texas, and IN THE WORLD. If you need any help in doing this, just write or call me or Marie Oser, 6711 Hornwood, #269, Houston, Texas 77036.

There is material available on how to stage your Forum and the State Department of Public Welfare is committed to seeing that these Forums take place all over the state. This is their first venture into citizen participation and they are anxious to help in every possible way.

Pretend
this is a
Colorful
Snappy
Creative

Cover
for the

STATE BOARD REPORT
(and next time you won't have to pretend)
BH)

SEPTEMBER 1975

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LWV of Texas
State Board Report
September 1975

Dear Presidents:

As I look back at our second state board meeting of this biennium, I have a "good feeling." The grasp of total board commitment to planning and decision making by the present members is very encouraging. I hope some of the aura of the meeting is caught in the following Board Report.

The state board cannot say enough good things about the LWV of Austin--and their arrangements at Rather House at the Episcopal Seminary. Donna Green and the Austin committee treated us like royalty, and it was a fantastic setting for a board meeting. We had large comfortable meeting rooms for committee meetings instead of cramped hotel rooms, and the Austin Leaguers served gourmet meals, which were not only delicious, but saved us time it ordinarily takes to go out to eat. We are deeply indebted to the Austin League for the sacrifices they made to assist us. We also enjoyed visits from Chris Brasher of San Marcos--former legislative director; and Jean Slobod of Pennsylvania who serves on the Overseas Ed. Fund. She is living in Austin for a year.

The two-day November board meeting will be held in Dallas, and we plan to stay in the homes of members from Dallas, Irving, and Plano. Transportation costs should be less since approximately half the board lives in the North Texas area. This meeting will deal with where do we go from here after the constitution election and priority setting for the months ahead.

Money Matters--We do appreciate your prompt payments of your quarterly pledges. Carryover funds from the last fiscal year were abysmally low (about \$4000 less than the year before). Our funds have been extremely low, and some bills were paid late this summer. We are cutting corners wherever possible. Carole Shlipak, development chairperson, is completing plans for statewide fund raising, and will be calling some of you about the new sharing formula.

Looking toward the future, the ad hoc financial support committee, chaired by Jeannette Naman, had its first meeting September 8-9. Other off-board members of the committee are Evelyn Gould of Midland, Lucy Polter of Dallas, Ethel Sturgis of Tarrant County, and Donna Green of Austin. Board members on the committee are Organizational VP Helen Hunter of Houston and Treasurer Barbara Glickman of Wichita Falls. Serving in ex officio and resource capacities are Betty Anderson, Development Director Carole Shlipak, and Budget Director Marion Gholston. This committee's work should dovetail nicely with the national study on how to finance the League at all levels. We hope every member will participate in this study. Among other things, the committee is seeking an equitable method of support. I recently read in the Illinois VOTER that the Illinois Convention delegates amended their bylaws to provide for a PMP to the State League--which presently is \$10.

Betty Anderson
PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT'D.

LWV of Texas
State Board Report
September 1975

TCR Campaign--The response to the every member solicitation letter has been very encouraging. At the time of this writing, \$2497 has been contributed. Barbara Nobles, campaign manager, will compile a breakdown of contributions later. Barbara and I met with Judge Calvert and Ronnie Earle of Citizens for Texas Constitution Thursday. The pro campaign is being operated on a shoestring budget, but volunteer hours are invaluable in such a campaign. Bumper stickers will be sent to the local Leagues the third week of September. Brochures will be sent the last of the month. These are being paid for by the LWV Action Committee from member contributions.

Board Briefs--I will be in Temple September 18th to recognize them as a provisional League. Kathy Leabo and Lois Braunagle have done an outstanding job in advising this group in their pre-provisional period.

Time was spent at the board meeting discussing policies relating to printing Voters Service materials and other publications, the use of "genderless" words, and a policy of supporting or opposing appointees to official positions. We are endorsing Laura Kever as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. Last month we were one of several organizations endorsing Helen Copitka for Parole Commissioner. Ms. Copitka was appointed to the post by Joe R. Greenville, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Fumi Sugihara and Beth Brown were appointed to the nominating committee. They join elected members Genie Fritz, Alice May Berthelsen, and Chris Brasher.

Two board members were not able to be with us for the meeting. Peggy Farmer's father died September 8th. Pauline Clarke's husband is hospitalized at St. Luke's in Houston.

The next three months promise to be very busy ones. I hope they will be busy with thoughtful direction and intentionality.

Peace,

Betty Anderson

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LWV of Texas
State Board Report
September 1975

The following actions were taken relating to program during the September board meeting in Austin:

- Developed specific plans for action on Texas Constitutional Revision (our first priority item) for use by the state and local Leagues before November 4 (see TCR report for details).
- Established committee block system for coordinating all program items under Human Resources and Environmental Quality. The total HR-EQ block will consist of Higgins (LU), Headrick (SW&W), Davies (HR&TR), Wilbur (FSG), Keever (EN), Moon (Air), Farmer (MSG), Shlipak (Development), and Titus (Chair). This group divided into sub-committees, planned the specifics for improved communication and coordination, and divided the HR-EQ budget. In short, we think this group can improve its effectiveness by being sure the right hand always knows what the left hand is doing.
- Discussed and finalized plans for publications and formulation of consensus questions for both the Financing State Government and Administration of Justice study items. (See FSG and AJ reports for details.)
- Discussed plans for a revised program flyer--an updated "This Is Our Stand"--to be done as soon after the November 4 election as possible.
- Discussed the need to review our action guidelines relating to contacting your own LL legislator, to contacting state agencies, and to lobbying for most effective results. Recommendations will be brought to the November board meeting. Any suggestions for revisions from LL's will be very welcome and given careful consideration for inclusion in these revisions.
- Nominated Laura Keever for consideration as a new member of the Governor's Energy Advisory Council.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR VARIOUS STATE AND NATIONAL DEADLINES.

PROGRAM UPDATE AND FORECAST

Revenue Sharing: On Aug. 20th four national organizations (the National Urban Coalition, the League of Women Voters Education Fund, the Center for Community Change, and the Center for National Policy) released a report saying the revenue-sharing program is financing large-scale discrimination in state and local public employment and services. The groups found a pattern of job discrimination by public employers, including lower pay to minorities and to women.

We have received no further information on our complaint to the Office of Revenue Sharing and the Department of Justice.

Women:

ERA. Barbara Vackar of Texans for ERA has a fact sheet prepared by Jane Hickie for distribution. If you know of any anti-ERA activities in your area, please report them to Liz Davies, HR director of LWV-Texas, with a copy to Barbara Vackar.

Texas Women's Tribute to International Women's Year and a State Commission on the Status of Women. We were asked by Rrobia Taylor, a director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to submit names of 50 members most epitomizing our goals and purposes. We submitted the names of LL presidents and members of the state board. Other organizations participating were: Business and Professional Women Clubs, American Association of University Women, Texas Women's Political Caucus, Church Women United, Zonta International, National Council of Jewish Women, and National Assembly of Women Religious. Ms. Taylor hopes this group will serve as a grassroots effort to get a state Commission on the Status of Women named.

Open Meetings, Availability of Information, etc.: The state board approved purchasing a copy of Government in the Sunshine for each local League with education funds. Fumi Sugihara, VR director of LWV-Texas, will mail a booklet to each League. It is published by the Southern Governmental Monitoring Project, and it summarizes Texas legislation on open meeting laws and the availability of public information. We hope this reference material will assist you in increasing the visibility of governmental processes.

TCR Opposition: In a campaign, it is important to know your opposition. Below are some things being said by those opposing the new Constitution:

Proposition 1: Separation of Powers and Legislative and Executive Provisions

Former Atty. Gen. John Ben Sheppard of Odessa: "strongly opposes unrestricted annual sessions of the legislature and empowering an appointive commission to set pay of legislators." He claimed the amendment would "move us toward full-time lawmakers instead of the part-time citizen-legislators who have enabled Texas to establish one of the best governments in the country."

Senator Betty Andujar of Tarrant County said adoption by voters of a new constitution would "create a lawyers' paradise" (due to expected court contests of many provisions) and concentrate too much power in the hands of the legislators.

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PROGRAM UPDATE AND FORECAST CONT'D.

Proposition 2: Judiciary Provisions

Judge John F. Onion, Jr., presiding judge of the state Court of Criminal Appeals, whose court would be merged with the state Supreme Court under the proposed revision said recommended changes in the judiciary article would "intensify the traffic jams in our courts, instead of alleviating them." He said revision would "add another appellate step...Whether you ask for review or not, the Supreme Court will have to review a case."

Sen. Peyton McKnight of Tyler, heading the state anti-revision campaign, says Texans historically distrust state lawmakers.

The "anti" organizations have topnotch, seasoned public relations talent working behind the scenes--Jimmy Banks in Austin and Bob Heller in Houston. Mr. Heller has said, "Professionally, I'd rather be against something than for (it). It's easier to sell. It's awfully difficult to sell the idea of change."

Our TCR brochures are designed to sell the idea of change. We will obtain fact sheets prepared by Citizens for the Texas Constitution that will be suitable to distribute by your Speakers Bureau personnel.

TCR Opposition: In a campaign, it is important to know your opposition. Below are some things heard said by those opposing the new Constitution.

Proposition 1: Separation of Powers and Legislative and Executive Provisions

Former Atty. Gen. John Ben Shuford of Dallas: "strongly opposes the

rescheduled annual sessions of the Legislature and cooperation in legislative

commission to set pay of legislators. He claimed the amendment would "move us toward

full-time lawmakers instead of the part-time citizen-legislators who have enabled

Texas to establish one of the best governments in the country."

Senator Betty Anderson of Fort Worth said adoption by voters of a new constitution

would "create a lawyer's paradise" (she expected court contests at many provisions)

and concentrate too much power in the hands of the legislature.

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By the end of September, 31 local Leagues will have had board training by a state board trainer. The trainers have all reported the sessions to be rewarding, learning experience for them. Each offers a big thank you for your hospitality and cooperation.

I have been giving your trainer evaluation much thought and consideration. Watch for some big changes in the consultant-trainer services to local Leagues for next year. We will try to offer a variety of training services so that each local League can choose the type best suited to their needs. Some of the things being considered are:

1. Present type of board training
2. General orientation
3. Individual conferences--as now--for new board members or those with new portfolios and general orientation for experienced board members.
4. Leadership Development Training (developed by national)
5. Area Workshop Training (with two or more area groups)
 - a. Leadership Development Workshops
 - b. Counterpart Training Workshops
 - c. General Orientation and Idea Sharing Meetings
 - d. ??
6. What ideas do you have? What will best help your League?
Do you have any new ideas? Let me hear from you.

GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIAL VISITS TO LOCAL LEAGUES BY STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Limited funds in the current budget are available for state board members to visit local Leagues (other than board training). The purpose of the amount budgeted is to enable state board members to visit with local Leagues, when invited to do so, to provide help in program or organization matters.

In order that requests for these visits may be arranged in an orderly manner, the following GUIDELINES have been established:

1. Requests for visits shall be directed to the state board member being invited, with a copy to the organization vice-president and state office.
2. If possible, the state board member being invited should live in the general area of the local League.
3. The services of the state board member shall be shared with other local Leagues whenever possible.
4. Sufficient time (a minimum of 30 days) should be allowed between the original request and the date of the visit. Alternate dates should be requested.
5. If possible, local Leagues should provide 50% of the transportation costs.

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ALL ABOUT PUBLIC RELATIONS

As the Public Relations chairman of your League, you are not only responsible for the mechanics of setting publicity in motion, but you also have the job of visualizing the potential public relations value of everything your League does. What type of a person best serves in this capacity? She is an individual capable of creative and imaginative thinking; she is dedicated to the purpose of the League, and finds excitement in all aspects of League activity. Because of these qualities, she is able to utilize all the tools available to her, and adapt new ideas into her portfolio. The biggest pitfall for any public relations chairman is to be content with what has been done in the past--she must be alert to new possibilities and willing to promote the unusual; and always, with enthusiasm!

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE VERY CORE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS----PUBLICITY

1. Basic B's for Publicity

- A. BE THE ONLY PERSON from your group to contact news media. Two members calling the editor or program director are bound to bring conflict or confusion.
- B. BE QUICK to establish personal contact with the right persons at each newspaper, radio and television station in your area.
- C. BE SURE to write everything down. Train your memory, but don't trust it.
- D. BE PROMPT in meeting every deadline.
- E. BE LEGIBLE. Type news releases. Erase and correct errors. Don't use carbons, except for your own file copy.
- F. BE ACCURATE. Double check dates, names, places before you submit your copy.
- G. BE BRIEF. Newspaper space and air time are costly.
- H. BE BRAVE. Don't be afraid to suggest something new if you honestly believe you have a workable idea. Media people welcome original ideas when they're practical and organized.
- I. BE BUSINESS LIKE. Never try to obtain publicity by pressure of friendship or business connections. Never ask when a story will appear. Never ask for clippings.
- J. BE APPRECIATIVE of all space and time given. The media giving also have space and time for sale.

2. FOUR STEPS TO GOOD PUBLICITY

Contacts--As PR chairman, your most important allies will be newspaper editors and broadcast personnel. Compile a list of these individuals, their responsibilities, and any other pertinent information. Plan a "get acquainted" visit with them. You are important to them, in that you are a source of news. Call ahead for an appointment, and keep your visit brief. Learn all the specifics required of you in fulfilling your role as the League PR chairman (deadlines, procedure for copy, types of pictures used, etc.), and provide the individual with a copy of your calendar for the coming year, if possible. Remember, too, to leave your name, and how you can be reached.

FOUR STEPS TO GOOD PUBLICITY CONT'D.

Tools--Utilize all the tools available to you; if your files do not contain copies of TIPS ON REACHING THE PUBLIC, IN LEAGUE, and past STATE BOARD REPORTS, arrange through the president to have these sent to you. You will, of course, need a complete membership roster, a calendar of local League events, a date book to jot down ideas as they come to you, a scrapbook to place all the publicity given the League, and finally, a typewriter. If you do not have one, perhaps someone on your committee does. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL INFORMATION GOING TO THE MEDIA BE TYPED.

What is news--You must learn to recognize and use for publicity only those things that interest others. Will your news interest non-members in the community? Or are you asking the editor or broadcaster to tell people something they couldn't possibly care about? If so, they won't use it. They need NEWS. Their job is to capture the attention of their audience and hold it. Editors like reliable sources of lively copy. What do you do if something totally unexpected happens? What if an otherwise routine meeting suddenly develops into news that will interest outsiders? Jot down accurate notes, get in touch with your paper, and explain briefly what took place, and let them be the judge of the news value.

Focus on the right audience--It has been said that the difference between amateur and professional publicity is that the amateur thinks of his STORY while the professional thinks of his AUDIENCE. Decide first what audience you want to reach:

Do you want to build membership?

Do you need public support for an issue or project?

When you decide which audience you want to reach, develop a "news peg" for your publicity. Relate your story to the interests of the audience you hope to influence.

3. WHAT IS NEWSWORTHY? Election of officers. Voters Service projects. Outstanding speakers, unusual action or meetings. Introduction of new study item, development of publications, awards won or given, anniversaries or milestones, civic events that involve members, member participation in local, state, or national affairs, membership events, speakers bureau appearances, and this is all just hitting the high spots. You will have many events take place which warrant PR attention.

4. PREPARING YOUR STORY. It is important to get the WHO WHAT WHEN WHERE WHY, AND POSSIBLY HOW in the first one or two sentences of your story. This is called the LEAD sentence. This captures the attention of the reader, and makes him want to read on to learn of the details. After your lead sentence go into the balance of your story, with each succeeding paragraph declining in importance. This is called the inverted pyramid. This allows the editor to pick up the important facts of your story and delete the non-essential details, if needed.

Use short words, short sentences, short paragraphs. Two sentences make a good paragraph in a news release.

4. PREPARING YOUR STORY (CONT'D.)

Be brief! Two pages double-spaced copy will fill about 12 inches one column wide. This is more space than you will normally be given, so judge your copy accordingly.

Always give the exact date in your release. Check spelling of names and addresses.

Never use a word in your story that you would not use in everyday conversation. Forget the adjectives and unnecessary words like "the" "a" and "an." Always check for accuracy.

5. TYPING A NEWS RELEASE--Always use 8-1/2" x 11" plain white paper. Use good quality paper, it will be handled a great deal. When sending identical releases to different papers, or media, be certain to list at the top of the release just where this information is going. Keep a copy of every release you send out. Leave ample margins on each side of the paper, your name, the League name, your address and telephone number. In the upper right hand corner, type the release date, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, or HOLD UNTIL _____. Type your copy, starting one-third of the way down the first page. The editor needs this space for a headline and to give other instructions. ALWAYS TYPE DOUBLE SPACED, ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER. If your story is more than one page, type MORE at the bottom. If not, type a few ### to indicate finish.
6. SOURCES FOR PUBLICITY--Daily newspaper, Sunday papers, weekly and neighborhood papers--these can all take advantage of the various types of articles--news features, editorials, and regular news story. RADIO AND TV--live or recorded interviews, panel or group discussions, news items in the form of community bulletin format, editorials presenting the station's support of your project. NONMEDIA SOURCES--industrial publications, outdoor advertising, free shopping news, direct mail, posters, handbills, community bulletin boards, cruising loud speakers, window displays.
7. THANK YOU AND HELLO--When you finish your term of office, remember to thank the various individuals in the media for their assistance. Remember too, your successor would welcome some sort of an evaluation or summary of your techniques, and nothing gives her/him a better start than a personal introduction to the people with whom you have been working.

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NOW THAT YOU ARE ARMED WITH A MULTITUDE OF HOW-TO'S, GET OUT THERE AND STORM YOUR COMMUNITY WITH A SMASHEROO OF A CAMPAIGN FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION. AND SEND ME WORD OF YOUR GREAT IDEAS AND SUCCESS STORIES.

Carole Shlipak (Mrs. Louis)
Development

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DEVELOPMENT

(or How To Provide the League With Enough MONEY To Do What's Important)

1. The State Board is preparing its state-wide Fundraising effort. The campaign should be underway by November 15. We are very optimistic!
2. Now for news of the "Share-the-Wealth" formula! The State Board approved a new formula for the sharing of contributions to the state League with the local League. The formula is as follows:
 - a. Former Contributions--any local League formerly the recipient of a state League funding source is guaranteed the amount previously received plus 20% of the additional money received by the state League. (This sharing will continue every year such a contribution is received.)
 - b. New Contributions-- a local League will be guaranteed 30% of contributions from new sources which come from its established area; this sharing formula will continue every year such a contribution is received.
 - c. Finder's Fee--local Leagues will be encouraged to locate sources where a large request may be made, based on State League needs rather than on local League needs only. If a local League finds a new contribution for State League funding, that local League will receive an additional 10% of the total contribution, for the first year only. Local Leagues will continue sharing in annual contributions after the first year. (See guideline #2.)

Examples of this new policy:

Former Contributions: a local League receiving a \$1000 annual contribution agrees to a State League finance call. \$100 is received by the State League. The local League would be guaranteed \$100, plus 20% of the additional gift of \$900 or \$180, thus receiving a total of \$280.

New Contributors: the local League would receive 30% of the new \$1000 contribution, thus receiving \$300.

Finder's Fee: the local League would receive an additional \$100 the first year. Thus, if a local League found a prospect for the State League, and \$1000 was secured, the LL would receive a total of \$400!

SEND IN YOUR NAMES, AND WE'LL GET TO WORK!!!!!!

Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.)
Voters Service
[REDACTED]

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CITIZEN INFORMATION/VOTERS SERVICE

The brief statement in Spanish on the cover of the tabloid explaining the proposed constitution seems to me wholly inadequate as a means of serving the needs of Spanish-speaking citizens in Texas. In a conversation with Bob Lemens of the Secretary of State's office, I expressed concern and asked if the League could help in securing wider distribution of the Spanish version. He seemed enthusiastic and appreciative of any help we could give. I urge all local Leagues to request appropriate quantities of the Spanish version for distribution in Mexican-American areas of your communities. The mechanics for obtaining them are simple and free. Call the toll-free number: 1-800-292-9677. Specify how many of which version you want and where they are to be delivered. Should you want to entrust your request to the vagaries of the postal people, the address is: Secretary of State's Office
[REDACTED]

Mr. Lemens spoke in such terms as "10,000 at a time if you want," so don't fail to request a sufficient number for your local needs. Once you have them, don't just let 'em lie there. Get them into the community. Let all media know that your League is doing this; the PR possibilities are not to be sneezed at. This is an unexpected opportunity for important service to the minority voters. Let your imagination be your guide.

The calendar included in this board report notes the beginning and ending dates of the absentee voting period for the November election. I hope you will encourage all media to publicize these dates. While you are at it, ask them also to publicize the fact that under the provisions of SB 1947 passed in the last session, all Texas citizens who are 65 or older may vote absentee in all elections. For more on election laws, I commend to your attention Fumi Sugihara's section of this board report. She will attempt to explain some of the 17 election laws passed last session. If Fumi can't do it, it can't be done at all.

In reading your VOTERS, I have been getting good vibes about the registration drive. I hope the project outlined above will go as well.

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.)
Texas VOTER Editor

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TEXAS VOTER

During the past two months, 23 local bulletin editors have sent me copies of their publications. I do hope the rest of you will stop hiding your light under a bushel basket and add my name to your mailing list. I've enjoyed reading your bulletins and, for the most part, have found them creative and interesting. Some common spelling slip-ups have been creeping in, so I have devised the following game:

CHECK OVER THIS LIST, SEE IF YOU CAN RECOGNIZE SOME OF YOUR GOOFS,
AND BEGIN NOW TO TAKE STEPS TO CORRECT THEM.*

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| <u>description</u> | visibly | pamphlet |
| secretaries | someone (one word) | develop |
| asthma | handled | confident |
| council | descriptions | a lot (two words) |
| restraints | conjunction | Voters Service (no apostrophe) |
| subdivision | simply | overcrowded (no hyphen) |
| bylaws (no hyphen) | its (possessive) | bicentennial (no hyphen) |
| thoroughly | it's (contraction) | amended |
| authoritarian | envelope (the noun) | questionnaire |
| primarily | encourage | technique |
| nonpartisan (no hyphen) | cannot (one word) | workload |
| input | consensus | taxpayers (one word) |
| irreversible | constituents | * A clue to solving this problem is PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD! |
| property | educational | |
| expenditure | fascinating | |

The El Paso September VOTER had a "filler" which seemed to me particularly pertinent to bulletin editors, which I herewith share:

"One of life's little ironies is the fact that when you
finally master a tough job, you make it look easy."

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Publications
[REDACTED]

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If humanly possible a new State Publications Catalogue will be in your hands by the end of October. It will be updated every six months.

A Facts and Issues on Administration of Justice will soon be out. A Facts and Issues on Financing State Government will be included in the December VOTER.

Extra copies of the TCR kit are available at the state office at \$2.50 per kit. This price includes postage.

We need to be looking toward Council on March 30, 31, 1976 in Galveston. We hope you will bring any local publications you are especially proud of to share with and sell to other Leagues. We will have plenty of room close to all proceedings so let me know roughly how much space you will need. Show off your hard work! Flyers, fact sheets, any type of local publications can provide inspiration for all.

Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin D.)
Membership/Units
[REDACTED]

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State and national offices no longer require a complete membership list on November 1. However, it is very important that members who have dropped their memberships be listed on your monthly report, so that we may keep the state office membership files current.

For your information:

1. New members, new-transfer members, changes of address and resignations should be sent each month to both state and national offices:

League of Women Voters of Texas, 1212 Guadalupe, #109, Austin, Texas 78701
League of Women Voters of U.S., 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

This is the responsibility of the treasurer, unless assigned to the membership chairman. Use the report form which is free from national. Send the original to national, 1st carbon to state, and distribute additional carbons to your treasurer, membership, and VOTER chairpersons, and whoever else may need a copy. These forms are used to keep files in the state and national offices current, so that your members will receive all the Texas and National VOTERS to which they are entitled.

2. Please give accurate mailing address, including zip code. The post office will not deliver a VOTER with an incorrect address. It is returned to the state and national offices with a 10¢ charge. This is an unnecessary waste of League funds.

3. Include under Change of Address all members who should continue to receive the VOTER, even though they may have moved out of your League area. We count on you to report to us if they later drop their membership in your League.

4. Try to avoid duplicate reporting. Keep a carbon copy of the monthly reports you send. These copies will make it simpler for you to fill out your Annual Reports. If necessary, report more than once a month when you have a long list or many changes.

5. Please give name and address of person reporting in case a reply is necessary.

November 4 is the day for Texans to vote for or against the Proposed Texas Constitution. What has your local League planned for every member participation in the TCR state priority item? Work with the TCR and PR committees to help every member enable the passage of the proposed Constitution. Perhaps you could devise a check sheet for each person. It might include such items as personal vote, distributing bumper stickers and flyers, securing 10 "for" votes and seeing that they get to the polls, speaking for TCR, contribution to your or the state TCR Campaign Committee. The possibilities are endless, and this campaign affords a great opportunity for member involvement and participation.

Marion Gholston (Mrs. C.R.)
Bylaws, Policy, State and Local Relations
[REDACTED]

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I'd like to describe briefly the four hats I'm wearing:

- #1. Budget--"This big black bad guy's hat" will be donned shortly. Right now, it's just a "skull cap" as I review lots of other states' budgets preparatory to asking for specific budget recommendations for the LWV-Texas budget.
- #2. Policy--This hat has a broad brim to provide a lot of protection, but is loosely woven to let in a lot of light and air. We are still considering a few changes. The State Policy Sheet will be completed at the November Board meeting.
- #3. Bylaws--Would you believe Bella Abzug's? I understand she has the same hat in fourteen colors. So we have different bylaws, but they all conform. By the way, if you are planning any changes in your local bylaws, please send these changes to me before November 15th.
- #4. State and Local Relations--The "top hat" right now, I believe, is this hat. How about visualizing it as a Mortar Board? Not for academic achievement, but for dedication to the learning process and to the freedom to speak out on studied issues. We can all wear this hat as we work for passage of the proposed new Constitution. We can "accentuate the positive; eliminate the negative" regarding the Local Government article, Article IX (Proposition 6). For example, more control will be given to citizens by lowering the population required for home-rule cities from 5000 to 1500. So, by allowing citizens more control in their own local governments, these governments can better serve the citizens within their own boundaries. Stress this in your speeches and conversations!

Apropos of nothing but conversation: I'm getting two bulletins from: Beaumont, College Station, San Marcos, and Tarrant County--I need only one!

Jean Bizzell (Mrs. Allen)
Legislative

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As the League plans for our "legislative operation," I need your input. What are your League's specific needs from the Legislative Office during a session? Some valuable suggestions have been given by members of the Houston and Austin Leagues--such as a labeling code for bills in order to ascertain how much lobbying effort is required by terms such as "support," "endorse," scheduling Lobby Day early in the session, etc.

Some questions to guide your thinking might be:

How can the Legislative Newsletter and Times for Action help you respond more quickly and effectively in lobbying your legislators?

What, then, do you think should be emphasized in the Newsletter? Priority legislation only? Voting records?

Did you feel the telephone chain was an effective means of lobbying? Any suggestions there?

Please help me read your mind as we plan by November what we must do together in January--see how optimistic I am!

I have been observing selected interim committee meetings and did testify for Lucinda Headrick on the possibility of reorganizing water agencies before the Appropriations Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee. In addition, I have observed the Interagency Council on Natural Resources and Environment and the Interagency Transportation Council (chaired by Gen. Rose of the Governor's Office of Planning). Information from the meetings is channeled to appropriate State Program Chairpersons for update and action possibilities.

And back to TCR! Your VOTERS indicate your involvement with legislators in the campaign effort...great! Betty Anderson and I wrote legislators who voted for all Articles and who have no Leagues in their area. We thanked them and asked for their continued support in the campaign.

Keep up the good work...and send your suggestions to:

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LEGISLATIVE CONT'D.

STATEMENT BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS TO THE NATURAL
RESOURCE SUB-COMMITTEE, TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUGUST 29, 1975

I am Jean Bizzell, representing over 4,000 women and men who are members of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appear today to testify concerning the subject at hand -- 1) consolidation of water resource agencies, and 2) transfer of functions in order to prevent duplication of work.

We are aware that these two items under consideration by this sub-committee are recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Water Resource Conservation and Development in its Statewide Action Program adopted December 11, 1974. Although the League of Women Voters of Texas cannot support all of the recommendations of the Task Force, we are very much in agreement with these particular items.

The League has long held the position that state boards and commissions should be reorganized along functional lines by grouping them into areas of responsibility. In our studies of state government, the major weakness emphasized has been fragmentation of authority through allocation of activities among many separate agencies. Nowhere is the problem more pronounced than in Texas and especially in the multitude of agencies dealing with water. Our latest count of governmental agencies dealing with water resources, management, and pollution abatement and control totals 36. This number includes some federal agencies, state boards and commissions, state interrelated organizations, regional councils and authorities, and river authorities. It does not include the countless water and soil conservation districts. Surely by consolidating at least those agencies responsible for water resources throughout the state, more comprehensive planning will be promoted. Of course this cannot be accomplished overnight, but we can begin the process by transferring of functions of like nature from one agency to another for the purpose of preventing duplication of work. This change in turn should help bring about efficient and economical government.

The League recognizes that in certain areas of our state we are beginning to be faced with critical shortages of what is a finite resource -- water. We believe that state government should have the responsibility for water planning and development in Texas. But as refinement of this responsibility is studied with respect to the consolidation of water resource agencies, we urge the sub-committee to consider these two important points.

- 1) Development of adequate water supplies should be ecologically sound; therefore, as the process of consolidation of water resource agencies evolves, representation of environmental interests must be assured through provisions setting out qualifications for appointments to boards and commissions.
- 2) Citizen participation in water resource decisions must be written into the provisions governing these water resource agencies in order for the democratic processes to be protected and comprehensive planning to occur.

In summation, the League of Women Voters of Texas does urge this sub-committee to consider favorably consolidation of water resource agencies and transfer of functions in order to prevent duplication of work -- with the stipulation that environmental interests and citizen participation will be protected.

We thank you for the opportunity to participate in this hearing.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The Leaders Guide material on the criminal justice system was (just) ready in draft form by board meeting. It was decided to turn this material into the Facts and Issues due to be released by early November. The Leaders Guide will be available about that same time or a bit earlier, and will contain additional information on the various aspects of the criminal justice system which are interesting and necessary but not of sufficient importance as every-member material. The guide will also include outlines which may be used by local Leagues interested in interviewing local law enforcement officials, suggested unit meeting outlines, two provocative outlines for day-long workshops on criminal justice, a glossary of terms, a list of categories of crimes and bibliography, pre-trial release point systems, present jail regulations, and any late-breaking information available.

The specific areas to be covered by the above publications are: state agencies involved in criminal justice, sheriffs, local police, prosecution and defense together in one part, and the process from arrest to trial in the second. This section will also discuss alternatives to arrest and incarceration, and bail bonding and alternatives.

Exact consensus questions will be approved at the November board meeting and sent immediately to local Leagues. It is suggested that local Leagues have their meeting(s) in January or February to meet the March 1 consensus deadline. Areas of possible consensus include police training standards, night and weekend magistrates, statewide pretrial release, and other pretrial alternatives.

Projections for further study to be available in early spring include information on court administration, trials, sentencing, probation and other post-trial diversionary programs, plus some information on the Texas Department of Corrections. It is hoped that delegates at Council will give further direction in this area.

"The Justice Game" developed by the Dallas League to demonstrate the criminal justice system process for different categories of defendants was played by state board members late one evening. Good suggestions for refining it for use by local Leagues around the state were received and will be implemented as soon as possible. Determination of costs and distribution will be made in the next month or so and local Leagues will be advised in time for its use in their programs if they wish.

Note to Local Leagues

There is no reason to wait for the leaders guide to start interviewing your local officials. Decide what kinds of information you want--and the questions will occur to you logically. The LWV-US has a new publication So You're Interested in Your POLICE DEPARTMENT, Ed. Fund, 4 pp. #574, 25¢ (a section on policewomen throughout the country) which should help you in police interviews. I hope you will order them as soon as possible.

Diana Clark
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CONT'D.

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I have had some inquiries about local Leagues doing court watching. I suggest you hold off on this project for a while as it needs some prior knowledge of the system in order to understand what is going on in the courtroom and to do an adequate job takes a lot of woman power. I plan to provide a court watcher's kit in early spring to accompany the second section of the leaders guide. Court watching can be very interesting and informative, and very frustrating if you are unfamiliar with the process.

One final note to Local Leagues

The more I get into this study the more I realize how differently things are done in various parts of the state even though everyone is using the same Penal Code and the same Code of Criminal Procedure. It would help me a whole lot if local Leagues would send me clippings from their local papers on anything having to do with criminal justice plus, of course, copies of all local material you might develop.

With Thanks---

Please tear off and mail to:

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, Texas 78701

One Leaders Guide will be sent to each local League president and DPM.

Please indicate below how many more you might be ordering at \$.60 each so we may have enough available.

Name _____ League _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Number of additional Leaders Guides-Criminal Justice in Texas _____

MANNY DA BUST

OUR CENTERFOLD THIS MONTH HONORS THAT PARAGON
OF KNEE-JERKING CONSERVATISM, WHO, IN HIS
LATEST BLAST, ATTEMPTS TO SAVE US FROM OURSELVES.
MR. MANNY DA BUST.

WITHOUT THIS THOUGHTFUL (?), PERCEPTIVE (??),
AND INTELLIGENT (???) COMMENTS AT A RECENT PRESS
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE TRUMPETS THAT OUR SACRED
~~CON~~ CONSTITUTION HAS BECOME THE TARGET OF THE
KNEE-JERKING LIBERALS INCLUDING THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS, WE'D NEVER HAVE KNOWN HOW MISGUIDED
WE WERE!

ALTOGETHER NOW GIRLS, LET'S GIVE THREE RASPBERRIES
TO MANFUL MANNY FOR SETTING US STRAIGHT.

(P.S. HANG IN THERE LADIES, AND JERK THEM KNEES!)

(We regret that Mr. Da Bust was unable to pose for the centerfold. The editor suggests it would take an enormous fig leaf to cover all that masculine ego anyway, so perhaps it's just as well, all things considered)

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert)
Financing State Government

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"It's too complex a subject! We need more time to study!" These are some of the complaints woefully registered on many League study items but heard even more plaintively when the subject is financing state government.

So we did a groovy thing. By scheduling the F&I to come out by Feb. 1 and setting the consensus deadline for May 31, we are allowing plenty of time to master the subject. (Right?)

The tentative areas of consensus were in the June State Board Report (the one with the first-ever centerfold) and the September VOTER has an article on the Legislative Budget Board and "our plan of action" for the study.

One other concern which is oft expressed is that local Leagues have to take the consensus questions as handed down to them with no opportunity for input. Well, we are trying to respond to that well-taken concern. So here are our proposed, rough-draft, tentative, etc. consensus questions. What do you think of them? (Just great; terrible; not proper consensus questions; yes, but...; other.) Please reply by October 15. Late replies will be considered if received by Nov. 9.

---WHAT KIND OF BUDGET SHOULD THE STATE HAVE? LINE-ITEM? LINE-ITEM CATEGORY? PROGRAM? PERFORMANCE? PPBS (PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGET SYSTEM)? OTHER? COMBINATION?

Texas has a line-item budget. For discussion of some other types of budgets, see The Citizen and the Budget Process: Opening Up the System, LWVUS Pub. #482 or call your city comptroller.

---WHAT TOOLS AND/OR INFORMATION SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE HAVE IN ORDER TO EVALUATE AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT REQUESTS?

We could leave out the words "agency and department" but those were included to narrow the discussion to the work of the Program Evaluation Unit of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). There are those (legislators) who seem to feel that citizens should present a 'program evaluation' when they speak to the budget!

---WHAT METHODS, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SUPPORT FOR CITIZENS TO MAKE INPUT TO THE BUDGETARY PROCESS? TO THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS?

Again, some legislators feel the citizens make their input to the budgetary process when they elect their representatives and that's enough, while other people, usually the private citizens, feel the LBB or Governor should hold hearings around the state. What do we want?

---SOME "AUTHORITIES" FEEL THAT BUDGET EXECUTION IS ESSENTIAL TO AN EFFECTIVE BUDGETARY PROCESS. DO YOU AGREE? IF SO, HOW SHOULD IT BE IMPLEMENTED (i.e., WHO SHOULD HAVE THE BUDGET EXECUTION POWER)?

Budget execution is what happens to the budget after it is passed by the legislature. In Texas' case, nothing happens unless a special session is called. The budget is locked in concrete (where have I heard that phrase before?) and is usually not changed to meet changing circumstances--but should it be? Even those who feel we need budget execution cannot agree on who should have that authority or how much leeway should be allowed before it becomes 'legislation' instead of 'execution.'

Jan Wilbur

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT CONT'D.

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---WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, ARE NEEDED IN THE STATE'S FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER TO ASSURE SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT?

We already have a position that the comptroller of public accounts and the treasurer should be appointed by the governor rather than elected. Are there other changes in either changes in either the structure or the operation of the various offices with fiscal responsibilities to insure uniformly enforced tax laws; prevent mismanagement of funds; improve efficiency; avoid useless duplication of functions; and avoid conflict of interest?

We have added the commentary to stimulate your thinking and hopefully to show what we mean by the question so that you can judge whether it needs to be rephrased or not. Please let us hear from you! Muchas gracias! Thank you very much! (See what the Voting Rights Act is doing to us Texans!)

Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Voting Rights and Elections Laws

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VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION LAW

The reason Texas voters need the protection of the Federal Voting Rights Act has been amply demonstrated by the recent activity of state officials to prevent coverage of the state under the act. In the past, instead of focusing on correcting election problems and preventing violations of voting rights, this state has spent its efforts resisiting change and has had to be forced, through repeated federal court action, to grant its citizens their voting rights under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. The same resistance is apparrent now.

The Voting Rights Act can bring about, as it has in other states, a change in attitude in the conduct of registration and elections. The attitude that some qualified citizens do not deserve to vote persists in many parts of the state. That these individuals are poor, powerless, or are members of a racial minority is not coincidental. For these reasons, the state board approved release of a statement opposing the recent legal actions of the state government.

It has been extremely difficult under Texas election laws to prove the existence of discrimination because the burden of proof rested upon the voter. Complaints generally went no further than the office of the district attorney. Under the Voting Rights Act, supervision of registration and monitoring of elections by federal inspectors would be possible, and all jurisdictions proposing a change in a law or a practice affecting voting would have to show that it is not discriminatory, thus shifting the burden of proof to governmental authorities.

When a covered jurisdiction submits changes to the U.S. Department of Justice for "preclearance" it is published and circulated to interested persons. LWV-T is registered with the Department and receives weekly notice of submissions. Any individual member or local League wishing to be placed on the mailing list should write to: Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. Comments or information regarding the submission should be sent within 30 days from the date of the notice. The Attorney General has 60 days from the date of receipt of the submission to respond to each submission.

If a submission of a change that is covered by the Act is not made, either the Department of Justice or private parties may bring suit in a three-judge federal district court in the district where the change has occurred to bar implementation of the change until it has been reviewed by the Department of Justice.

NEW ELECTION LAWS

Along with this report, we are enclosing a copy (to the presidents only) of a summary of election legislation enacted into law. (A few laws that passed both houses were inexplicably vetoed by the governor.) This summary was prepared by the office of Representative Luther Jones, chairman of the House Committee on Elections, and sent to all public officials. I am preparing more detailed analyses of the laws on voter registration, voter protection, bilingual ballots, campaign contributions and expenditure disclosure, and selected items from the clean-up bill. An analysis of the presidential primary law accompanies this mailing. Please send me your suggestions about how I can make these laws understandable!

CHANGES IN LOCAL ELECTION DATES

The act requiring most local elections to be held on one of four days during the year will go into effect on January 1, 1966. City councils, school boards, and governing boards of other subdivisions should be getting together to plan what may be a drastic change in their election arrangements. Except for runoff elections, local option wet-dry elections, bond elections, and biennial party primary elections, all elections must be held on one of the following dates in 1976: Saturday, January 17; Saturday, April 3; Saturday, August 14; and Tuesday, November 3. On November 3, 1976, only the election of state and county officers, amendments to the Texas Constitution, and the President and Vice President of the U.S. can be held. (This is true only in even-numbered years.)

Local Elections Formerly Held in

Now Held

December, January, February

Third Saturday in January

March, April, May, June

First Saturday in April

July, August, September

Second Saturday in August

October, November (odd-numbered year)

First Tuesday after first

Monday in November

October, November (even numbered year)

Third Saturday in January

The governing bodies of local political subdivisions whose elections by pre-existing law fall annually in October or November may choose permanently any of the four days designated for elections.

An election to fill a vacancy in office must be held on one of the four dates unless the governor finds that the existence of an emergency warrants the calling of an earlier election.

Will your city and school district hold a joint election? If so, each governing body must adopt a resolution setting out the terms of the agreement, including the method for allocating the expenses for the election. (The rules are similar to those in Texas Election Laws, 1974-75 ed., Hart Graphics, Austin, p. 309f; or in V.A.T.S., Cities, Towns, and Villages, Article 978b.)

If the elections are to be held in separate places, you should inquire whether or not there will be an adequate number of polling places and where they will be located. Will voting devices or machines be used? How many? Are there enough trained, experienced personnel to staff all the elections? Is the voter's convenience really being considered?

No matter how the elections are to be held, the most important question is whether or not a voter education program is being planned so that there will be maximum participation with minimum confusion on the part of voters.

INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Creation of a single elections office in county government will be the subject of a study by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Elections recently appointed by Chairman Luther Jones of El Paso. Members of the subcommittee are: Susan McBee of Del Rio, chairman; R.C. "Nick" Nichols of Houston, vice chairman; Pike Powers of Beaumont; James E. Laney of Hale Center; and Hamp Atkinson of Texarkana. The subcommittee also plans to look into the feasibility of "population-bracketed" election laws.

Another committee will be appointed soon to investigate electronic tabulation of ballots in order to determine whether or not additional safeguards against fraud are needed.

If you have any ideas about these subjects, wing them to me or to your favorite legislator. We must begin to educate our legislators NOW.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY LAW

H.B. NO. 679

A temporary presidential primary law, which will expire on March 1, 1977, provides that on Saturday, May 1, 1976, a presidential primary must be held by the major parties in conjunction with the general primaries in order to elect a portion of the delegates to represent the state at the national conventions. The expenses of the presidential primary are to be paid in the same manner as the general primary; that is, largely by the state.

At least 75% of the voting delegates from Texas to the national convention are to be elected from state senatorial districts, unless the state executive committee of the party chooses by a two-thirds vote to elect them from congressional districts. The delegates on the ballots in each district are selected by a delegate selection committee named by the presidential candidate.

The state executive committee of the party determines the exact number of delegates to be elected in the primary and apportions them among the various districts according to the apportionment formulas established by the national party rules.

No later than January 2, 1976, the chairman of the state executive committee of each party holding a primary election certifies to the secretary of state: (1) the total number of voting delegates apportioned to Texas, (2) the number of delegates to be elected at the primary election and the number apportioned to each district, (3) the number of delegates to be selected at the state convention, and (4) the number of alternates apportioned to Texas to be chosen at the state convention.

Qualifying as presidential candidates in a primary: By 6:00 p.m., February 2, presidential candidates must file a signed, acknowledged application with the secretary of state, accompanied by petitions for pledged delegates signed by registered voters of each district in which the candidate wishes to run. The number of signatures must not be less than one percent of the total number of votes cast in the district for governor in the preceding general primary election of the party. A voter may not sign petitions for more delegates than the number to be elected in his district. Violation of the provision is a Class C misdemeanor. (Penalty is a fine not to exceed \$200.)

Delegate selection committee: Each presidential candidate appoints a delegate selection committee of not less than 10 registered voters in each district in which he wants to run. By February 9, 1976, he must appoint a chairman and file the names and addresses of the committee members with the secretary of state. The committee meets no later than Feb. 16 (at a uniform time throughout the state) to choose the slates of delegate nominees pledged to the candidate. "These committees shall be charged with the responsibility of insuring that the delegate selection process is free and open and that full opportunity for public participation is afforded; provided, however, that the delegate selection committee may require each participant to pledge himself or herself by oath to the committee's presidential candidate."

"It is a Class C misdemeanor for any individual to participate in the meeting of selection committees of more than one candidate, or to swear falsely an oath of commitment to a candidate prior to participation in a delegate selection committee meeting."

By March 1, the secretary of state must send the state chairman of each political party a certified list of delegates whose names are to be placed on the ballot in each district, together with the name of the presidential candidate each one represents or a designation of the delegate's uncommitted status.

Provisions for changes in the slate: (1) A presidential candidate may withdraw up to 21 days before the primary election. (2) A nominee for delegate may withdraw up to the 31st day before the election. (3) A candidate may refuse to be represented by a nominee by giving written notice to the chairman of the appropriate delegate selection committee and the secretary of state by the 31st day before the election. (4) No change can be made without the secretary of state's authorization.

Ballot: The presidential primary will be the first race on the official ballot. The slates of the presidential candidates are to be listed separately in an order determined by lot. The name of the candidate will be printed next to the name of the delegate nominee pledged to him.

Canvassing of return: The candidates for delegate elected in each district are those who receive, respectively, the highest number of votes, the second highest number of votes, and so on in descending order, according to the number of delegates to be selected. If two candidates receive an equal number of votes, the winner must be determined by lot. These elected delegates are voting delegates from their districts to the state convention.

Uncommitted delegates: Not later than 6:00 p.m., February 2, any group of 10 or more registered voters in a district can file a signed acknowledged statement with the secretary of state that they wish to have a slate of uncommitted delegates appear on the primary ballot. The group must meet the same requirements as a presidential candidate with regard to a petition, delegate selection committee, filing dates, etc.

An individual who wishes to be an uncommitted delegate, but does not wish to appear on the ballot as part of a slate can file an application by February 2, accompanied by a petition with the required number of signatures.

Selection of delegates and alternates at the state convention: The allotted delegate positions that were not filled in the primaries are filled at the convention in accordance with state and national party rules. All alternates are chosen at the convention.

By the fifth day before the state convention, each presidential candidate and the chairman of the delegate selection committee of each uncommitted group of voters entitled to a portion of the delegates or alternates to be chosen must file the names of the members of a committee to screen and reject proposed delegates and alternates to be chosen at the convention. The committee must be composed of at least ten persons.

Pledge of delegates and alternates: An elected delegate is pledged to support a certain presidential candidate at the national convention until the candidate is nominated by the convention or until the delegate or alternate is released from the pledge. They can be released (1) on the first ballot by the death or withdrawal of the candidate, (2) on the second ballot by the action of the candidate, (3) on the third ballot, if the candidate fails to receive 20 percent of the vote on the previous ballot, or by the secession of the candidate, (4) on the fourth and subsequent ballots, unconditionally all delegates are released.

Candidacy for other office: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person's name may be printed on the primary ballot as a candidate for nomination to the office of president of the United States or as a nominee for election as delegate to the national convention of a political party, and also as a candidate for nomination to any other public office or for election to any party office."

Lucinda Headrick (Mrs. Curtis)
Water and Solid Waste Chair

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Trinity River Master Plan

The state board voted to oppose those portions of the Trinity River Master Plan which propose channelization and canalization of the Trinity River, and the establishment of the Tennessee Colony Lake. This action is based upon the League's state and national water and land use positions.* Our land use positions have been adopted since the 1973 bond election.

Do let me know if any of you need further explanation. Would be most happy to answer any questions.

As the state board develops its action plan, we will be relying heavily on input from the Leagues along the Trinity River. We will be contacting each of you shortly on specifics. Your help will be a necessity and most valuable. So watch for your letter!

*See "The National VOTER," Summer 1975, pp. 5-7

"And Now Action," pp.7-9a

(In case you didn't insert the revised edition, available at State Convention, of the state water position in your "And Now Action"--here is a copy.)

State government should have the responsibility for water planning and development in Texas; all such planning must take into consideration its social, environmental, economic, and land use implications. Development of adequate water supplies should be achieved from within the state by ecologically and financially sound means, and as the result of a long range water plan for Texas. Use of present water supplies must afford protection for the land and the fragile ecosystems, reuse, and increased research.

Solid Waste

Well, how about that new booklet "REDUCE"? What a sticky subject this is getting to be! And we in Texas will probably be some of the last to really face up to SOURCE REDUCTION. (You know, freedom of the individual--and all that sort of thing.) Maybe if we start with first things first. Because, face it--each LWV member is not going to sit down and read "REDUCE" like a gothic novel.

1. Each of us chairpersons read it just once.
2. Read it again?
3. Then begin slipping a fact or two from the booklet into our VOTERS each month.
4. Now watch how the subject will begin to consume you!
-----as you help turn your own League members into sophisticated consumers.
(Somebody has got to care about that city dump.)
5. Today our local League--tomorrow Texas!

P.S. I've got a copy of Bowie, Maryland non-returnable container ordinance, if anyone is interested.

.....I didn't know those black rubber door mats were made from old tires!!!

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Land Use Chairman, Public Relations Vice President
[REDACTED]

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Land use news continues to revolve around the question regarding the Texas Water Quality Board's responsibility to consider land use requirements in their work. The ruling will perhaps be made in two or three months. In a future board report, we shall describe the process of obtaining a ruling in great detail--it's fascinating.

I shall attend a Flood Plain Management conference in Minneapolis. Watch for a report on this in Environotes.

Many of you are using our state and national land use positions very effectively in action in your communities, judging by news in your bulletins. You are to be congratulated and encouraged! Use those positions, don't embalm them!

Laura Keever (Mrs. P.)
Energy
[REDACTED]

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While I have established communication with several local League energy chairpersons, I still do not know the identity of many of you. This is vital for several reasons, two of which are so that you will receive your copy of Environotes and so that I can advise you of when one of the three regional meetings I plan to have will be in your area. Therefore, I'm copying Liz Davies' method in the last board report and requesting that you send in the form at the bottom of this report.

I have not set the exact dates of the meetings I plan to have in Houston, Austin, and Dallas--but I will write you individually or your president. These meetings will be for the purpose of exchanging ideas and so that you can get to know me and the other League chairpersons involved in energy in your area. Please try to join us.

Each of you should avail yourselves of the following free monthly publication (if you are not already on the mailing list):

Texas Energy
[REDACTED]

Texas Energy Report
order from General James M. Rose
Office of the Governor
Division of Planning Coordination
[REDACTED]

I also encourage you to order the May, 1975 issue of Public Affairs Comment entitled "Energy Policy in Texas: State Problems and Responses." Single copies may be ordered free from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas 78712.

As you probably know, the Governor's Energy Advisory Council has begun meeting again, having been legislatively authorized by SB 519. I am hoping to be appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Council, primarily because energy conservation is one of the Council's charges, and I'm skeptical as to whether or not they will take it seriously. If any of you are in Austin, I hope you will attend the meetings of the Council.

PLEASE MAIL TO LAURA KEEVER

Energy Chairperson _____

Address _____

Local League _____

MANY THANKS

Becky Fossdal Moon (Mrs. Tom)
Air Quality Chairman (Off-board)

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RENEWAL OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1970

Introduction: Congress will be renewing the Clean Air Act during this legislative session. The House and Senate committees have been busy considering amendments to the Act for many months. Consideration of their amendments will be coming before Congress in the near future. The auto industry, public utilities, and others are working to weaken many sections of the Clean Air Act. The League of Women Voters believes that economic and energy problems cannot be solved through dismantling the environmental protection based on public health standards. Environmental standards and deadlines were set to protect the health of citizens.

SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY: PARKLANDS OR INDUSTRIAL PARK?

The building of power plants utilizing coal is planned amidst a great concentration of national parks and other scenic and recreation areas. The pollutants from five proposed power plants threaten the air quality over Grand Canyon National Park, Capital Reef National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, as well as Natural Bridges National Monument and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, all located in the Utah-Arizona area.

Although these parks are not located in Texas, residents of Texas join those from all states in visiting these magnificent parks. Former Interior Secretary Morton joined many others when he stated, "The scenic beauty of this rugged Southwest landscape, coupled with the clarity of the air in the vicinity, are national assets of major importance, worthy of protection for the enjoyment of future generations of Americans." Texas has a further stake in a strengthening amendment. Some industries, seeking to escape the stringent controls in the urban areas of the State, continue their move to the cleaner air areas of the state. The clarity of air which much of Texas experiences will be increasingly fouled. A few power plants burning coal have already been built in Texas and many others are on the drawing boards. Power plants burning coal may become increasingly necessary due to the energy crisis.

The necessity of looking at power plants burning coal from the energy shortage standpoint may become increasingly advantageous. The use of coal in this situation does not mean however that strong controls shouldn't be implemented to protect health and welfare.

The Clean Air Act dealt with particulate matter and sulfur dioxide, major pollutants from power plants. The controls were weakened last year when legislation was passed which relaxed limitations for power plants converting to coal. The Administration proposes a further relaxing of limitations for isolated plants until monitoring indicates unsafe levels of pollutants. The League believes that controls necessary for the protection of health should be maintained so that no one has to breathe air which is approaching the "unsafe level." Is it not a right; that man be able to breathe air which will not hurt his health?

Becky Moon
AIR QUALITY CONT'D.

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Preventing significant deterioration of the air quality in our state and country will depend on the passage of a strong amendment.

To date: The Senate Environmental Pollution Subcommittee adopted a strong policy against significant deterioration of air quality. This policy includes strict rules against additional pollution in areas where national parks, wilderness areas, and wildlife refuges are located.

The House Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment adopted a compromise which prohibits the deterioration of air quality up to the level of the secondary air quality standards.

Subcommittee proposals will come under strong attack when they come up on the floor of the House or Senate. Write your congressional representatives. Urge them to strengthen the Clean Air Act.

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE

How many times have we heard that!

The Clean Air Act mandated that the car industry decrease automobile pollution. The auto industry said it couldn't be done. Much to their credit, they have decreased significantly pollution from cars.

The energy crisis in this country necessitated increasing gas mileage. The auto industry said it couldn't be done. The new 1976 models about to be released will prove that Detroit could provide the public with cars that get good gas mileage.

Detroit is now telling us that they want car emissions standards frozen for five years. Again, they are saying that it can't be done! We have all benefited from the hard-fought gains in cleaning up auto emissions. Detroit can do it again! Cheer them on! They just need a little encouragement...a strong amendment to the Clean Air Act mandating that the auto industry continue in its efforts to reduce automobile pollution.

HYDROCARBON CONTROLS

Since 1973 EPA and the state have been trying to agree on a strategy to cope with pollutants called "hydrocarbons." The EPA has recently proposed a new "Hydrocarbon Control Plan" in its effort to develop a plan that will have public support.

By definition "hydrocarbons" are a vast family of compounds containing carbon and hydrogen. They are found especially in fossil fuels. Some of the hydrocarbons are major pollutants. Some of them are known to cause cancer. Others are important in the creation of photochemical smog.

Smog is traditionally regarded as a nuisance irritant to eyes and lungs, and a real health hazard only to children and older people with respiratory ailments. Recent research indicates that a smog-related element may be a far more serious health hazard than originally believed. New evidence indicates that photochemical oxidants have a profound effect upon human cells--in particular upon cells involved in resistance to disease. Other research suggests photochemical oxidants have a very real effect upon human genes--the controllers of hereditary development.

A new Hydrocarbon Control Plan has been proposed by EPA. The latest control strategy is far less severe than earlier proposals, and it is likely that a number of areas in Texas will be unable to achieve the federal clean air standards if controls are limited to these strategies. Achieving the federal clean air standards has been delayed by a lack of public acceptance of proposed control strategies. The problem is to arrive at strategies that will have public support and will be carried out, even though areas may not reach the standard. To the EPA, some improvement is better than no improvement. This could be the first step.

The Texas Air Control Board rebuffed its own staff when it decided to take a closer look at the new federal plan. The staff of the Texas Air Control Board has recommended that their Board reject the EPA plan. Executive Director Charles Barden said some of the EPA measures are desirable in principle, but argued that they would not reduce ozone pollution enough to justify their cost.

The controversial Hydrocarbon Control Plans have been dragging through courts since 1973. The Texas Air Control Board has now proposed another plan which would direct metropolitan governments to make smog control an integral part of their long-range transportation and land use planning. The Texas Air Control Board could later enact specific features of the EPA plan if the local governments requested them.

Specifics of the EPA Control Strategy:

1. A reduction in vehicle miles traveled, which can be accomplished through such voluntary measures as car-pooling incentives, exclusive bus and car-pool lanes, and promotion of mass transit.
2. Ship and barge vapor controls, now restricted only to gasoline cargoes.
3. Vapor control system at service stations.
4. Inspection and maintenance of automobiles for pollution compliance.

Acceptance or rejection of the tentative EPA plan will be a decision for the Board. The state Air Control Board has authority to implement most aspects of the plan.

Barbara Nobles (Mrs. Donald)
Publications, TCR Campaign Chair

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BE SURE YOU HAVE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

We know you have been putting your TCR kits to good use. Extra copies are available from the state office at \$2.50 per kit. This price includes postage.

By the time you get this report we hope you will have bumper stickers. Thanks to the response from Leaguers all over the state we'll distribute 10,000 bumper stickers and 10,000 flyers at no cost to local Leagues.

Citizens for a New Constitution, chaired by former Chief Justice Robert Calvert and Representative Ronald Earle have divided the state into state senatorial districts for organizational purposes. We will get their list of area chairs to you as soon as we get it. Let's try to coordinate local activities with them. At the state level, we are working on radio spots to run the week before the election in the major cities.

The state board block committee also recommended that we provide a "Get Out the Vote" slide for T.V. public service use. This we will do if we have the funds.

COST OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION

1. In Comptroller Bob Bullock's statement of September 2, 1975, he says, "What may be assessed as a cost in one area may actually be a new revenue source or a savings in another area. Additionally, what may be pinpointed with an actual dollar cost in some instances may be offset by a service of intangible value. Again, many of these 'shifts' or realignments of public financial policy would depend on a variety of future actions at all levels."

He concludes, "In discussing the monetary implications of the proposed constitution, no position is taken or intended on the merits or demerits of any article. Only history can write the final cost."

In Comptroller Bullock's first fiscal statement last spring, he included such things as the Texas Water Plan and enormous increases in other areas of state spending. Upon review he did find these estimates to be much higher than necessary.

2. State government does not shut down when the legislature goes home. The majority of representatives and senators maintain an Austin staff and all the committees have staff that are working on research whether or not the committee is meeting. Interim committees are meeting at intervals during the even numbered years. All state agencies work full time all year. In other words--the lights do not go off in the Capitol when the legislature goes home.

3. No one has tried to put a price on the money that is now being spent on inefficiencies in our state government.

Barbara Nobles
TCR CONT'D.

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ANNUAL SESSIONS

1. Until the last few years we have in effect had annual sessions because governors during the 1960's had had to call special sessions for a variety of reasons to keep our state government operating.
2. The board of directors of any business meet more than once every two years. It is impossible to conduct an ...billion dollar business--which Texas is--with meetings of 140 days every two years. The actual cost of a legislative session is a small part of the total state budget--see Cost #2.
3. Meeting every two years, legislators have to rely on the governor and his staff to say what is an emergency or not and there is no time for study. There were 4000 pieces of legislation introduced in 1975 and there is no way that any one person can read and understand all of them. The legislator has to rely on his friends and trust their integrity.

TCR -- ERRATA or Bicentennial Blues

ON THE PAGE TITLED ADS FOR THE NEWSPAPER, HANDOUTS

...The Federal Constitution adopted in 1776 has only 21 amendments
SHOULD READ: adopted in 1788 and 26 amendments.

Liz Davies (Mrs. S.C.)
Human Resources, Transportation
[REDACTED]

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The response to the last post board report and my request for your input regarding TCR was tremendous and I am still receiving communications from the local Leagues whose HR chairpersons are just getting mobilized. Overall the feeling was that we would all work hard for passage but that a low profile on removal of the Welfare Ceiling from the Constitution is indeed advisable. Please continue your vigilance as the homestretch approaches and we begin to see groups forming to oppose passage of TCR.

UNEMPLOYMENT SURVEYS

By now you have completed the out of work surveys in your community. If you have copies to send, I would be interested in seeing the responses. Of those I have seen it seems apparent that Transportation and Child Care are major in the needs that the unemployed women in Texas face and these needs must be addressed.

CIVIL RIGHTS

If you are receiving the publications of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, now is the time to renew. If you are not getting them, ask to be put on their mailing list. Write to:
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Washington, D.C. 20425

HOUSING

A citizen's action guide for monitoring Community Development Block Grants is now available. The guide, in questionnaire form, is designed to help groups evaluate three areas:

- the decision making process
- the substance of community development plans
- federal standards and safeguards

This booklet is available for \$.20 from:
The Center for Community Change
1000 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

TITLE: CITIZEN'S ACTION GUIDE:
Monitoring Community Development
Block Grants

FOOD STAMPS

Is there an active Food Stamp Task Force in your community? Is your League represented on the Task Force? The need for such a group is becoming more necessary every day. If no real advocacy exists, please consider acting as a catalyst to form a coalition, the need for review and action centers at the present time on:

- Reform of Emergency Food Stamp regulations
- Inhumane treatment of the poor by workers
- Invasion of privacy

NOTE: The Houston League is already at work on these problems.

FEEDBACK

If all the HR chairpersons in all the Leagues in Texas could have a conference, what would you propose as the topic?

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John)
Chairman, LWV of Texas Education Fund
[REDACTED]

LWV of Texas
Education Fund
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TEXAS EDUCATION FUND (TEF)

Since April 1975 the same persons have served as the Board of Directors of the LWV-Texas and the Trustees of the LWV-Texas Education Fund. The TEF expends its funds only for educational purposes which meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The League and the TEF remain separate legal entities, and the TEF requires precise accountability for those programs which it finances.

In addition to state activities, the TEF serves as a depository for local League trust funds, and at this time 22 local Leagues have accounts with the TEF. It is very important that the TEF Trustees approve local League projects PRIOR to their being funded and being executed. Please try to follow these deadlines, because it is very expensive when we have to poll the Trustees individually.

Deadline

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| October 28th | for the Nov. 11 Trustees meeting in Dallas |
| January 13th | for the Jan. 27 Trustees meeting in Austin |
| March 16th | for the March 29 Trustees meeting in Galveston |

Election year 1976 lends itself to many ed fundable projects. Plan ahead and get your projects approved early. We will also approve them before you have raised the money--contingent on your doing so.

Manual--The TEF Manual is being revised, and most revisions were approved at the Trustees meeting this month. However, Carole Shlipak is still working on the criteria for projects; when that is completed, new manuals will be sent to each local League.

Project Supervisors--Resident trustees or specially designated supervisors from the Trustees will help oversee the project. The Fund must be sure that the project meets the criteria and is factual. A list of supervisors will be included in the updated manual.

Ed Fund Publications--Also included in the manual will be an order blank which can be used for ordering national ed fund materials using money on deposit in LWV-TEF. To use educational funds, the publication must have a national education fund publication number. These requests will not have to come before the Board in the future--since this has been approved as a legitimate use of funds. However, you must send the project request form for ordering Ed Fund publications to the State Office prior to ordering the publications.

Local League project requests approved at the September board meeting included a Voters Keys project for Houston, a Voters Information publication for Baytown, and Voters Guides for Austin.

LWV of Texas
April 1973
Revised August 1975
Presidents Mailing(2)
DPM

TO: Local League Presidents, Publications Chairmen
FROM: Barbara Nobles, LWV-T Publications Director
RE: State Publications Orders

Presidents Mailing

One copy of all new material intended for local League use, including State Board Reports, is sent by first class mail to the president of each local and provisional League.

Duplicate Presidents Mailing (DPM)

A duplicate of all material sent to the local League president, unless otherwise specified on her copy, will be sent to those subscribing to a state DPM. The cost is \$15 annually. DPM's will be sent third class. It is imperative that cancellations, transfers, and changes of address be reported to the state office IMMEDIATELY.

Standing Orders (SO)

This order includes those publications every local board member should receive. The total number are sent in a package to one local board person, usually the publications chairman, for distribution immediately by mail or in person to other board members. The number sent to the local League changes only when a local board notifies the state office. Standing orders will be mailed third class unless the total statewide standing order mailing becomes eligible for bulk rate third class mail (300 identical pieces). In either case, it is imperative that cancellations, transfers, and changes of address be reported to the state office IMMEDIATELY.

DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
FOR A POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Date of Mailing
or Delivery: _____

Name of Political Committee _____

Designation of Campaign Treasurer:

Name _____

Address _____

Type of Political Committee: (Check One)

☐ Specific purpose

☐ General purpose

Signature of Campaign Treasurer of Political Committee

Optional Information:

Complete this part if the committee is supporting or opposing a known individual, candidate or officeholder. If the committee is supporting or opposing more than one individual whose identity is known, use the reverse side of this sheet to complete the listing of each individual whose designation of a campaign treasurer is required to be filed with the officer with whom this designation will be filed.

Name of Individual _____

Office Sought (if known) _____

Complete this part if the committee is supporting or opposing a measure or measures. Identify by subject matter or ballot proposition number of each measure on which the committee knows it will be active, and state whether the committee will be supporting or opposing it. Use the reverse side of this form, if necessary.

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State Board Report
September 1975

CALENDAR

- Sept. 15-22 Voter Registration Drive
Sept. 20 TCR Rally, Citizens for the Texas Constitution, 1:00 p.m.
Old Supreme Court Room of the State Capitol
Oct. 3 Last day to register for general election
Oct. 17 Presidents mailing, including Environotes
Oct. 18 ERA conference sponsored by Womanpower, Inc.
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Crystal Ballroom, Driskill Hotel, Austin
Oct. 15-31 Absentee voting for November 4 election
Oct. 28 Deadline for Nov. 11 TEF trustees meeting in Dallas
Nov. 1 Administration of Justice material
Nov. 4 Constitution Election
Nov. 11-12 State Board Meeting, Dallas
Nov. 15 Submit proposed Local League bylaw changes to Marion Gholston
Nov. 21 State Board Report mailed (includes form for support formula information
to be returned by Jan 3)
Nov. 28 Consensus deadline on Presidential Powers and Succession
December Texas VOTER
Dec. 1 Pledge payment due--State Office

The Nov. 6 and 13 Public Relations Workshops in Lubbock and Austin have been cancelled since a funding source was not found.

- 1
The kickoff meeting Sept. 20th will highlight state leaders for revision and materials will be distributed to their key campaign coordinators. A campaign chairperson is being named for each senatorial district. Check with the person in your area to coordinate activities.
- 2
Womanpower, An Educational Fund, Inc., has received a grant from the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy to sponsor this conference, subtitled, "Social Change and the Law: The Equal Rights Amendment--Its Effects on the Family, Education, and the Economy."

DEADLINES FOR STATE BOARD MEMBERS

- Oct. 28 Pre-Board reports due in State Office (SO); state handbook material
due to Helen Hunter
Oct. 30 VOTER deadline material to Jan Moore
Nov. 18 Deadline for post-board report

SCHEDULE FOR STATE BOARD MEMBERS IN AUSTIN STATE OFFICE

- Sept. 18-19 Anderson
Sept. 24-25 Gholston
Oct. 8 Higgins, Titus, Sugihara, Davies
Oct. 16-18 Anderson

LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

Please note the following additions and corrections:

- ✓ BAY AREA Bunnie Swain
- ✓ CORPUS CHRISTI Mrs. R.C. Stubing
- ✓ LUBBOCK Linda McGowan
- ✓ MIDLAND Sally English
- ✓ PLANO Judy Shrader
- * PROVISIONAL Millie Savage
- EASTERN BELL COUNTY

- * Recently recognized as a provisional League

LWV of Texas
September 1975
Standing Order

CHECK LIST FOR LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

President

Receives one copy of everything mailed from national and state offices.

Distributes immediately any additional copies of material she receives.

Reminds board members of deadlines for the reports.

Corresponds with state president as needed.

Vice-Presidents

Receive one copy of everything mailed from state office on DPM (\$15 annually--must be ordered by League). If you do not order a state DPM for the vice-presidents, please include those people on standing order.

Secretary

To state office: list of board members immediately after annual meeting, and changes and additions as they occur.

To state office: two (2) copies of exact wording of adopted Local Program immediately after annual meeting.

To state office: Three (3) copies of minutes of board and general meeting, immediately following such meeting.

To state office: three (3) copies of your Local Policy Sheet.

To state office: three (3) copies of revised current bylaws as soon as possible after annual meeting. (Please date bylaws.)

To state bylaws Chairman: one (1) copy of proposed amendments to your local bylaws should be sent to state bylaws chairman for comment and advice by Nov. 15.

Treasurer:

To state office: three (3) copies of your adopted budget immediately following annual meeting.

To state office, national office, your VOTER editor, and your membership chairman: one (1) copy to each, monthly, of new members, changes of address or dropped members. Keep one copy to avoid duplication. (Forms available direct from national office for this purpose.)

To state office: check in payment of state publications statement when billed.

To natl. office: payment of per-member-payment quarterly, on dates requested by national office.

To natl. office: check in payment for national publications.

To state office: check for support payments as follows:

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| June 1 | First payment | December 1 | Third payment |
| September 1 | Second payment | April 1 | Fourth payment |

To state office: Check for sales tax as follows:

July 15, October 15, January 15, April 15

To state office: Finance Support Formula Report--as requested.

To state office: three (3) copies of year-end financial report within 30 days following the end of the local League's fiscal year.

VOTER Editor

To national office: three (3) copies of your VOTER.
To state office: one (1) copy of your VOTER.
To everyone on LWV-Texas Officers and Directors list (except state office staff): one (1) copy of your VOTER.
To each LL president: one (1) copy of your VOTER.

Publications Chairman

To national office: orders for all national publications--use latest national catalog, national order forms (free from national office).
To state office: orders for all state publications--use latest state catalog, state publication order forms (free from state office).
To your local board: state standing orders are mailed directly to you to remit or otherwise distribute immediately.

Finance Chairman

You will be notified when your annual report is due.

Local Program Chairman

To state office: two (2) copies of your plan of work and, later, of actual work done--to aid other Leagues who may choose the same item.
To state office & national office: three (3) copies of every local publication, such as Know Your Schools; Know Your County, etc. (The Overseas Education Fund would also appreciate copies of your local publications for use in their overseas program).
To state office: three (3) copies of local positions reached through member agreement.

Public Relations Chairman

To state office: one (1) copy of any article published regarding the work of your League.
To state PR VP: tear sheets of articles published on League--best if mailed promptly.

Voters Service Chairman

To state office: two (2) copies of each local Voters Guide, when published.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS

Your counterpart on the state board is ready to provide whatever assistance you may request of her, and will appreciate reports of what you are doing.

A COPY OF ANY COMMUNICATION WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD SHOULD BE SENT TO THE STATE OFFICE.

DUPLICATE COPIES REQUESTED BY STATE OFFICE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO VICE-PRESIDENT, PORTFOLIO CHAIRMAN, AND/OR ORGANIZATION CONSULTANT.

LWV of Texas
August 1975
Presidents Mailing
DPM

Dear Presidents,

From your VOTERS and correspondence, it is obvious that fall League activities start in August now. Hope all is going well.

TCR--The TCR solicitation letters were mailed August 8th, and the kits are being readied to mail the 22nd. Campaign material geared to Voting Yes is in the final designing stages under Bobette Higgins' watchful eye.

The Texans for Constitutional Revision, with Judge Calvert as campaign manager and Ronnie Earle as director, has set up an office in the Commodore Perry in Austin, and we will be working closely with them when possible.

Another resource for TCR is Texas Public Policy Notes, Institute for Urban Studies, University of Houston, Houston, Texas 77004. The first newsletter is devoted to an analysis of the proposed Constitution. Ask to be placed on the mailing list. It's free.

I suggest spending some time at your next board meeting on TCR strategy, using pp. 25-27 In League on Total Board Planning and the worksheet for Strategy Planning. It is a good model to follow.

September State Board Meeting--The state board will meet in Austin September 9-11; the ad hoc finance support committee will meet prior to the board meeting. The Austin League has contracted to bed and board us at the Episcopal Seminary. It should be mutually beneficial to each of us financially. We will also be meeting as the Trustees of the Texas Education Fund Board during this time. Please get any proposals to us prior to the board meeting. Please send any deposits for TEF to the state office. The post-board report will include a section on the Texas Education Fund. (I can hardly wait to see who will be selected for the September center-fold.)

EQ Committee--Meg Titus is chairing the umbrella environmental quality committee. Liz Davies has accepted the transportation portfolio along with Human Resources. Lucinda Headrick is handling water and solid waste; Bobette Higgins has kept land use, along with her new PR vice-presidential duties. Serving in off-board capacities are Laura Keever--energy and Becky Moon--air.

Voter Registration--I hope your League is planning something special for the voter registration drive September 15-19th, so people will be registered in time for the Nov. 4 election. As a result of the passage of SB 300 in the last session, everyone will be required to re-register the first of the year. Although it is not in the Guide to LL Calendar Planning, we will need to conduct another extensive voter registration drive in January. The Office of the Secretary of State has informed us there will be voter registration applications in the copy of the proposed Constitution sent to every postal patron.

Austin Office--We are pleased with the operation of the Austin office; we hope you are. If you have any suggestions for improvement, we welcome them. I spent the first week of August in the office playing catch-up. I will be in the office each month, and state board members Jean Bizzell and Barbara Nobles of Austin are on the scene when needed.

Veta Winick has written that she has completed a sculpture class this summer--is doing some textile painting and has attended a state-local committee meeting in Washington. She sends her best wishes--and so do I.

Peace,

Betty Anderson

PLEASE NOTE: New telephone number for Fumi Sugihara (Voting Rights Director): 693-56531

LWV of Texas
August 1975
Presidents Mailing (2
DPM

TO: Local League Presidents and CI/VS Chairs
FROM: Beth Brown, CI/VS Chair
RE: September Voter Registration Drive

While browsing through local VOTERS, I have seen several notices which seem to link the registration drive to the campaign to obtain adoption of the proposed Constitution. These make me very nervous, hence this cautionary note.

Voter registration is a nonpartisan activity by League, as are all CI/VS efforts. Voters service workers must stand aside from the TCR action campaign. To the program action arm of the League, we leave the charge to secure adoption; our charge is to serve the voter in a totally unbiased way. The League registers voters year in and year out without reference to ballot issues or candidates; this year is no different. The same is true of our efforts to get out the vote. We are registering voters and urging them to go to the polls to vote their convictions, not ours. We in CI/VS must be positively sticky on this point in order to protect the League's nonpartisan image. Once again I urge you to read In League and The Thin Fine Line.

I know perfectly well that you know all of this perfectly well. But I had a nightmare in which League deputy registrars were distributing TCR material and urging a pro vote on November 4. I'll sleep better for having written this.

I pass along interesting information from the LWV of New Jersey. The state League did a voting practices survey of all New Jersey League members. One of the findings of the survey was that a large percentage of Leaguers' own adult but unmarried children were not registered. Perhaps registration, like charity, begins at home.

Spouses and children first?

Statement before the Texas Water Quality Board on
Proposed Plans for Improvement of Industrial Solid Waste Regulations
by the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi
July 8, 1975.

I am Bette Harris, Environmental Quality Chairman for the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the state regulatory system for industrial solid wastes, and we commend the TWQB for the decision to hold this series of public hearings. We believe this is an effective way to educate the citizens on the complexity of the problems surrounding disposal of solid industrial wastes, and we agree changes are needed in the process.

We are by no means experts, have no financial interest, nor are we paid for any of our services. We make our suggestions and ask questions for what we hope are constructive changes and ask that they be considered in that light.

1. REPORTING

We heartily endorse the "trip-ticket" reporting system. We believe it offers a positive step toward careful and complete logging of all industrial wastes and, if properly enforced, will provide a good check and balance system necessary for control.

2. NOTIFICATION

We commend the Board for allowing additional time between public notices and these public hearings. We note your draft calls for county and municipal representatives "sitting with" the hearing body but no mention is made of their participation and again, no inclusion of those from outside the immediate fill area. We believe this is an important part of the hearing process since the City of CC is not in the immediate area of the Three Rivers project, but one could hardly deny we have a major interest. We urge publication of notices in larger, more widespread publications.

3. LOCATION

Selection of a site for a landfill is so critical we would suggest a complete geological study be made of the entire fill area to determine such factors as permeability, location of underground waters, land faults, etc., rather than just the immediate area of the pit.

4. PLANS

We urge that the TWQB require complete and detailed specifications for pit construction, including final pit closing with cover and pretreatment plant to be used in connection with the fill, be submitted at the time a permit is applied for. We further request the Board be notified before construction begins in order that supervision is possible throughout construction.

5. OWNERSHIP

We suggest the applicant be required to furnish total status of the current ownership of the land and its mineral rights, plus proposed use for the land after closing of the landfill...and that a detailed account of the types of waste to be deposited be included.

6. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

It seems feasible to us that a thorough investigation of the financial status of all applicants be a routine to determine if they are responsible and capable of proper construction and have bonding capacity to cover any and all adverse effects this operation may have in the future.

7. PERPETUAL CARE

Responsibility for monitoring and maintaining the area after closing of a disposal site is an important factor. We suggest this responsibility be firmly established at the beginning.

8. ENFORCEMENT

Recognizing that plans alone, no matter how thorough, will not assure safe and sensible management of industrial waste, the LNVCC urges diligent and conscientious enforcement of the new regulations as determined by this board. We suggest the inclusion of penalties for all violations be toothy enough to serve as a deterrent to repeaters. In reviewing the Texas Water Quality Act, we find it clearly states that the policy of the TWQB is to maintain the quality of water in the state consistent with public health and enjoyment. We believe the members of this Board take this job seriously and we appreciate your diligence.

In conclusion, we do have a few questions and, dependent upon your response to these questions, we request the opportunity to enter additional material prior to the closing of these hearings.

- a. What, in your opinion, constitutes a "reasonable" time for compliance?
- b. Since the proposed draft still allows issuing of permits in case of "emergencies" we are concerned as to the nature of such emergencies. For example, why was the Three Rivers Landfill classified as an emergency? We believe such decisions should be made only by the total TWQB.
- c. Why are industries with less than 100 employees and those with more than 100 listed in separate categories, even though all are generating toxic wastes?
- d. Will there be inspections of those discharges not covered by permits from the TWQB, such as those listed under 4(f)?
- e. Will the TWQB be inspecting operations such as the mining operation in Karnes county for hazardous wastes?
- f. In the future would it be possible for all printed materials from the TWQB to be dated for easier reference as to which items or mailings are most current?
- g. How may we be placed on your mailing list?

Thank you for your attention.

LWV of Texas
August 1975
Presidents Mailing

Copy To S.W. Chair

TO: Solid Waste Chairs, Local League Presidents
FROM: Lucinda Headrick, Water and Solid Waste Chair, LWV-T
RE: TWQB Proposed Industrial Solid Waste Regulations

Hi to all of you! I'm alive and well--to those of you who have not heard from me via post board report or last month's presidents mailing. We've been busy this summer with Trinity River hearings and the subject at hand--proposed regulations for Industrial Solid Waste. The Texas Water Quality Board is actually considering some really tough regulations, at least tougher than any other state to date. Our gal in Corpus Christi, Bette Harris, did such an outstanding job testifying at one of the public hearings in July, that we want to share her statement with you--plus alert you to the screams and hollers of industry. Such screams that TWQB Executive Director Yantis says a bunch of changes must be made in the proposed regulations before they get to the Board.

Soop---the record of the hearing will be open a little longer. The TWQB staff will then draft another proposed order--another public hearing--finally getting to the Board late Fall or Winter. Hopefully, many of you will want to join us in pushing for tough regulations, plus have ideas of your own to add. If you are not on the TWQB mailing list and want a copy of proposed Industrial Solid Waste Regulations and notification of any future hearing dates, write:

Wm. J. Philbin, Jr.
Texas Water Quality Board

Big fat favor to ask: If any of you should wish to testify or have added ideas--do let me know before hearing dates!

Bless ya!

Lucinda Headrick

July 9, 1975

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Wm. J. Philbin, Jr.
Texas Water Quality Board

Dear Mr. Philbin:

In a review of our question-answer session at yesterday's meeting here in Corpus Christi we should like to make the requests for change which we feel to be the most important. One is the total subsection 4(f), the other to the definition of the granting of "emergency permits".

Regarding Subsection 4(f), we feel if this portion is allowed to remain the idea of coming up with any type of solid waste control is a lost cause. Any and all types in industry could simply avoid all regulations by disposing of waste on property owned by that industry...or could purchase land within a 50 mile radius for that specific purpose. This is an outright concession to industry, and we plan to continue to object to its inclusion and work for legislation to strike it from the regulations.

Under Solid Waste Regulations, Section E, Permit Applications, an attorney friend of the local League reviewed this and supports our claim that the way it is worded would allow another "Three Rivers Permit." We ask that no permit be allowed under emergency status unless the "emergency" is clearly spelled out in the Regulations. For example: an accident, such as the overturning of a disposal truck, etc. To leave the "emergency" as it is written is entirely too liberal in our estimation.

We repeat our request that City and County Governments outside the immediate area, but affected by a permit to discharge, be included in the notification list.

We realize this is a bold undertaking, and if Texas does come up with a set of regulations with clout it will be for the benefit of all citizens. We deeply appreciate your efforts in this regard.

Please add our address to your mailing list ????

Sincerely,

Bette Harris
E.Q. Chairman, CCLWV

Betty Anderson
President, League of Women Voters of Texas

LWV of Texas
July 1975
Presidents Mailing
DPM

Dear Presidents,

I hope you newly elected presidents have settled into your new posts by now-- and are becoming used to the extra telephone calls, etc. The training reports indicate local League boards with strong leadership abilities, so we are anticipating some very active local Leagues this year. I have not yet read your evaluations of training; however, we are trying to upgrade the training process, and we certainly welcome your suggestions.

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V.
TCR--I hope your Action Committee is implementing the Plan for Action for the TCR campaign found in the June State Board Report. Only three months remain before the election, November 4th, so time is of the essence.

Two resources that you will find helpful in your educational campaign are:

1) Informational Booklet of the Proposed 1976 Revision of the Texas Constitution-- this 138-pp. booklet is mentioned in the SB Report. It is available from your legislator or the state office for 75 cents, plus postage. In addition to the complete text of the new constitution, it contains:

- . a summary of each article,
- . a comparison of the new and old provisions,
- . a sample ballot, and
- . an implementation schedule for amendments.

2) George Braden's Citizens' Guide to the Proposed New Texas Constitution-- a 114-pp. paperback available from Sterling Swift Publishing Co., [redacted] for \$3.25, plus postage. Its chapters include:

- . Bill of Rights (Art. I)
- . Mechanics of Government (Art. II, III, IV, V, and VI)
- . Local Government (Art. IX)
- . Special Limitations and Affirmations (Art. VII and X)
- . The Amending Process (Art. XI)
- . The Mechanics of Adoption.

Gleanings about TCR from the Austin Report: "Many state officials and newspapers throughout the state are calling on Governor Briscoe to state his views on the proposed constitution...He is awaiting a staff study before supporting portions, if any, of the proposed constitution...The proposed Constitution will appear as a 24--pp. tabloid newspaper guide sent to all voters...Former Chief Justice Calvert said he didn't believe it until he saw it with his own eyes--one sentence in the 1876 Constitution contains 765 words."

Summary of the State Convention Futures Session

Pat Backman has sent us an 8-pp. compilation of the delegates answers to the questions regarding the LWV of the future. This report was presented to the National Board in June. If you are interested in the complete report, copies can be made for you in the state office--for the cost of copying it. A capsule report follows:

- 1) ASSETS What are the most valuable resources of the League today?
 - . credibility (8 of the 12 discussion groups)
 - . membership: skillful, imaginative, resourceful, dedicated, intelligent, flexible, independent, thoughtful, talented, committed, concerned, ability of members, creativity (8)
 - . study/action process (6)
 - . training for future leadership, education and training received (6)
 - . grassroots concept of organization (4)
 - . reputation (4)
 - . political non-partisanship (4)
 - . name recognition, identification (4)

2) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES What ends should the League be seeking in 2000?

- citizen education on issues, informed citizen participation, greater citizen participation in government, a more informed and interested electorate (8)
- influence the reordering of priorities at all levels of government (including world) (6)

3) ACTIVITIES What means to these ends in 2000?

- broader, better, more effective use of mass media, audio-visual aids, TV network, newspapers, education through television production, use TV through providing public service programs, national cable TV, really use the media to inform citizens and to offer training services for pay (7)
- to change our attitude toward raising money so we raise adequate amounts of money to achieve our goals, broaden financial support, develop sound fiscal policy within the League (3)

There was less consensus on the remaining questions--but still interesting reading.

VOTER MAILING LIST: Please include the Off-Board Chairs and the nominating committee on your local VOTER mailing list.

Sincerely,

Betty Anderson

LWV of Texas
July 1975
Presidents Mailing
1 Copy Direct To
CI/VS Chairman
DPM

TO: Local League Presidents and Voters Service Chairmen
FROM: Beth Brown, Voters Service Director
RE: Voter Registration Drive

I trust your plans are already made for the state-wide registration drive September 15-21. If you have not yet made arrangements with the tax assessor to deputize League members, do be about it soon. I would encourage you to seek the cooperation of other organizations, institutions, businesses, etc., in implementing the drive. The important thing is to register as many new voters as possible. Don't feel that the League must go it alone if there is interested help available.

As to where to register, the possibilities are numerous. High schools and colleges, adult education programs, libraries, churches, shopping centers, businesses, are all obvious places. Use your knowledge of your own community to add to the list. Seek media support for the drive. Letters to local newspaper editors asking for editorial support are recommended. A press release to all media announcing the drive should also be issued. Samples are included in this memo, but feel free to write your own and better ones.

When your members are deputized, they will be instructed in proper procedures. Please add your own emphasis to the importance of returning the registration applications to the tax assessor's office promptly. Oct. 4 is the deadline to be qualified to vote in the Constitutional Revision election on Nov. 4. And encourage the League registrars to urge the newly-registered to go to the polls on election day. That, after all, is the primary point of the drive.

The new permanent registration law does not become effective until Nov. 5, the day after the election. Therefore, the September drive ought not to pose any unusual problems. I hope it does not. Good luck, and get out the vote !

SAMPLE LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Mr. or Mrs. or Ms. _____:

During the week of September 15-21, the League of Women Voters of Texas will conduct a voter registration drive so that citizens can be qualified to vote in the Constitutional Revision election on Nov. 4. Forty local Leagues throughout the state will participate.

The League in this area will conduct such a drive, and we appeal to you to support our effort with an editorial urging citizens to seek out a registrar before Oct. 4. Such an editorial would be a great help in our nonpartisan efforts to increase citizen participation in the important decisions to be made on Nov. 4.

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

During the week of Sept. 15-21, the League of Women Voters of _____ will conduct a drive to register voters. Registration will be held at place or places, dates, times

All citizens who have moved, lost their certificate, become 18 or will by Nov. 4, or have never registered, are urged to do so during this week.

Ms. _____, president of the League of Women Voters of _____ says, "The Constitutional Revision election is one of the most important elections in Texas in this century. Every qualified citizen should register and vote in order to have a voice in the far-reaching decisions which will be made on Nov. 4."

Bobette Higgins (Mrs. Wilfred)
Public Relations Vice-President
[REDACTED]

LWV of Texas
Presidents Mailing (2)
1 copy to LL Pres.
1 copy to PR VP
DPM

TO: Local League Public Relations Vice-Presidents

Dear (your name goes here):

In case you're feeling a wee tad left out (because maybe in your League P.R. suffers from a genteel case of benign neglect)...or in case you're feeling a bit guilty because you really WANT to get out there and effectively push League in your community (but when you pop your big idea, some other board member quietly says, "Isn't that just publicity?" and you slump in your chair and hope nobody notices that you're flashy, and trivial, and Lord forbid, shallow)...

Or maybe you're new at the job (like me), and can't quite get it all together (also like me...this epistle was supposed to be in your Board Report)...

Then take heart ! I've been down all those roads too, and I know what you mean. And together, we're going to try to change all that.

Because after we all get a grip on things, with firmness and clear heads and imaginative planning and HARD WORK, we are all going to do our absolute darndest to let Texas know that the League of Women Voters MATTERS !

I have some very blue-sky plans going on how we might accomplish all this. And when they have jelled, you'll be the first to know. In the meantime, send me YOUR ideas, YOUR clippings, YOUR triumphs (and troubles).

P.R. Veeps, whoever and wherever you are, lift your heads ! Think fresh ! Let's rattle a few cages.

Fondly,

Bobette

LWV of Texas
July 1975
Presidents Mailing (2
DPM

TO: Local League TCR Action Committees
FROM: Pauline Clarke and Barbara Nobles and Fumi Sugihara
RE: State Board Packets for Constitutional Revision

We are preparing a kit with sample speeches, questions and answers on each article of the new Constitution, and questions and answers on other relevant areas such as cost. We will also provide you with sample PR releases, radio spots, newspaper ads and other things to help you with your campaign. This should be in your hands by the first week in September.

Betty Anderson (Mrs. John A.)
President
[REDACTED]

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

"Once More, With Feeling"--Hopefully, on November 4th of this year, the LWV of Texas can remove Texas Constitutional Revision from its Action Agenda. We will be making a strong effort to pass the revised Constitution, but it will take concerted effort at both the state and local level. Barbara Nobles of Austin will be TCR Campaign Manager, and Pauline Clarke of Corpus Christi will tie the programmattic ends together. An every member direct mail solicitation will be conducted to help fund the campaign. For the next five months, let's put all our eggs in the TCR basket and successfully pass the Constitution '76.

Overview--The Guide to Calendar Making is enclosed with this mailing. Please note the deadlines carefully. We have attempted to set apart these next five months for TCR action, and we hope to concentrate on membership and finance in everything we do for the balance of the year. Exciting plans are being made to launch the new Administration of Justice study, adopted at Convention in El Paso. The good news in organization is laying the ground work for starting Leagues in Temple, Gregg County (Longview and Kilgore), and Alvin. Helen Hunter has been busy.

State Board News--Members of the state board were unanimous in their favorable response to the Leadership Development Workshop this month in Denton (and it's usually difficult to find unanimity on the state board). This was our first time together as a board, and the training was a good initial experience for us. We looked at not only how we manage program, Voters Service, and organization--but how we manage ourselves, as well. Gaming provided opportunities for us to see our own abilities in a different way. We hope to include some of the techniques we learned in future local League board training events, and consequently be better enablers. We also found the real problem solvers on the state board--when only one of the four groups was able to solve an intriguing puzzle. From this experience, we will try to be more responsive to the needs of members.

A model of the state board committee system is enclosed. You will note new groupings, the use of more off-board chairmen, and a new committee, Planning and Research, which is charged with "dreaming a little." Carole Shlipak, our new development director, will be directing a much needed statewide fund-raising effort.

Our versatile Bobette Higgins has been appointed to the Coastal Zone Management's Citizens Advisory Council. She is also directing four conferences this summer on Land and Man, which are exploring issues involved with the environment and the disadvantaged. The conferences are being funded by a grant from the Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy.

State Office--The office in Austin is in full operation. When you are in Austin, do come by 1212 Guadalupe, #109 and visit the new facilities. I will try to be in the office a few days each month, and the two Austin board members, Jean Bizzell and Barbara Nobles will have close contact with the office. Diana Tilley, administrative assistant, is there to help you. When you need to call me in Lubbock, please use the number (806) 792-5782. Only I will answer that phone, and you will not have to talk with other members of my family--nor waste your long distance call if I am not in.

It was great seeing many of you at Convention in El Paso. Our next opportunity for a statewide meeting will be Council in Galveston, March 30 and 31, 1976. See you then.

We have learned that our longtime League friend and counsel, Lois Braunagel has cancer. She has undergone surgery and will soon begin oral treatment similar to that being taken by Betty Ford. She is in good spirits, but I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from you. Her address is: 1503 South 35th, Temple, Texas 76501.

Meg Titus (Mrs. D.L.)
Program Vice President

LWV of Texas

PROGRAM CALENDAR PLANNING

You have received along with this board report, your "Guide to Local League Calendar Planning, 1975-76." (Refer to: In League: Guidelines for League Boards.) As you add your own local League dates to this list of national and state dates, remember that Texas Constitutional Revision is our first priority from now until November 4 when the voters will accept or reject the revised articles proposed by the 64th legislature. State board will be giving total commitment to TCR until the election date, and we are designing some campaign aids for your use.

CHECKLIST FOR PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENTS

Each of you should check your portfolios to be sure it contains:

1. The newly-revised local League handbook called, In League: Guidelines for League Boards, LWV-US, May, 1975.
2. And Now Action along with revisions, the land use consensus, and FSG consensus. LWV-T, March, 1973.
3. "A B Cs of Organizing for the Job of Program Chairperson," LWV-T, April, 1975.

NOTE: New program flyers patterned after "This Is Our Stand" will be published immediately after the November 4th election.

HAPPY SUMMER

Helen Hunter (Mrs. John)
Organization Vice President
[REDACTED]

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ORGANIZATION

By the time you receive this report, 20 local Leagues will have had board training. If you have not contacted your trainer and set up a date for your training, now is the time to get it on your calendar. I know everyone is busy with vacations, children, etc. during the summer months, but if you can find time for your board training, you'll be ready to start a busy fall schedule. If you can't schedule the training for summer, then do schedule it for early fall. Please complete your training request forms and return them to the state office as soon as possible.

Please be sure that three copies of your minutes are sent to the state office as soon as possible after your board meeting. One copy is sent to your consultant, one copy to the organization vice president, and one copy to your local League file in the state office. We are not receiving minutes from some local Leagues and are receiving others several months late.

Your consultants want to hear from you. They are available for any help you may need. Let them know about your problems and remember, we want to hear about your successes too.

Also, please check to see that all state board members are receiving your VOTER. Check to see that you have a current list of state board members.

Emphasis should continue on getting new members; member orientation; and membership involvement. The summer is a good time for informal gatherings, coffees, new member orientation, and just getting acquainted with other League members.

LAND USE

Welcome, all you new land use chairmen! Hang in there, and I think you'll find the subject to be as interesting as us old hands have discovered it to be.

Now that we have a national as well as a state land use position, I think you'll find ACTION is the word for this item. One new and important piece of the action at the state level is described below.

LEAGUE ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR RULING ON TWQB LAND USE ISSUE

In testimony I presented before the Texas Water Quality Board in a hearing concerning section 208 (the "land use" section) of the new Federal Water Pollution Amendments, I questioned the legal authority of the TWQB as the implementing agency to carry out plans (including land use requirements), since the TWQB has repeatedly asserted they had no authority to consider land use in their work. (Better dig this statement out of your files and read it.) Since I never received any kind of answer to this question, I contacted the office of the Attorney General and inquired how we might request a ruling from the AG in this matter. I was told that it must come from (among others) the chairman of a standing committee in the legislature. Representative Fred Agnich of Dallas (thank him, Dallas) agreed to ask Rep. Bill Sullivant, Chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee in the House (thank him, Gainesville) who agreed to present the question to the AG for us. I next contacted an attorney (Stuart Henry of Austin--thank him, Austin) who, for a sum so low I'm embarrassed to name it, agreed to "draw up the papers." All these "agreeable" people really got results. The AG is now considering if the TWQB can/must take into consideration land use requirements in the permitting process for the designation of point and non point sources of water pollution.

We'll keep you posted on how this all turns out.

NATIONAL LAND USE LEGISLATION

As this is being written, it is expected that the bill HR 3510 will be voted on in the House Interiors Committee. We sent telegrams and urged local League action during Convention in El Paso in favor of this bill. Prospects are shaky.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I was invited to become a member of this advisory body, and attended my first meeting in Corpus Christi. (Thirty-nine people on this committee--I was the only woman present!) It was a most fascinating experience. The General Land Office is making every effort to assure that the Coastal Management Program has genuine and broad citizen involvement. We'll have four meetings each year, and others may be scheduled. The appointment is for two years, and will include the period in which plans are finalized for the Texas program, and the first year of implementation, if the plans are acceptable to the feds. Keep you posted.

Diana Clark (Mrs. Winthrop)
Administration of Justice
[REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Plans for the first year's study of the Administration of Justice in Texas as approved by the board will include all facets of the system from arrest through indictment to the point of trial. A leaders guide will be prepared which will include useful definitions, an optional questionnaire for use by Leagues wishing to interview local justice officials, a sample outline for a Justice workshop, details of the "Justice Game" developed by the Dallas League, and explanations of procedures used by some Texas communities. This guide should be in your hands in late August or early September. In July each League will receive direct from the governor's office The 1975 Criminal Justice Plan for Texas. This contains much useful information which I had originally intended to include in the leaders guide. It also includes factual information on police, courts, etc. for the six metropolitan areas. For those Leagues not in metropolitan areas, the same information may be obtained from your Council of Governments-Law Enforcement Division. This, again, is optional for your League. An off-board review committee is being formed. If your League has a knowledgeable person in this field willing to serve as a resource person and sounding board, please send me his or her name and address at once.

An every member Facts and Issues will be available early in November. Member agreement deadline is projected for March, 1976. (Leagues that have already studied this subject will not, of course, need to repeat their efforts.) However, all Leagues will participate in the member agreement portion, as not every League has taken the same consensus. More details on this in the fall.

I have received material from the Houston and Brazos County Leagues on their studies. Are there others?

Carole Shlipak (Mrs. Louis)
Development
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DEVELOPMENT (FINANCE)

First of all, my portfolio has a new name! The concept of the title "development" rather than "finance," is to focus on the vital need to develop new sources of funding for the League. These sources must be broader than just the traditional Finance Drive; they include emphasis on securing foundation grants, government grants, payment for various League services, and other prospects not yet formulated.

And now a request. Do you or your board have any suggestions for prospective contributors to the League of Women Voters of Texas? Please consider individuals, corporations, unions, and foundations that you regard as good prospects.

Many of you are familiar with the sharing and incentive guidelines relating to State Fund Raising. These guidelines include the sharing of contributions to the state League by the state and local League "finder's fees," etc. The state board, at its meeting in September, will be reviewing these guidelines. Please review them (write to the state office if you need a copy), and send me any suggestions you might have for change.

And finally, I am interested in your local League's Finance Drive. This is the time to be evaluating the 1975 Drive and planning for next year....what were the strengths of the Drive, and what needs to be improved? I would be delighted to offer any assistance or counsel.

Please let me hear from you, particularly regarding:

- 1) information on your local League Finance Drive
- 2) prospective contributors to the LWV-Texas
- 3) suggestions regarding guidelines for State Fund Raising

Many thanks.

Jan Wilbur (Mrs. Robert O.)
Financing State Government
Public School Finance
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PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

Legislative Wrap-Up-- Well, on balance, we didn't do half bad. The school finance bill which finally passed the legislature was a lot better than the one passed by the House in the waning days of the session. We did a lot of educating of the legislature, we made some new friends, and opened the door for some alliances for future activity--and we got rid of the economic index!

It is always risky to start handing out individual thanks for a job well done because so many of you have contributed so much to our successes. But special efforts call for special recognition. Two people who exerted such special efforts--who analyzed bills, reported committee meetings and hearings and legislative sessions, who lobbied, set up a press conference, and relayed messages, in short, really "gave their all" for us, are Jan Albers and Susan Reid. Thank you. Thank you. And thank you Austin League for "lending" Jan and Suzy to us for the duration!!

Another person who deserves special recognition is our just-past Legislative Chairperson who put it all together. During her five years in office, the Legislative Newsletter grew to be a weekly publication that is well-written, timely, and superior in many ways to publications put out by groups with a much larger budget than ours. She was responsible for getting the LN out in addition to lobbying, reporting on meetings, filling in whenever and wherever needed, getting the Capitol Corps together each session, and for providing invaluable assistance to a state board chairperson as she copes (long distance) with her first legislative session. Our heartfelt thanks for a job well done, Chris Brasher, now you can rest...for a while!

But our whole effort in Austin is for naught without you the "folks back home" ---a communication from Judy Braun in Waco makes Lane Denton sit up and take notice much more than a letter from Jan Wilbur in Houston, for example--so thanks to all of you who responded to Jan's urgent telephone calls and to the Times for Action, either as the LWV of _____ (fill in the blank) or Jane Leaguer, a constituent. You are the backbone of the League, we cannot do without your efforts!

And now, the bill--a substitute for HB1126--signed by Gov. Briscoe on June 6 has the following major provisions.

- Salaries. Enacts a new salary schedule with a \$1400. per year increase in minimum salaries for teachers and administrators. It also gives a \$700. boost in state aid for salaries for clerical, teacher aide, and other classified positions.
- Compensatory education. For the first time gives state aid for educating children from economically-deprived families. It provides that \$40. per pupil will be paid, beginning with the 1975-76 school year, to school districts for every child eligible for federal aid under the Title I program.
- Transportation. State aid for regular transportation is increased by 62.5%. Transportation allotment for students in special education increased from \$150 to \$260 per year.
- Maintenance and operation. Increases state aid for M&O from the present \$30. per pupil to \$90. per pupil in 1975-76 and \$95. per pupil in 1976-77.
- Bilingual education. Extends bilingual education to kindergarten and the first and second grades this year and to the third grade in 1976-77. Also provides that bilingual education may be extended to the fourth grade in 1977-78 and to the fifth grade in 1978-79 if testing data in a local school district justifies the expense.

- Driver Education. Gives a district \$25. per student enrolled in driver education up to 20% of the high school enrollment in grades 10-12.
 - Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Beginning with the 1976-77 school year, a district may count its ADA for the purposes of determining state aid on the best 170 days of the 180-day school year. This allows a district to drop days with lower-than-average attendance because of sickness or bad weather.
 - Determination of local share. Drops the old economic index and says that the local share of the Foundation Program will be determined by multiplying the district's total taxable property by 30¢ per \$100. valuation for the 1975-76 school year and by 35¢ for each year thereafter. There are also four "hold harmless" provisions in the bill to keep state aid up to the 1974-75 level and to hold increases in the Local Fund Assignment to less than a 200% increase.
 - Determination of True Market Value. For the 1975-76 and 1976-77 school years, districts will use the values determined in the study done for the Governor's office in 1974. During the next two years, the Governor's office is given \$5 million to carry out a survey to determine as exactly as possible the amount of taxable property in each of the state's 1100 school districts.
 - Variable personnel approach. This is the compromise between the weighted pupil approach (WPA) and classroom teacher unit (CTU) approach in determining how school districts will be reimbursed for classroom teachers. It requires that all school districts maintain the present 25-to-1 pupil-teacher ratio in order to keep state certification. However, the bill uses the variable personnel approach to allotting eligible units on the basis of the district's ADA in regular enrollment based on the following pupil-teacher ratios:
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|--------------|------|
| Grades K-3 | 19-1 |
| Grades 4-6 | 21-1 |
| Grades 7-9 | 20-1 |
| Grades 10-12 | 18-1 |
- School districts will be free to pick state aid for any employee they choose, but employees with higher salaries will have higher weights under the plan. For example, if the district has "x" personnel units under the plan and the general superintendent carries a weight of 2.50 while a teacher aide carries a weight of .50, then if the district requests state funding for one general superintendent and one teacher aide, it would subtract three from "x".
- Equalization aid for program enrichment. A school district with a local fund assignment (LFA) per student in ADA which is less than 125% of the total statewide LFA per student, is eligible for state equalization aid up to \$70. per student except that the total state cost of equalization aid may not exceed \$80 million in each year of the biennium.

The additional cost* to the state for funding public schools in Texas for the biennium goes for:

| Purpose | Additional Cost in Millions | % of Total |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Salary Increases | \$251.5 | 38.5 |
| Retirement Costs | 29.4 | 4.5 |
| M & O Allowance Increase | 187.5 | 28.7 |
| Transportation Increase | 26.8 | 4.1 |
| Compensatory Education | 32.0 | 4.9 |
| Other Foundation School Programs (Including Bilingual & Drivers Ed.) | 20.9 | 3.2 |
| Market Value Studies | 5.2 | .8 |
| Equalization Aid | 100.0 | 15.3 |
| TOTAL | 653.3 | 100.0% |

*According to Houston Independent School District, HISD News, June 2, 1975.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

Legislative Wrap-Up: We had high hopes midway through the session that the property tax reform bill (Peveto, HB 1463) would make it through. It did pass the House, but we had not reckoned on its being clobbered in the Senate. But all is not lost. The finance article of the proposed Constitution (Art. VIII, Sec. 2c) says "Each county shall provide for appraisal of all taxable property within its boundaries in the manner prescribed by law. Each taxing authority imposing a tax on property within the county shall tax in proportion to, but not in excess of, this appraisal. The costs and expenses of appraisals are to be allocated among the taxing authorities in the manner prescribed by general law." So, if (when?) the Constitution passes in November, we will get what the Peveto bill would have done. So let's work "Once more, with feeling!" to get the Constitution passed.

Study. "The proposed study for the next biennium will be the budgetary process--preparation, adoption, and execution; as well as fiscal administration, including the functions of the various governmental departments and officers with responsibilities in this area." Thus spoke the delegates to the 1975 state convention in El Paso. Here are our plans for carrying out that mandate.

1. For your summer enjoyment, may we suggest you read the following LWV-EF publications:
The Budget Process from the Bureaucrat's Side of the Desk, Pub. #483.
The Citizen and the Budget Process: Opening Up the System, Pub. #482.
2. We project the following tentative areas of consensus:
 - a. The Budget Process
 - Does the present method of evaluating agency and department requests provide the most cost-effective use of our tax money?
Does it provide adequately for citizen input?
 - Who should prepare the budget--the Governor's office? Legislative Budget Board? Both?
 - Does the appropriations process adequately reflect the priorities of the citizens of Texas? How and where are opportunities for citizen input provided?
 - Would budget execution be beneficial to the best use of our money?
How could it be implemented if judged beneficial?
 - b. Fiscal Administration
 - Is training adequate for necessary enforcement of tax laws?
 - Is overlap of responsibilities healthy or unhealthy?
 - Is present method of fiscal administration free of conflict of interest, efficient, and does it yield the best return for our money?

Let us emphasize that these are possible areas of consensus. It may be too much for one study or perhaps other areas need to be emphasized in addition to or in place of one of the above. We need your input to the actual areas of consensus and, indeed, to the actual wording of the consensus questions (which will be approved at the September state board meeting).

3. Timetable

- Article in the September VOTER outlining the general plan of the study and tentative areas of consensus, and describing the very influential Legislative Budget Board.
- A one-page insert in the November VOTER on the budget process giving the calendar for budget making and some concrete steps for citizens and citizens' groups to make input during budget making. It will be a "how-to" sheet produced at the lowest possible cost so you (or others) can order large quantities to be made available to all groups within the community, especially those working in the various areas of League concern.
- The Facts and Issues will be in your hands by February 1, 1976.
- Consensus deadline will be May 31, 1976.

We would appreciate any and all comments you have regarding any of the above. Send us any suggestions and please help us formulate the consensus questions!

Liz Davies (Mrs. S.C.)
Human Resources
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HUMAN RESOURCES

By now you know that highest priority item for League members in the State is passage of the new Constitution. In the Human Resources program-area we have reason for joy and concern. The Welfare Ceiling has been removed from the proposed Constitution...if passed by the voters in November this will be cause for joy... League has testified for removal of the ceiling many times in the past. My first inclination was to launch an aggressive campaign in every community, spearheaded by local Leagues...coalitions made up of recipient and tenant associations, church groups, and the community agencies involved with the disadvantaged...all working together to educate the voters to pass this section of the Constitution. However, could such action backfire and possibly activate strong opposition, thus defeating our goal...therein lies the concern.

So...I need to hear from all local Leagues as soon as possible. We need to know the prevailing attitude in your community toward "no ceiling." How can League capitalize on or address the attitude? What action do you think is necessary to gain passage of this article by the voters? What help do you need from me, as you counterpart on state board?

TEAR OFF AND SEND

Local League _____

Human Resources Chair _____

Address _____

Phone _____

TCR Input:

IN AN EARNEST EFFORT TO KEEP UP
WITH CURRENT TRENDS, AND NOT
TO BE OUTDONE BY ALL THOSE
OTHER FLASHY PUBLICATIONS,
THE STATE BOARD OF THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS PROUDLY
(AND BLUSHINGLY?) PRESENTS ITS FIRST

CENTERFOLD!

SHOULDER

HAIR

GLASSES

— MOUTH

BICEP

FOREARM

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THIGH

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ANKLE

FOOT

IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT THE MAN SO HONORED
ON THIS STATE OCCASION SHOULD BE
THE HONORABLE RAY HUTCHISON (R-DALLAS)
WHO AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION LED THE VICTORIOUS
BATTLE WHICH WILL CULMINATE IN THE
PRESENTATION TO THE VOTERS OF THE STATE
OF OUR REVISED CONSTITUTION WHICH THE
LEAGUE PROUDLY SUPPORTS.

A SOMEWHAT RAY-CY VERBAL PICTURE OF MR. HUTCHISON, WHO KINDLY (AND MODESTLY) AGREED TO
ACCEPT THIS HONOR.

Jean Bizzell (Mrs. Allen)
Legislative

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LEGISLATURE

Congratulations to you Leagues who already have Legislative Directors! It's not too late to appoint one if you haven't done so yet.

Our strength as a lobby group depends on many things--knowledge, timing, perseverance, etc. A simple technique not often enough used is the plain "thank you" that breeds a cordial relationship. Right this minute we have the opportunity to "stroke" our legislators and help our position as well. Have you guessed the vehicle? You're right--TCR!

The primary goal in the legislative area of the TCR campaign is to mobilize legislator support for passage of a new Constitution in November. Working closely with the TCR campaign coordinator, the local League legislative chairman has the responsibility to achieve this goal. What are some ways to mobilize legislator support?

1. Check the votes to see what legislators supported all articles. These should be key support persons. Use a positive approach, communicating with those who will probably cooperate. Know where your opposition lies as well.
2. Map out strategy on how to "use" your legislators in your local TCR campaign. Suggested means: forums, press conferences, use of supportive quotations in press releases and speeches, etc.
3. Contact your "voted right" legislator/s. THANK him/her for support. Then ask if he/she would like to help in your campaign to pass the Constitution. If communication is direct by phone or meeting, be sure to have mapped out alternative ways he/she can participate and get a commitment. By letter you might wait on specifics until he/she agrees to cooperate!

Remember to keep the relationship cordial. Don't press too much. After all, we'll need that friendship in the January session after TCR wins in November.

If you do have success in involving your legislators, please send feedback (clippings, letters, etc.) to the state office. Never can tell what gems we might pick up.

And--on those other issues, read carefully the Legislative Wrap-Up in the final newsletter to see how you helped action. Thank goodness, of course, we still have some things to work on next session !?

HOUSE MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR ALL SECTIONS OF SJR 11

Allen, Allred, Bigham, Bird, Blake, Brown, Bynum, Caraway, Cartlidge, Cartwright, Cates, Chavez, Close, Coleman, Coody, Davis, Donaldson, Earle, Edwards, Evans, Finney, Florence, Gaston, Geiger, Grant, Hale, W. Hall, Hendricks, Hilliard, Hubenak, Hutchison, G. Jones, L. Jones, Kaster, Koriath, Lauhoff, Lewis, McAlister, T. McDonald, Maloney, Mayes, Montoya, Moreno, Muson, Newton, Nugent, O'Kelley, Olson, G. Parker, W. Parker, Peveto, Polumbo, Powers, Presnal, Preston, Rains, Salem, Schieffer, Semos, Sherman, Simpson, Slay, Spurlock, Stubbeman, Sullivant, Tanner, Temple, Torres, Vaughan, Van Dohlen, Whitehead, Willis, Wyatt.

SENATORS WHO VOTED FOR ALL SECTIONS OF SJR 11

Adams, Aikin, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Farrabee, Gammage, Hance, Harrington, Lombardino, Meier, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Williams. (Ogg voted yea but was absent on some votes; Braecklein voted nay only once--Education--on the third reading but switched to yea on the final vote on concurrence with House amendments.)

HOUSE VOTES ON SJR 11 (only nay votes listed; if your legislator is not listed, he's a good guy.)

Adoption of Section 1 as amended--Separation of powers, leg., exec.

Nays: Barrientos, Blythe, Bryant, Craddick, Harris, Heatly, Kubiak, McBee, F. McDonald, Nichols, Reyes, Wilson.

Adoption of Section 2 as amended--Judiciary

Nays: Barrientos, Blythe, Bock, Canales, B. Clark, Craddick, Delco, Dramberger, A. Garcia, M. Garcia, A. Hall, Hanna, Harris, Heatly, Hernandez, Hoestenbach, Kubiak, Laney, Leland, Mankins, Nichols, Ragsdale, Reyes, Short, Slack, Sutton, Tarbox, Thompson, Truan, Uher, Vale, Vick, Washington, Waters, Watson, Whitmire, Wieting.

Adoption of Section 3--Voting and Election Provision

Nays: Adams, Atkinson, Barrientos, Blythe, Bock, Canales, B. Clark, F. Green, R. Green, Harris, Heatly, Henderson, Hoestenbach, Hollowell, Hudson, Laney, Lary, Mankins, Nichols, Reyes, Reynolds, Ribak, Rucker, Short, Sutton, Tarbox, Uher, Washington, Waters, Watson, Wieting.

Adoption of Section 4 as amended--Education

Nays: Agnich, Atkinson, Bailey, Barrientos, Blythe, Canales, B. Clark, Craddick, Delco, Denson, Ezzell, Fox, F. Green, A. Hall, Hanna, Harris, Hartung, Heatly, Henderson, Hoestenbach, Hollowell, Hudson, Johnson, Lary, Mankins, Massey, Miller, Nabers, Pentony, Ragsdale, Reynolds, Short, Slack, Smith, Sutton, Thompson, Uher, Waters, Watson.

Adoption of Section 5 as amended--Finance

Nays: Baker, Barrientos, Canales, Fox, F. Green, R. Green, Harris, Hartung, Heatly, Henderson, Leland, McBee, Madla, Mankins, Massey, Nichols, Reyes, Tarbox, Washington, Watson.

Adoption of Section 6 as amended--Local Government

Nays: Barrientos, Blythe, B. Clark, Denton, R. Green, Harris, Heatly, Hoestenbach, Kubiak, McBee, Nichols, Reyes, Sutton, Thompson, Uher, Watson.

Adoption of Section 7--General Provisions

Nays: Baker, Blythe, Boone, Bryant, Canales, B. Clark, J. Clark, Denson, Denton, Fox, Gilley, F. Green, R. Green, A. Hall, Harris, Hartung, Head, Heatly, Hoestenbach, Hudson, Leland, McBee, Massey, Mattox, Miller, Nichols, Nowlin, Ragsdale, Reyes, Ribak, Sutton, Tarbox, Thompson, Washington, Waters, Watson, Weddington.

Adoption of Section 8--Mode of Amending

Nays: Barrientos, Blythe, Canales, B. Clark, Harris, Heatly, Leland, Nichols, Reyes, Sutton, Tarbox, Washington.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CONTINUED.....

SENATE VOTES ON SJR 11 (Yea votes not listed)

Section 1--Separation of Powers, Legislative, and Executive

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Creighton, Harris, Kothmann, Longoria*, McKnight, Mengden, Moore.

Absent Excused: Ogg (Ogg voted yea on final vote concurring with House amendments.)

*Longoria voted yea with House amendments as finally passed.

Section 2--Judiciary

3rd Reading Approval:

Nays: Creighton, Harris, Jones*, Longoria, Mauzy, McKinnon*, McKnight*, Moore.

Absent: Ogg (voted yea on final vote concurring with House Amendments.)

*Jones, McKinnon, and McKnight switched to yea on final vote concurring with House amendments.

Section 3--Voting and Election Provisions

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Anujar, Creighton, Harris, Jones, Kothmann, McKnight, Mengden, Moore.

Absent: Ogg

Section 4--Education

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Braecklein*, Creighton, Harris, Longoria*, Mauzy, McKnight, Mengden, Moore.

Absent: Ogg (yea vote on concurrence with House amendments.)

*On final vote concurring with House amendments, Braecklein and Longoria switched to yea and Jones switched to nay.

Section 5--Finance

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Creighton, Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, McKinnon, McKnight, Mengden, Moore.

Absent: Ogg (yea vote concurring with House Amendments.)

Section 6--Local Government

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Longoria*, McKnight, Moore.

Absent: Ogg (yea vote concurring with House amendments.)

*Longoria changed to yea vote on final concurrence with House.

Section 7--General Provisions

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Creighton, Harris, Kothmann, McKnight, Mengden, Moore.

Absent: Ogg

Section 8--Mode of Amending Provisions

3rd Reading Approval

Nays: Creighton, McKnight, Moore

Absent: Ogg

Jane Peterman (Mrs. Edwin)
Membership, Units
[REDACTED]

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MEMBERSHIP

Summer reminds most of us of leisure, easy living, a change of pace. The key word for membership chairmen during these summer months is planning. How do you plan to attract new members to replace those who have moved? How do you plan to involve every member this year? Do you know each one's interest, available time, and expectation from the LWV?

Some members join us after an informal neighborhood coffee, at a stimulating meeting, or because of a special friend.

Every member wants to know the FACTS about LWV. They want to know about program and Voters Service. Most members want to know about their city, county, and state government. Hopefully, every member will be "caught up" in the passage of the proposed constitution. Do not overlook the faithful, dedicated members. Perhaps a word of thanks or appreciation is needed.

Now is the time to dream a little and to make concrete membership plans for the months ahead.

Peggy Farmer (Mrs. Lester)
Modernizing State Government
[REDACTED]

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MODERNIZING STATE GOVERNMENT

Modernization of State Government is a new constitution. If we can get the voters to accept the new constitution, many of our positions on MSG will be taken care of. Questions and answers on the Constitution in relation to Modernization of State Government will be included in the kit prepared for local Leagues so that all Leagues might better inform the citizens before the election in November. This kit should be available in September. (See Pauline Calrke's report.)

Pauline Clarke
TCR, International Rel., Representative Govt.

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TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR TEXAS

--yes it's possible

The proposed new Constitution of 1975 was formally signed and presented to the people of Texas by the 64th Legislature on May 23rd.

The proposed revision of the Texas Constitution will be on the ballot November 4th in the form of eight amendments revising eleven articles of the Constitution. Revision of Articles Two, Three, and Four will be voted on together in Proposition One. Each Section contains its own transition schedule that would allow it to become effective if all others should fail.

For over twenty years we have studied, talked, and worked for the chance we now have "to achieve revision of the Texas Constitution." The state board decision to support the proposed revision of the Texas Constitution was announced at the League Convention in El Paso.

At the June state board meeting, the consensus was "while the proposed Constitution does not achieve all the League had hoped for, it is an improvement." (Here's where the old saying "half a loaf is better than none" applies.) We will take a positive approach pointing out the good features of the proposed Constitution. Any reservations concerning TCR should be kept in-house--do not print in VOTER. Therefore, our number one priority will be the revision of the Texas Constitution by the passage of the proposed amendments on November 4, 1975.

State board campaign plans for the constitutional election are not as yet fully developed (new board and new TCR chairman). And of course, any plan is based upon the state League raising money for this campaign so that material can be given free to the local League. State board plans hopefully will complement, not substitute, for already existing or future local League plans. To reach our goal, passage of TCR, every member must be involved. Use And Now Action and Study and Action in Texas to provide background information and familiarize every member with League positions.

Review Legislative Newsletters No. 10 and No. 12 for brief summaries of the articles and for the proposed methods of publicizing the Constitution. Copies of the information booklet, Proposed 1976 Revision of Texas Constitution, published by the 64th Legislature, are available in limited quantities. Contact your local legislator or the state office. The cost is 75¢, plus postage.

Plan of Action for State Board

1. Barbara Nobles, TCR Statewide Campaign Chairman, plans and coordinates all actions on state level.
2. Secure funding for campaign.
3. Kit to be sent to local Leagues in September. It will contain sample speeches, PR releases, samples of Letters to the Editor, member update, question and answer sheet, etc.

Plan of Action for Local Leagues:

June

- Form TCR committee and begin planning campaign strategy.
- Organize political action committee.
- Appoint campaign manager.

July, August

- Raise funds for campaign
- Schedule time on calendar for member update and background for new members.
- Contact clubs, organizations, churches, etc. to have speeches at their fall meetings.
- Booths at malls, fairs, school and church carnivals to give out literature.
- Contact local radio and TV stations to see if they will editorially support revision, have League members on talk shows, interview shows, or would they be willing to sponsor a panel show about the need for revision.
- Talk with the editor of the local newspaper about supporting revision using question and answer series, having guest editorials by prominent local citizens, etc.
- Plan fall kick-off meeting.
- Plan mailing of postcards urging "yes" vote.
- Plan distribution of bumper stickers, posters, etc.

Early September

- Speaking engagements.
- Booths to hand out materials.

October

- Distribute and use bumper stickers, buttons.
- Put up posters.
- Editorials in paper.
- Question and answer series in paper.
- League members on radio and TV talk shows.
- Letters to the Editor.
- PR releases in paper.

Late October

- Ads in paper.
- Neighborhood coffees.
- Mail postcards urging "yes" vote.

Jan Moore (Mrs. Robert M.)
Texas VOTER

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TEXAS VOTER

As a freshman state board member, I found my mind both expanded and boggled after this month's activity crammed workshop and board meeting. However, a few thoughts about the forthcoming issues of both state and local VOTERS have managed to sift through:

1. News of League members who have won election to public office continues to be reported. If your League has a member who has been elected to public office recently, please send that information to the new state office in Austin. I would like very much to run a complete list in the next issue of the Texas VOTER.
2. A reminder for local League VOTER editors: Please be sure to include on your mailing list:

Gwen Murphee

League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78701

and please don't forget to add my name to your list, as I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity of getting to know you through your local VOTER.

3. Having spent the immediate past two and a half years as a local VOTER editor, I remember well the trials and tribulations (and the pleasures) of that enviable post. If you think I might have found an answer that would work for you, please send me a note or give me a call--I'd like to help.

Beth Brown (Mrs. Warren A.)
Voters Service
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VOTERS SERVICE

The LWV-T will not publish a Voters Guide for the constitutional revision election on November 4th. By direction of the Legislature, the Secretary of State's office is preparing a tabloid which will contain the new Constitution, along with a side-by-side explanation of how it changes the present Constitution. This material must, by law, be provided in Spanish as well as in English. Since the state government will be spending its money (whose money?) for statewide distribution of this material, the League will concentrate on the action campaign to secure adoption. Refer to Pauline Clarke's report for detail of the campaign.

Next month Fumi Sugihara (VR) and I will be meeting in Austin with the Sec. of State regarding League involvement in the implementation of recent voter registration laws. A statewide League voter registration drive is envisioned for the week of September 15. More will be forthcoming on this as the summer progresses, but please do include the drive in your calendar planning.

I have been reviewing other bills touching on poll watching and on the mandate to provide bilingual material for voter registration, absentee balloting, and for all election materials. Fumi expects to have direct input into the preparation of a pamphlet on deputy registrars contemplated by the Secretary of State's office. And she has shared with me her ideas on a proposal for "developing a program for training election personnel and holding regional conferences for persons responsible for elections so that they may be shown the best methods for conducting training sessions." All of this is in the planning stage, but it does suggest that Voters Service should be concentrating on poll watching and monitoring of the registration and election process this fall as always. Voting Rights and Voters Service will be working as closely as possible in all areas where the imperative separation of program action and voters service is not endangered.

We Voters Service chairmen will want to take with special seriousness the responsibility to protect the nonpartisan policy of the League. I commend to your attention the new handbook, In League, particularly those sections on nonpartisan political policy (pp 10-11) and on citizen information/voters service (pp 30-33). You may also wish to review "The Thin, Fine Line" (LWV-T, Feb. 1975). If you don't have the latter, I can provide.

Please do let me have your ideas on all CI/VS (get it?) activities, as well as any questions or special concerns you may have. The more innovative the ideas, the better. I will do my best on even the toughest questions.

A closing observation: Where the proposed Constitution is concerned, the possibility that only a minority of the state's voters will make the decision seems to me intolerable. Therefore, I call upon all us CI/VS (Got it!) types for effective ways to get out the vote.

Best wishes for innovative thinking and a happy summer.

Fumi Sugihara (Mrs. Thomas)
Voting Rights and Election Law

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VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION LAW

The year ahead will be rife with opportunities for a variety of action on voting rights and for advancing our positions on election laws. More legislative attention than usual has been paid to voting rights and election laws as a direct consequence of the proposal to expand the Federal Voting Rights Act to cover this state. Many new laws have been passed, and we shall have to keep a watchful eye on their implementation and their effect. For example, how these laws will be enforced will depend largely upon the secretary of state as chief election officer. Many observers who witnessed the activity of the secretary of state during the legislative session in his other capacity as spokesman for the governor are convinced that we must have a chief elections officer who is politically uninvolved. For another, the new registration law will focus our attention on the tax assessor-collector as registrar. Would the registration process be more efficient if it were conducted by the county clerk or a single elections administrator? Here is our chance to get solid information to back up our own legislation.

Short summaries of the new laws will be sent later this summer to every local League. More detailed analyses will be made of the laws that will affect the League and its activities, along with suggestions for community dissemination of information and/or monitoring of the operation of the laws.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BILLS WE SUPPORTED IN THE 64TH LEGISLATURE?

Voting Rights: Bilingual elections are now a fact, and the first elections held under the new law seem to have encountered little difficulty. The Voting Rights bill, S.B. 1046, which was passed in the last hours of the legislature, provides a mechanism for observation of local election practices by specially appointed inspectors if fifteen or more citizens petition the secretary of state. Many of our recommendations for changes in the bill could not be included because of its late introduction and emergency nature. We anticipate that changes will have to be made in the next legislature with respect to the qualifications of the inspectors and the nature of their duties.

These laws are intended to illustrate to the United States Congress that Texas does not have to be covered by the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. The House of Representatives has passed a bill including Texas, and the Senate is now considering extension of the act. Arguments for coverage may have been fueled, however, by the redistricting bill passed by the Texas legislature. Single-member districts were created for El Paso, Galveston, Hidalgo, Jefferson, Lubbock, McLennan, Nueces, Tarrant, and Travis Counties. It is now alleged that the divisions of Tarrant, Jefferson, and Nueces Counties deliberately dilute the voting strength of minorities.

Registration: The registration law was almost completely revised to make the system of permanent registration easier to administer and to enable registrars of voters to maintain accurate, up-to-date registration lists. We were able to participate in the formulation of the law, although we failed to have the provision for registration by agent eliminated. We should watch the operation of the Act closely to make certain that 1) no voter is accidentally disfranchised because he is not aware that he must reregister, 2) record-keeping procedures are being strictly followed, and 3) all registrants know their rights and responsibilities.

Recodification and Revision of the Election Code: No legislation was passed because of basic disagreements between the House Elections Committee and the Senate State Affairs Subcommittee on Elections on how to go about it. The House Elections Committee will probably work on recodification in the interim, and we will send out an S.O.S. when we receive word that the committee has been funded.

Some progress was made with the passage of the so-called cleanup bill, which finally changed the legal voting age to 18, removed the durational residency provisions, and made other revisions to make Texas election law internally consistent, as well as consistent with the laws of the United States. However, the code as a whole still needs an overhaul in order to be usable by you and me and all the election officials in the state.

Single County Elections Administrator: A bill that permitted establishment of a county elections administrator was reported out of the House committee after a struggle but was never placed on the calendar. Considerable opposition surfaced from rural areas and from tax assessor-collectors who like being registrars of voters.

Absentee Voting: The requirement for notarization of absentee ballots by mail has been eliminated! We are also happy that voters over 65 will be able to vote absentee by mail and in person, but unhappy that our pleas for safeguards against possible abuse were not heeded. We shall have to monitor this law carefully to determine the kind of safeguards that may be needed. (There is some fear of intimidation of the elderly poor.) Our lobbying did help to postpone the elimination of the requirement for a physicians certificate for voters who are ill or disabled until some other mechanism can be found to discourage abuse and until there is effective enforcement of the safeguards already in the law.

Signature on the Ballot Stubb: You will still have to sign the stub when you vote by paper or punchcard ballot. Two bills were reported out of the House Committee, but neither made it to the floor. The Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund has now filed a suit in federal court and we might find help from that direction. The Voter Qualifications and Elections article of the proposed revision of the constitution specifically provides for a secret ballot, so a YES vote on the constitution will lead eventually to elimination of that signature on the stub.

SUPPORT OF A CHANGE IN THE LAW CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF PAPER BALLOTS

Voters who live in counties using paper ballots have complained that their right to a secret ballot is violated because of the state law that permits ballots to be counted after the polls have been open only one hour and only eleven or more people have voted. The only restriction after the first hour is that the ballot box must have at least eleven ballots in it before it is opened in order to count the ballots. These voters claim that in an election with a light turnout or in a precinct with few voters, election clerks know how each voter voted. If a voter must vote near the end of the voting day when most of the ballots have been counted, he is likely to deposit his ballot into an empty box. He might as well announce how he voted since it will surely be known.

The state board supports action to protect the right to a secret ballot and therefore urges legislation forbidding the counting of paper ballots until more than 200 ballots are cast at a polling place. (In some precincts, the counting of ballots would have to take place after the polls close. There is nothing magic about the number 200. Experienced polling place workers thought that it would not be burdensome to count 200 ballots or less after the polls close.)

VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION LAW CONTINUED.....

LOCAL LEAGUE ACTION

Many ideas are percolating about action kits, workshops, and conferences involving voting rights committees. You will hear about them as they develop. Meanwhile, you might consider appearing before the county commissioners court to request:

1. Redrawing election precinct lines, if necessary. This must be done during the July and August sessions. The new law (H.B. 784) is now in effect. It provides (as before) that no election precinct shall have less than 100 nor more than 2000 voters as ascertained by the number of registered voters for the last presidential general election year. However, in counties of less than 100,000 population, according to the last preceding federal census, precincts of less than 100 but not less than 50 voters may be established. In counties of less than 50,000 population, precincts of less than 50 voters can be established upon the petition of 25 or more registered voters within the county.
2. Mandatory training of polling place personnel. The county commissioners can require the attendance of all election workers at a training school before they can serve.
3. Selection of presiding judges and clerks from a broader segment of the voting population.
4. The establishment of voter registration offices at convenient locations.
5. Establishment of absentee voting branch offices throughout the county.

If you need any assistance, or can give me assistance, please let me know.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
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78701

June 1975
Standing Order

GUIDE TO LOCAL LEAGUE CALENDAR PLANNING
1975-76

Local League calendars are usually planned in early summer--this is meant to serve as an aid. Consult your local League bylaws for your LL mandatory deadlines. Refer to page 24 of the NEW local League handbook, Guidelines for League Boards, May, 1975 for items your calendar should contain.

Attention treasurers and presidents: Please send membership additions, corrections, and deletions monthly to the state office as well as the national office. On January 1, please send your membership count but not your list to the state and national offices.

June, 1975

State Materials & Activities

6/10-12-LWV-US Leadership Workshop
6/11-13-State Board Meeting, Denton
Legislative "Roundup" Newsletter
State Board Report*
Texas VOTER
ERA-LWV-US Fund Raising Campaign

Local League Activities

Plan calendar for 1975-76
6/15-Deadline for sending statements of local consensus positions to state and local program chairmen.
? Plan meetings with your legislators to analyze the 64th session
6/1-Deadline for first payment on pledge to state office

July, 1975

TCR-LWV-T Every Member Solicitation

Organize TCR campaign committee and appoint campaign manager
Begin planning fall activities
7/15-Sales tax report to state office

August, 1975

Activate plans for TCR campaign
Finalize plans for fall activities

September, 1975

Action on our first priority, TCR
9/9-11-State Board Meeting, Austin

VOTER article on FSG
State Board Report*
Texas VOTER
TCR kit-sample speeches, PR releases, update material

Activate finance committee
Action on our first priority, TCR
9/1-Payment pledge deadline to state office
9/15-22 Voter Registration Drive

October, 1975

Leaders Guide on Administration of Justice

Media campaign for TCR
Activate bylaws, budget, nominating and local program-making committees

November, 1975

11/4-Constitution election
11/5-Every-member information on
Administration of Justice
11/6-Public Relations Workshop-Lubbock
11/11-12-Mini-State Board Meeting, Austin
11/13-Public Relations Workshop, Austin
11/24-Consensus deadline on Presidential
Powers and Succession
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11/15-Submit proposed local League
bylaws changes to state
chairman for advice & approval

December, 1975

12/1-Pledge payment due--state office
Budget, finance, nominating, and local
program committees working.
Begin planning for a meaningful
annual meeting with membership dis-
cussing local program issues.
Check bylaws deadlines for information
to members in local VOTER or annual
meeting workbook.

January, 1976

1/8-Public Relations Workshop, Dallas
1/15-Public Relations Workshop, Houston
1/15-Deadline--Section I, Local League
Annual Reports
1/27-29-State Board Meeting, Austin
Texas VOTER

1/1-Report number of paid members as
of Jan. 1 to state & national--total
only.
1/15-Local League treasurer's report
for state and national
1/15-Sales tax report to state office
1/15-Deadline--Section I, Local
League Annual Reports
Continue plans for LL annual meeting
Check local bylaws for deadlines

February, 1976

State Board Report*
2/1-Facts & Issues on FSG-Budget

Prepare annual reports due March 15
Plan for spring membership drive
Approve recommended local program
for presentation to members
Reports of program, budget, bylaws,
and nominating committees to membership
(Watch bylaws deadlines)
Elect delegates & observers to
LWV-T Council
2/1-Consensus deadline for LWV
Financing self-study
2/3-Deadline--suggestions for national
program
2/3-Deadline--suggestions for national
bylaws amendments

March, 1976

3/1-Deadline--Every-member agreement on
Administration of Justice
3/15-Section II, LL Annual Reports
3/15-All Section, LL Annual Reports
3/29-State Board Meeting, Galveston
3/30-31-State Council, Galveston

3/1-Pledge payment due--state office
Plan for local board training

April, 1976

Post-Council board report
Texas VOTER

4/15-Sales tax report to state office

May, 1976

5/3-7-LWV-US Convention, New York City
5/18-20-State Board Meeting, Austin
5/31-Consensus deadline--Financing
State Government
State Board Report*

Complete organization of committees
Review local policy sheet
Appoint chairmen and committees:
bylaws, budget, finance, legis-
lative (Send names to LWV-T
counterpart)
Hold new-board-member orientation
and check transfer of portfolio
materials

*You'll love your state board reports this year--we're planning some
intriguing issues.

The American Issues Forum, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities,
will feature media presentations on several items of League concern:

- September 28-October 25, Land Use
- November 23-December 20, U.S. Congress and the Executive
- March 7-April 3, International Relations

You might want to consider these in your program.

LOCAL LEAGUE PLEDGE ACCOUNTS
April 1, 1974 to May 31, 1975

| | PLEGGED | PAID | BALANCE |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Abilene | 300.00 | 350.00 | (50.00) |
| Amarillo | 600.00 | 600.00 | -0- |
| Austin | 1746.00 | 1744.16 | 1.84 |
| Bay Area | 775.00 | 775.00 | -0- |
| Baytown | 498.00 | 498.00 | -0- |
| Beaumont | 873.80 | 873.50 | -0- |
| Brazos Co. | 601.50 | 601.25 | .25 |
| Brazosport | 515.00 | 515.00 | -0- |
| Brownsville | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Corpus Christi | 918.00 | 918.00 | -0- |
| Dallas | 4118.00 | 4037.00 | 81.00 |
| Deer Park | 350.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Denton | 883.00 | 883.00 | -0- |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 546.00 | 546.00 | -0- |
| El Paso | 1263.00 | 1263.00 | -0- |
| Gainesville Prov. | 200.00 | 200.00 | -0- |
| Galveston | 1200.00 | 1200.00 | -0- |
| Garland | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Harlingen | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Houston | 4800.00 | 5200.00 | (400.00) |
| Huntsville Prov. | 200.00 | 200.00 | -0- |
| Irving | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | -0- |
| Lamar Co. | 497.00 | 497.00 | -0- |
| Lubbock | 957.00 | 992.00 | (35.00) |
| Midland | 500.00 | 500.00 | -0- |
| Montgomery Co. | 523.00 | 261.50 | 261.50 |
| Odessa | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Orange Area | 350.00 | 250.00 | 100.00 |
| Pasadena | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Pearland | 350.00 | 350.00 | -0- |
| Plano Prov. | 200.00 | 75.00 | -0- |
| Richardson | 355.00 | 354.77 | 125.00 |
| San Antonio | 1200.00 | 1200.00 | .23 |
| San Marcos | 384.00 | 384.00 | -0- |
| Sherman | 608.00 | 608.00 | -0- |
| Tarrant Co. | 1850.00 | 1850.00 | -0- |
| Tyler | 406.00 | 406.00 | -0- |
| Victoria | 500.00 | 500.00 | -0- |
| Waco W | 585.00 | 585.00 | -0- |
| Wichita Falls | 426.00 | 426.00 | -0- |
| Total | 32833.00* | 32573.18 | 259.82 |

Outstanding Pledges: \$744.82
Overpaid pledges (485.00)

*This figure differs from amount pledged at Council due to increases in requested pledges by some local Leagues, pledges made by letter after Council, and the addition of two new Leagues.

LOCAL LEAGUE PLEDGE ACCOUNTS

June 1, 1975 to August 31, 1975

| | 1975-76 Pledges | May-Aug. | Bal. 8.31.75 |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| Abilene | 305.00 | 152.50 | 152.50 |
| Amarillo | 500.00 | -0- | 500.00 |
| Austin | 1460.00 | 730.00 | 730.00 |
| Bay Area | 700.00 | -0- | 700.00 |
| Baytown | 515.00 | 128.75 | 386.25 |
| Beaumont | 645.00 | 461.15 | 183.85 |
| Brazos County | 321.00 | 321.00 | -0- |
| Brownsville | 300.00 | 75.00 | 225.00 |
| Corpus Christi | 985.00 | 246.50 | 738.50 |
| Dallas | 3795.00 | 948.75 | 2846.25 |
| Deer Park | 300.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 |
| Denton | 720.00 | 360.34 | 359.66 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 393.00 | 196.50 | 196.50 |
| El Paso | 885.00 | 442.50 | 442.50 |
| Gainesville Prov. | 300.00 | 75.00 | 225.00 |
| Galveston | 1600.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Garland | 338.00 | 84.50 | 253.50 |
| Harlingen | 350.00 | 87.50 | 262.50 |
| Houston | 4500.00 | 1125.00 | 3375.00 |
| Huntsville | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| Irving | 1125.00 | 282.00 | 843.00 |
| Lamar Co. | 567.00 | 283.53 | 283.47 |
| Lubbock | 850.00 | -0- | 850.00 |
| Midland | 525.00 | 525.00 | -0- |
| Montgomery Co. | -0- | 418.94 | (418.94) |
| Odessa | 350.00 | -0- | 350.00 |
| Orange Area | 300.00 | 75.00 | 225.00 |
| Pasadena | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| Pearland | 310.00 | -0- | 310.00 |
| Plano Prov. | 300.00 | 75.00 | 225.00 |
| Richardson | 449.00 | 62.25 | 386.75 |
| San Antonio | 1260.00 | 360.00 | 900.00 |
| San Marcos | 450.00 | -0- | 450.00 |
| Sherman | 655.00 | -0- | 655.00 |
| Tarrant Co. | 1400.00 | 565.00 | 835.00 |
| Tyler | 425.00 | 125.00 | 300.00 |
| Victoria | 480.00 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| Waco | 645.00 | 154.83 | 490.17 |
| Wichita Falls | 485.00 | 121.25 | 363.75 |
| | 30088.00 | 9572.79 | 20515.21 |

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
ADOPTED BUDGET 1975-76

May 1975
Standing Order

INCOME

| | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| A. Support from Local Leagues | | \$30089. |
| B. Member-at-Large Dues. | | 750. |
| C. Sales | | |
| 1. Publications | 7600. | |
| 2. Voters Guides | 8000. | |
| 3. DPM Subscriptions | 1500. | |
| 4. Standing Order Subscriptions | 2240. | |
| 5. Miscellaneous | 300. | 19640. |
| D. Interest on Savings | | 530. |
| E. Grants - LWV/TEF | | 15925. |
| F. Non-Deductible Contributions | | |
| 1. Members (including non-cash) | 750. | |
| 2. Non-Members | 8500. | 9250. |
| G. Anticipated Cash Operating Reserves | | 5485. |
| H. Council Fees | | 2000. |
| I. LWV/TEF Reimbursement | | 720. |
| | TOTAL INCOME | \$ 84389. |

EXPENDITURES

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|--|--------|--------|--------|
| A. State Office Operating Costs: | | | |
| 1. Equipment Maintenance | | 650. | |
| 2. General Supplies | | 1500. | |
| 3. Postage | | 2100. | |
| 4. Telephone | | 1015. | |
| 5. Insurance & Bonding | | 165. | |
| 6. Office Expense--a. Rent & Utilities | 2520. | | |
| b. Salaries | 10275. | | |
| c. Payroll Taxes | 772. | 13567. | |
| 7. Bank Charges | | 25. | |
| 8. Audit & Tax Reports | | 300. | |
| 9. New Equipment (including accrual) | | 500. | |
| 10. Moving Expense (including accrual) | | 780. | |
| 11. Supplemental Executive Expense | | | |
| a. Travel expense for president | 900. | | |
| b. Per diem expense for president | 300. | | |
| c. Board members assistance | 180. | 1380. | 21982. |
| B. Board & Administrative Costs: | | | |
| 1. President--a. Secretarial Asst. | 840. | | |
| b. Telephone | 300. | | |
| c. Representation | 350. | 1490. | |
| 2. Treasurer | | 110. | |
| 3. Board--a. Tools & Materials | 500. | | |
| b. State Board Meetings | 5745. | | |
| c. Administration | 235. | | |
| d. State Board Training | 1000. | 7480. | |
| 4. Administrative Committees | | | |
| a. Finance | 300. | | |
| b. Membership & Units | 40. | | |
| c. Public Relations | 175. | | |
| d. Budget | 300. | | |
| e. Nominating | 200. | | |
| f. Ad Hoc on Financial Support | 250. | 1265. | 10345. |

C. Services to Local Leagues:

1. Organization

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| a. Current Local Leagues | 2375. |
| b. New Leagues | 525. |
| c. State Board Visits | 150. |
| d. Workshops & Conferences | 250. |
| e. Members-at-Large | 100. |
| f. Units-at-Large | 220. |

2. Presidents Mailings

3. Local Program Supervision

D. Delegates & Travel:

1. State Council, 1976
2. National Convention, 1976

E. National Services:

1. State Support
2. Members-at-Large PMP

F. VOTER

G. Publications:

1. Publication Production Costs
2. Voter Guide Cost
3. DPM Subscription Costs
4. Standing Order Costs

H. Educational Activities:

1. LWV-TEF Grant Proposals
 - a. Program Committees Update
 - b. Voter Service Project
 - c. Legislative Research Material
 - d. Non-League Workshops
 - e. League Workshops & Conferences
2. LWV/T (not funded by TEF)
 - a. Voters Service Committee
 - b. Affiliations
 - c. Publications & Subscriptions
 - d. New Program Study (AoJ)

I. Position Support Activities:

1. Program Supervision
2. Campaign Expense
3. State Program Action
 - a. Texas Const. Revision
 - b. Human Resources
 - c. Modernizing State Government
 - d. Environmental Quality/Air-Water
Solid Waste--Land Use
Energy
 - e. Voting Rights
 - f. Financing State Government
 - g. State/Local Relations
4. National Program Action
 - a. International Relations
 - b. Rep. Government
 - c. Campaign Financing
5. Legislative Action
 - a. Legislative Office
 - b. Director's Expense

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| 2375. | |
| 525. | |
| 150. | |
| 250. | |
| 100. | |
| 220. | |
| 3620. | |
| 875. | |
| 25. | 4520. |
| 2000. | |
| 1400. | 3400. |
| 9225. | |
| 212. | 9437. |
| | 2500. |
| 2610. | |
| 5000. | |
| 1500. | |
| 2240. | 11350. |

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| 1125. | |
| 1000. | |
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| 300. | |
| 13000. | 15925. |
| 200. | |
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| 25. | 2225. |
| 25. | |
| 50. | |
| 25. | 100. |
| 755. | |
| 150. | 905. |
| | 4280. |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$84389.

LWV of Texas
May 1975
Presidents Mailing
Treasurers Mailing

1975-76 SUPPORT

| <u>Local League</u> | <u>Pledged</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Abilene | 305.00 |
| Amarillo | 500.00 |
| Austin | 1460.00 |
| Bay Area | 700.00 |
| Baytown | 515.00 |
| Beaumont | 645.00 |
| Brazos Co. | 321.00 |
| Brazosport | |
| Brownsville | 300.00 |
| Corpus Christi | 985.00 |
| Dallas | 3795.00 |
| Deer Park | 300.00 |
| Denton | 720.00 |
| Edinburg-McAllen | 393.00 |
| El Paso | 885.00 |
| Gainesville (Prov) | 300.00 |
| Galveston | 1600.00 |
| Garland | 338.00 |
| Harlingen | 350.00 |
| Houston | 4500.00 |
| Huntsville | 300.00 |
| Irving | 1125.00 |
| Lamar Co. | 567.00 |
| Lubbock | 850.00 |
| Midland | 525.00 |
| Montgomery Co. | |
| Odessa | 350.00 |
| Orange Area | 300.00 |
| Pasadena | 300.00 |
| Pearland | 310.00 |
| Plano | 300.00 |
| Richardson | 449.00 |
| San Antonio | 1260.00 |
| San Marcos | 450.00 |
| Sherman | 655.00 |
| Tarrant Co. | 1400.00 |
| Tyler | 425.00 |
| Victoria | 480.00 |
| Waco | 645.00 |
| Wichita | 485.00 |
| TOTAL | 30089.00 |

PRESIDENT'S FILE

May 10, 1975

LWV of Texas

Presidents Mailing (1 copy)

To: State Board and LL Presidents
From: Betty Anderson
Re: National Council '75

Helen Hunter and I had a good four days in D.C. at National Council. We spent the first evening with Nancy Holmes, who sends her greetings. The atmosphere of Council was congenial, trust was restored, and rapport was good.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Membership.--The membership representation committee recommended a pilot membership project to develop new tools, techniques, and approaches to membership. In-depth professional help with membership management--recruitment, member involvement on the member's terms, and member retention--would be sought. They might use letter campaigns, ads, TV, and radio spots.

A motion passed to focus on membership by either assigning a Board member to membership or appointing a Task Force and that the membership priority be reflected in the 1976-77 budget.

The committee recommended that the states consider giving the option of permitting members who are enrolled in state MAL units and provisional Leagues voting privileges at state conventions and meetings. A possible way to reword bylaws was suggested.

The membership representation committee made no recommendations in changing the composition of convention or council. The committee will look at the nominating process and membership agreement next year.

ERA.--There will be an every member solicitation for funds for ERA; the letter to be written by Ruth Clusen will go out about the 1st of June. The mailing, which will cost about \$20,000, will ask each member to give a dollar or more to support a fund to establish an National Campaign Office, which will provide expertise for strategy and field work for unratified states.

We were told that the situation in Illinois has changed, and there is hope for passage this year; there is still hope in Missouri, but the Florida prospects are dim.

The Council delegates passed a motion urging the national political parties to hold their conventions only in states that have passed the ERA amendment.

Issue Politics.--Although the League does not support candidates, many Leagues are attempting to gain candidate commitments to League positions, tallying attitudes of candidates on League issues and publicizing those attitudes. Of course the advantage of this is to create visibility for, and stimulate discussion of, League issues during campaigns. Keller Baumgardner discussed the South Carolina ERA Coalition and its utilization of the techniques of issue politics. Pat Backman told of San Diego's approach to keeping candidates accountable. The topic is outlined in the August 26, 1974 memo from Ruth Sims which went on DPM entitled, "Pre-election political strategy to foster discussion of League program goals during Congressional campaigns."

Energy.--League members concurred with the original statement, and no changes in wording were made. An Energy kit is to be sent out on DPM in May--which will include materials from the Ford Foundation Energy Policy Project.

The national Board announced that the concurrence on energy did not indicate how League members think on many decision about how to

conserve energy (e.g., rationing of gasoline, tax taxes, import quotas, fuel allocation, etc.); therefore, it would be necessary to seek membership input before action is taken on those measures.

The Task Force is suggesting that the energy focus be primarily on transportation, since it is here that quickest and largest energy savings can be effected.

Budget and Finance.--The committee on Budget and Unmet Pledge/Unpaid PMP presented some positive (technical assistance, etc.) rather than punitive measures. The Council adopted the committee's proposal that the LWV undertake a study and consensus on financing the League. A study guide would be prepared dealing with ways to finance the League. Contents would include alternatives to the present system, the cost of doing League business and the use of tax-deductible and/or grant money. The guide would be published in Sept., 1975 and a consensus deadline of Feb. 1, 1976 would be set. The study and consensus would insure "grass roots" input, direction and decision making.

The difference between the suggested pledges from the states and the accepted pledges was the smallest it had been in many years. The approved budget for the LWVUS is approximately \$1,175,905 and the Ed Fund is \$881,957.

Citizens Information/Voters Service.-- A motion to create a Voters Service Department failed. However, the need to focus on citizens information services during 1976 was recognized. The LWV-Pa. has adopted a state goal, "76% Voter Registration and Participation in '76", and they urged other states to join them in this project. This is being included in the horizons area of the Bicentennial in Pa.

Action.--We spent Wednesday on the Hill. Congressman Phil Burton, who is interviewed in the new national Voter, briefed us. I don't think it will do any good to Write Wright" any more. He is convinced his constituents don't want a Land Use Act. We thanked Steelman and Eckhardt for their help on the bill and urged John Young of the Rules Committee to help get Land use and Voting Rights bills out of the Rules Committee. The Voting Rights bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee in the House (27-7) May 1st--with a 10 year extension, including Texas. Senator Bentzen said he had not decided whether he would support it or not, since Texas had been included.

Odds and Ends.--Carol Toussaint and Pat Backman both expressed appreciation for their good time at the Texas Convention.

Virginia Nugent of the national Board has resigned. Nan Waterman is taking HR, and Pat Backman will chair Research and Projects.

The new organizational handbook "In League" was received at Council. Board members will receive copies in June (the Board copies are being sent to you, Bobette), and trainers will receive copies from Helen shortly.

Emerging Calendar

June 10-12--Leadership Workshop presented by Marie Lisi, Organization Staff Director; and Irene Janski, Organization Chairman, LWV-US. (From noon Tuesday to noon Thursday)

June 12-13--State Board meeting (From noon to noon) Campus of North Texas State University, Denton.

Nov. 24, 1975 Deadline for consensus on the executive (Presidential powers and succession)

Feb. 1, 1976 Deadline for consensus on self-study on financing the LWV.

March 30-31--State Council, Galveston

? Deadline for updating UN position

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MRS. DARVIN M. WINICK, PRESIDENT

April 1975

Standing Order

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

.....The Convention Delegates unanimously approved establishing an Austin State Office for the next biennium. The address is: The Penthouse, 1212 Guadalupe, Room 109, Austin 78701. We will be open for business at the new address on May 28. Please allow for office transition from May 19 through May 27.

Please direct all your mail to the new address after May 27.

The new telephone number is: area code 512 472-1100.

Diana Tully is the new Administrative Assistant.

.....The League of Women Voters of Texas will support the Constitution on the November 1975 ballot.

.....Financing State Government consensus was approved.

.....A Time For Action was approved concerning the lack of action by the Legislature on School Finance Reform. Mailgrams were sent to the members of the subcommittee expressing our outrage over the report that the Legislature may not deal with reform this session. *HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR LETTERS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND YOUR LEGISLATORS?*

.....ACTION was taken on the Federal Land Use Bill (HR 3510) and delegates were urged to get the mail flowing to counteract an active campaign to kill this bill. *HAVE YOU ORGANIZED LEAGUERS AND NONLEAGUERS TO:*

WRITE:WRIGHT!

AND EVEN TRY

HAZIN' KAZEN!

.....Administration of Justice was adopted as the new state program item.

.....An Ad Hoc Finance Structure Committee was approved by the delegates to study the financial support plan of the League. The committee will report to the 1976 Council meeting. Jeannette Naman (Mrs. I.A.,) 4919 Braes Valley Drive, Houston 77025 is the chairman.

.....The proposed Bylaw changes were approved and an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee was formed to study the Bylaws and make the necessary editorial changes to bring them into conformity with the neuter gender when referring to League members.

.....The merger of the LWV/Texas board and the Ed Fund board was approved.

.....THE FUTURES EXERCISE was extremely interesting and Pat Backman of the national board will do a follow-up report this summer for all local Leagues. Be sure and share your experience with your local League members.

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ADOPTED STATE PROGRAM FOR 1975-77

The League of Women Voters of Texas works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League studies and takes action on selected state governmental issues which are in the public interest. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Focus Practices in administering the judicial process, including both adult and juvenile justice.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

Action to achieve fiscal measures to equalize educational opportunity in Texas and to attain constitutional provisions for flexibility within a coordinated financial structure.

Focus Revenue distribution and governance.

VOTING RIGHTS

Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen by improving the electoral administrative structure, procedures and laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Action to achieve the conservation and judicious development of land and water resources, the improvement of water and air quality, and the conservation of energy.

Action to support the development of public transportation in Texas.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Action to achieve the revision of the Texas Constitution.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Action to achieve equal educational opportunity and combat poverty and discrimination.

MODERNIZATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Support of executive, legislative, and judicial reform.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

Support of more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level, comprehensive regional and state planning.

Pres. File

LWV of Texas
February 1975
State Board Report

At the January state board meeting the board of directors passed the following resolution:

"The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas resolves that the problem of child abuse in the state of Texas is of such magnitude as to merit immediate and adequately funded action by the state government. The widest possible dissemination of information about and discussion of this problem is encouraged."

By taking this action we are saying two things:

1. This problem qualifies for governmental action under the LWVUS principle:
"The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should...share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare...."
2. The board will be favorably inclined to allow those local Leagues which have studied the problem of child abuse and child care facilities to take action on their positions at the state level. Please note that the board is not saying local Leagues may take such action without state board approval.

This is an attempt to meet the recognized need for alternative methods of program management. It is a pilot project--an experiment--and should not be construed as establishing any kind of precedent for future actions along these lines. The board will be evaluating and weighing this method very carefully and urges you to do likewise. Please communicate your initial reaction to us right away. We need feedback at every step of the way if we are to accurately reflect your wishes.

We are proposing allowing a local League to speak to all the legislators on an issue which it has studied and arrived at a position and to urge legislation which will affect all of Texas. What do you think of that? If we do not hear from you we will assume you approve.

ERA

I'm sure you all know by now that North Dakota has ratified the amendment. Four to go so let's hang in!

All the information you have been sending into the state has been most helpful and affirms our belief in the strength of the opposition. By now every local League president has received an ACTION ALERT re H.B. 666 which will put the issue of recension on the April ballot. Please, respond to this alert--now is the time to put our strength to test. WE CANNOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!!

The Business & Professional Women and the League co-sponsored a rally on ERA featuring Hermaine Tobolowsky. We had a good crowd of 250--many of which were from anti-groups.

We encountered hostile shouting, belligerent attitudes, and remarks from the opposition which became so boisterous that it was necessary for me to call the security guards to have a person removed from the auditorium so that we could proceed. The opposition refused to regard any of the ground rules set out at

the beginning of the meeting. When the meeting was over, it was necessary for Hermaine and myself to leave by the back door because they were all waiting outside complete with picket signs.

I am telling you all this so you can be aware of just what kind of opposition you are facing. It is my strong suggestion that you be careful when you agree to meet the opposition. A seasoned speaker has advised us to have written questions only, and a strong moderator. The national office has suggested that we not debate as we only give them an audience and I'm not sure there is any value in planned discussion meetings either. The opposition wants debate without adhering to the rules of debate. They completely destroy the positive effect of a meeting with their disorderly conduct.

REVENUE SHARING

Although our Revenue Sharing press conference was planned well in advance the media turnout was very mediocre. Ruth Clusen joined Linda and myself as she was in Texas for a Housing Conference in San Antonio.

I would like to quote what the Austin Report had to say about the press conference in their February 9 issue.

"But Briscoe's stunt of the week was to call a news conference for the same time as one set up well in advance by the League of Women Voters to announce a request for suit by the US Justice Dept. against Texas for violating non-discrimination laws in the revenue-sharing program. He drew the TV cameras and most pad-and-pencil reporters away from the League, and talked at length about a meeting he's to have with Pres. Ford Monday in Houston. As a result of this public relations coup, the League story got smothered, leaving him the No. 1 candidate for the Hell Hath No Fury Award. The League's study showed that 79.9% of the blacks, 68.2% of the Spanish-named and 66% of the women in 42 revenue-sharing agencies earn less than \$6,000. In the over-\$16,000 level, the percentages were 0.8, 5.1 and 12%..."

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EL PASO CONVENTION

The convention in El Paso should really be exciting! This is the first time that the League has held a meeting in the western section of the state and the El Paso League wants to make this convention a memorable one for all.

As a result of the Carnegie Outreach Conference held in Illinois, we have asked the national board for help in presenting to you, "Exploring America's Futures." The workshop is a session to refine a system of futures exploration for local Leagues which could help shape changes in the nation and the League's own course. Jan Wilbur and I attended the workshop and found this experience to be a real mind stretching adventure and we are very excited that it can be shared with Texas.

The national board is currently working to adapt the futures project for use at our convention and will help us to present this program.

Come to Convention and explore the future...

Veta Winick

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Betty Conner
35 Lebrun Court
Galveston, TX 77550

The legislative session is not a month old yet, but already many bills and resolutions have been submitted concerning constitutional revision. There are four possible methods the legislature can take:

1. Submission of a completely revised constitution as an amendment. Two versions of such a constitution are readily identifiable, those of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission and the Texas Constitutional Convention. Submission of a complete constitution could come either in the form of a single amendment, containing the entire proposed constitution, or a series of amendments. Senator Patman has introduced SJR#1, a constitutional amendment revising the constitution with the exception of the preamble and Article 1. Articles 2-16 will be the proposed constitution from the 1974 convention. Senator Gammage has introduced SJR#11, another version of the proposed document from the convention.
2. The second method would be submission of one or more revised articles as amendments. The Attorney General has submitted 10 joint resolutions, each one of the articles approved by the convention. There are other current bills being readied for separate consideration of the Legislative, Executive, Judicial, Education and Finance articles.
3. The third method would be submission of a simplified or editorially revised version as an amendment. The Texas Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations publication, "The Texas Constitution," contains a version of an editorially revised Texas Constitution (excluding the Bill of Rights) which some legislators have talked about submitting. Representative Reynolds has introduced HJR#7 which revises the constitution by rewording, reorganizing, and simplifying with the exception of the preamble and bill of rights. Representative Hutchinson wants to submit a simplification of the present constitution using the same article structure and the same drafting rules the Convention used.
4. The fourth method would be joint resolutions, concurrent resolution and constitutional amendments calling for a citizens convention. Price Daniel's bill presented by Rep. Bynum calls for an election on January 27, 1976 to authorize another convention and elect 72 special delegates, three from each congressional district. The convention would convene on April 5, 1976, and would be submitted to the voters at the general election in November, 1976. Sen. Meier has introduced SB44 which calls for a citizens convention to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November, 1975. Delegates would be elected at the same time. The convention would convene in July, 1976. There would be 72 delegates, three from each congressional district and 26 delegates appointed by a committee composed of the governor and other top state officials. The convention would be limited to 68 days. The product of the convention needs approval of only a simple majority of delegates and would be submitted to the voters of November 2, 1976. Sen. Gammage has also submitted a bill calling for a citizens convention, but I do not have specific details at this time.

All these bills pertaining to constitutional revision will be closely followed and at a later time a decision made on which one the League will support. If the legislative office puts our ACTION ALERT on one of these bills, your League must respond to it. Your help is needed!

Come to Lobby School on March 4 and 5 in Austin. The latest information and lobbying techniques concerning revision will be available for you. Please follow this action plan until Lobby Day:

Week of Feb. 10 - Write official League letter to your legislators urging the need for revision via the method of a citizens convention.

Week of February 16 - Letters from League members (writing as individual citizens) to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House and Senate Constitutional Revision Committees urging a citizens convention. (Senate--Aikin, chairman, Sherman, vice chairman. House--Hutchinson, chairman, Miller, vice chairman.)

Week of February 23 - Individual letters from League members or interested citizens to your legislators.

Week of March 2 - Come to Lobby School, Legislative Day and LOBBY IN PERSON.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

Jan Wilbur
10130 Whiteside
Houston, TX 77043

By now you should have the consensus questions, guide to consensus, and the F&I on Financing State Government. The consensus deadline has been moved to April 1, but if you can possibly get your results in before that time it would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or any comments please let me know. I appreciate your patience, understanding, and flexibility during the last few months and particularly your thoughtful communications.

And now to school finance reform--one of our priority items for action during this legislative session, as you know. We have adopted the following priority for our positions under school finance reform: property tax reform--including using full market value, state supervision (establishing standards and guidelines) of assessment practices, and replacing the economic index; the weighted pupil method of allocating funds; raising the level of support under the Foundation Program; limiting local enrichment; and equalizing facilities by establishing a state-supplement formula for capital outlay.

We do not expect to achieve all our goals in this legislative session--so we have set our priorities so that we can make a definite and positive step in the direction of equitable school finance reform. Obviously priorities are not "set in concrete" and we will be able to shift our priorities as new data (and political reality considerations) become available. We need your input!

We need to know right away whether the financing chairperson will also be handling school finance reform. If not, who will be. Our lobbying must be a coordinated team effort and we need to have the name of one person in your League on whom we can count to be our contact for "real time" communication. We are looking forward to an immediate response.

We need to know if you don't have such a person! From our lists, we have no FSG person listed for thirteen Leagues--is that still the case? Please let us know as soon as possible!

No FSG Chairperson--Amarillo, Brazosport, Brownsville, Denton, Edinburg & McAllen, Garland, Harlingen, Huntsville, Montgomery County, Pasadena, Richardson, San Marcus, Victoria, and Tyler.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Land Use/Solid Waste

Bobette Higgins
1712 Highland Park Road
Denton, Texas 76201

The following diversion is (choose one):

- a. A revealing insight into a world-wide environmental problem.
- b. A charmingly clever way to con you into reading your Post Board Reports.
- c. A blatantly obvious attempt to con you into. . . . (see above).
- c. A waste of time for Super-Leaguers who only want "the facts," and never mind the fancies.
(These highly motivated ladies are encouraged to skip it and go on to the next item)

SPEAKING OF SUBSIDENCE

In Venice last fall, during a ride on the vaporetto (Venice's "mass Transit" system) on the Grand Canal, I overheard a fascinating conversation between members of a Globus tour group.

Globus tours need a bit of explaining. These are the British version of if-this-is-Tuesday-this-must-be-Belgium types. In our three previous trips to Venice (my husband is an artist and it's important to him, that's why), we have always bumped into a contingent of Globus tourers, usually seated under the arcades outside an elegant Venetian cafe, munching box lunches of pale cold fried chicken, and enormous pickles (did they bring them on the bus from London? Did some contemptuous Italian chef have to produce this moveable feast?). The people who go on Globus tours are obviously not The Beautiful People. They seem to be mostly hard-working, simple, boisterous folks, out for a whirl at the world. They are rushed madly through a few European cities and home again, with little understanding of what they have seen, and no explanation along the way. (That sounds snobbish. It's meant to be sympathetic.)

Back to the vaporetto. The Globus tourers had arrived in Venice the night before, and were leaving at noon. (Not even 24 hours in Venice!) They were most anxious not to miss the stop for the railroad station, and there was a tentative rush for the door each time the boat pulled up at a dock. But there was much talk of what they were seeing, also.

They watched the water bubbling up through sewer openings and spread like quiet death over that great St. Mark's piazza, lapping gently at the cathedral and shops. They watched green peppers and lettuce leaves and plastic bottles bob about, bumping the green slime on the palace walls. They looked at those dazzling, heart-breakingly lovely old palaces and decided, after first exclaiming "why, they're MARBLE!" that no, they were only painted to look like marble. (Have we become so used to ersatz everything, that we cannot believe the real thing any more?) They read a notation carved into the wall of a palace which indicated Byron had lived there, giving the dates. One man observed that yes, Byron had been fond of Venice, and while it might have been all right in his day, it was certainly a wreck now.

Some minutes passed, and then a woman who had assumed I was Italian, and shouted "Molto bello" at me occasionally, as if to buck up my spirits at having to live amidst all that rotting and sagging splendor), after bracing herself with a deep

breath, announced firmly, "Well, if you ask me, what's wrong with Venice is that they just didn't build it high enough. If I'D been building it, I'd have put everything three feet higher." And other members of the group, after some thought, agreed that three feet would have done the job, all right.

MORAL: Houston, if you'd really been on your toes, you would have built everything three feet higher, and then you wouldn't BE in that mess.

NOW, DOWN TO BUSINESS.

The Legislature and the League

The 64th Legislature is going strong, (and if you're thinking "Here she goes with the let's-all-write-our-legislator-pitch," you're right!) The plain truth is that your letters to your own legislators, written in your own words in support of our various positions, DO MORE GOOD than you can imagine.

Please, Oh, please! Oh, please, PLEASE! . . . Respond when you're asked. And do your utmost to get your local members to respond also. (How about "charging" an admission fee to unit meetings. . . . one letter to a legislator, to be collected at the door, and mailed immediately following the meeting?)

And, most especially, please respond to times for actions on LAND USE. This will be the first legislative session since we reached our state consensus and, believe me, it's going to be uphill all the way.

They do read your letters. They do pay attention. W R I T E!!!!

We anticipate support of a state land use management bill, strip mining, citizen's standing to sue (what, again!), and legislation pertaining to Coastal Zone management. (These are my priorities, Meg will be covering air-water slots.)

LAND USE SLIDE SHOW

There are now two sets of land use slides (CHOICES that's the name of the presentation) zig-zagging around the state. So far, Leagues in Orange County, Gainesville, Tarrant County, Beaumont, Odessa, Galveston, Austin, and Victoria have used the slides. They go to Richardson next. Write or call if you'd like to schedule them.

ENERGY

Meg and I will be getting out a joint effort soon--the first in a series of energy-in-Texas papers. We'll ask that you run these in your VOTER, so that they reach all members.

NATIONAL LAND USE STUDY

Your consensus reports are coming in now, and I am keeping a Texas tally sheet on your responses. In March, I go to Washington to a national LWV Land Use committee meeting to deal with the results of the national study. Can't wait!

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY--Air, Water

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TEXAS WATER PLAN Twenty local Leagues, with one concurring, have responded to the TWP questions based on the article in the September VOTER. Thanks, all of you who responded--it's been fascinating reading. Here are your answers and comments listed in the order of their frequency:

1. Does the Texas Water Plan seem to be a viable solution to Texas' present and future water problems? No - 11, Yes - 0, Some parts - 6, No specific answer - 4.
2. What are the alternatives to the implementation of this plan? (If any of you wish the specific numbers of LLs suggesting each of these alternatives, just write) Water re-use, water recycling, conservation, desalinization, dry-land farming, re-use of oil, gas, sewage discharges, research on arid farming, crops requiring less water, aquifer recharge, user closer to water source, weather modification, playa lakes, reduced evaporation, trap run-off water, phreatophyte eradication. (No suggestions included in this list which were mentioned by just one LL)
3. Do our present water and land use positions enable us to take action on the TWP as it emerges during the next and subsequent legislative sessions? Yes - 14, No - 0, No specific answer - 7, 5 LLs said we should not adopt study of importation of water as a new state study item, 1 LL thought we should consider it when more information is available.
4. What actions would you like to have the LWV-T take regarding the TWP? (listed according to frequency on lists) Oppose import of water; further research and information on the social, environmental and land use implications; groundwater regulation; support surface water development; further study and concern about cost-benefit ratio; actively oppose TWP; more public information; more public participation; protect bays and estuaries; oppose taxpayer subsidy, merger of state environmental agencies; more regional and national water planning; oppose inter-basin transfer; more concern for good of all Texans; use soil-bank lands rather than increase irrigation; moratorium on dam building till state has land use planning.

Other frequent comments: request for more information and study of TWP but not adopt a new study item; need for a workable TWP; need for public education (many suggested by LWV) on the TWP; economic infeasibility; more balanced Task Force; concern for Mississippi River water availability and suitability; extend the "mineral rights" concept to water; user-tax support; concern for flooding of East Texas farmland; some state-federal tax support; concern that no environmental impact statement would be required if state-funded.

In view of your answers and comments, and in view of a number of requests to either clarify or delete #5 (see page 8 And Now Action) from our water position statement, the following re-wording of our water position is recommended: (proposed changes underlined).

. State government should have the responsibility for Texas' water planning and development which must give consideration to social, environmental economic, and land use implications.

. Development of adequate water supplies should come from within the state, and should be ecologically and financially sound. These supplies should result from a long-range water plan for Texas.

. Use of present water supplies must protect the land and the fragile ecosystems, and should be accomplished through such things as conservation, re-use of water, and increased research toward sound and efficient use of our land and water resources.

Amplification: Emphasis in water planning for Texas should be on re-cycling and re-use of such water resources as sewage, oil, gas and industrial wastewater, saline water, as well as municipal and agricultural run-off. Increased research into dry-land farming, new crop strains, reduced evaporation, desalinization, aquifer recharge, and costs paid by users should be implemented as opposed to policies such as water importation, inter-basin transfer, and unregulated groundwater depletion.

LEGISLATION There will be a number of bills relating to air and water in the 64th session. To date we do not know the titles, sponsors or numbers. Watch the media for legislation on the following topics: amendment to allow the TWDB bonding authority to be increased from \$400 million to \$800 million (this could provide the beginning for the TWP); merger of EQ agencies; master water districts (for groundwater regulation, or for water import); an all-citizen TWQB; the Attorney General empowered to sue polluters without agency request; water development incentive bills, air pollution emissions changes... and probably lots more. The Capitol Corps members who will be working in the areas of air and water legislation are: Margaret Ashworth, 1503 W. 30th, and Libby Doggett, 1906 Sharon Lane-- both of Austin. Our air-water priorities are: 1. Texas Water Plan 2. Single EQ Agency 3. Groundwater 4. Air quality and emissions regulation.

NUCLEAR TOUR Plan to join us on the bus during Lobby-Legislative Day for the tour of the nuclear fission and the nuclear fusion research projects at UT. Dr. Riley and Drummond are planning mini-lectures on each project. Please send your pre-registration for the tour.

VOTING RIGHTS--Election Laws

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Legislation

We're off on our biennial legislative roller coaster ride! As you read this, we'll be making our way slowly upward toward the first crest. At present our attention is focussed on three significant legislative areas: amendments to the Voter Registration Act, amendments to the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Act, and proposals to recodify and revise the election laws.

Registration. Four years ago, our efforts of many years to eliminate annual registration came to fruition with the passage of SB 51. While the act did not satisfy all our criteria, it was a major step forward. The three-year trial has pointed up some serious shortcomings in procedures. (See Action Option, Check-up on Voter Registration Records, October, 1974.) Reregistration by voting resulted in some record-keeping problems unanticipated by the legislature. Some of the mechanisms provided for maintaining accurate, up-to-date registration lists proved to be cumbersome, unworkable, or too expensive.

The Secretary of State is making a recommendation to the legislature which retains the principle of permanent registration but eliminates the requirement of voting to remain on the rolls. Every four years, voter registration certificates will be re-issued and sent to every registered voter by non-forwardable mail. The registration of voters whose certificates are returned by the post office will be cancelled unless forwarding addresses are available. (Voters who change residences will continue to be encouraged to inform the registrar on their own initiative at the time of the move.) Also recommended are mandatory data-processing procedures for locating duplicate registrations and removing names of voters who have died, moved out of the county, been convicted of a felony, been judged mentally incompetent, or otherwise been disqualified for voting. Registrars will be reimbursed by the state for new registrations and for purging the rolls as directed by the Secretary of State.

Because of the uneven quality of registration records from county to county, it will be necessary to conduct a one-time reregistration of every voter in the state. The LWV of Texas has agreed to support such a mass reregistration program, provided sufficient funds are appropriated for voter education and the training of registrars and deputy registrars.

Campaign Financing. The specific items we shall be tracking are: establishment of an independent enforcement agency, limits on campaign contributions and expenditures, and a change in the date of the primary elections so that they are closer to the general election. Watch the Legislative Newsletter for developments and announcements of hearing dates!

Recodification and revision of the election laws. The House Committee on Elections of the 63rd Legislature recommended a redrafting of the present Code by a joint House-Senate committee before the 1977 legislative session. This is a high priority item for us, and we expect you to mention the need for recodification and revision every time you see your legislators.

Of course, we can't wait until 1977 to clean up some parts of the law. We shall be ready to support those bills that will correct provisions of the law in conflict with federal legislation or judicial rulings, eliminate glaring inconsistencies,

and adjust inequities such as requiring signatures on the ballot stub in jurisdictions that use paper ballots and punchcards, denying ex-felons automatic restoration of their right to vote, or requiring notarization of absentee ballots cast by mail.

Committee Assignments. The five members of the Senate State Affairs Subcommittee on Elections are: Chairman Jack Ogg, Houston; Vice-chairman John Traeger, Seguin; Bill Moore, Bryan (also Chairman of the full committee on State Affairs); Mike McKinnon, Corpus Christi; and Peyton McKnight, Tyler.

The eleven members of the House Committee on Elections are: Chairman Luther Jones, El Paso; Vice-chairman Pike Powers, Beaumont; Vice-chairman for appropriations Camm Lary, Jr., Burnet; Hamp Atkinson, Texarkana; Bennie Bock II, New Braunfels; James E. Laney, Plainview; Susan G. McBee, Del Rio; Walt Parker, Denton; R.C. Nichols, Houston; Joseph F. Pentony, Houston; Sarah Weddington, Austin.

Reminder: *READ YOUR LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER. RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ACTION ALERTS!*

Action Option: Check-up on Voter Registration Records.

The information you have been sending as a result of your monitoring expeditions to the registrar's office has been relayed to the Secretary of State's Office almost as soon as it reaches me. The Elections Division has been eager to receive not only your excellent ideas and suggestions, but your assessment of the attitudes and thinking of the tax assessor-collectors and staff. We are making a real contribution here, and you will see direct evidence of your input in proposed legislation. If any other Leagues have visited the registrar's office and have not sent in reports, please do so right away! Many thanks to all of you diligent people.

Concurrence.

The Principles and Model for the Administration of Elections were approved by concurrence together with the proposed method for appointing precinct judges and clerks. The principles will be included in AND NOW ACTION as criteria to evaluate legislation. A number of provocative suggestions and modifications were advanced by local Leagues, showing careful reading and clear thinking. These will be discussed in articles in the state VOTER. Taking into account the weaknesses found in the model and the alternatives suggested for correcting them, we shall use the present model as a guide in implementing our position on election authorities. Now when we are asked to suggest specific applications of our position, we can do so. Even if we can't actually "write" a bill, we can certainly do all we can to help.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

Voting Rights Act

As you are probably aware, parts of the 1965 Federal Voting Rights Act, designed to prevent minorities from being deprived of their voting rights in certain selected states and areas, will expire in August unless they are extended by Congress. (See Report from the Hill, No. 93-ii-8, Dec. 1974, RG2.) The Justice Department is currently conducting an investigation of possible discrimination in Texas against Mexican-American voters. The Mexican-American Defense Fund, which requested the investigation, wants Texas included under Sections 4 (a) and 4 (b) and Section 5 of the Act, which have been effectively used in other states in curbing discriminatory practices against Blacks. In assessing the Act, the Report from the Hill states that "it has also been of symbolic significance as a statement of national commitment to end discriminatory voting procedures."

Congressional Interviews

Leaguers who are interviewing members of Congress: Note that one of the major questions concerns the extension of the Voting Rights Act. If you have the opportunity, please ask for the views of the MC on the possible inclusion of Texas under the Act. I hope you have all arranged appointments for the interviews and will see your representatives soon. The national board needs your reports for effective action.

Apportionment

A Federal District Court ruling in favor of single-member districts in electing the Dallas City Council is likely to affect elections in many cities throughout the state. U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon determined that the at-large system of electing the 11-member Dallas City Council was unconstitutional and discriminates against black voters. He stated that "Black voters have less opportunity to elect Council members of their choice" because the predominant white population can cancel out the Black vote in city-wide elections. The Dallas City Council was to present a new system before a February 6 court hearing. We'll keep you posted.

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STATE/LOCAL RELATIONS

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As the new legislative session begins, once again the bills and resolutions are pouring forth as legislators attempt to deal with the unwieldy situations facing the various local governments in Texas. Many of these pieces of legislation will fall under the positions we have in SLR and will be of interest to us.

At this board meeting, it was far too early to make any real commitment on the legislation presented to date, but one resolution (HJR 64) by Reynolds is County Home Rule. This is a very simple, clean bill and we will endorse it if it remains in its present form. Other legislation we are studying includes several bills on county control of extra territorial jurisdiction (unincorporated areas) and, of course we are looking at these bills as they relate to both our positions on land use and local government. You will be kept informed on these through the Legislative Newsletter.

Although SLR is not a priority item in League this year, any letters you may write on this area and any responses you receive should be recorded and forwarded to the legislative office to help the Capitol Corps and Legislative Director be as effective as possible. Please do this promptly because timing is very important in being effective. This is, of course, important in all areas of League lobbying and can save lots of womenhours for the volunteers in Austin. Also add your comments on any personal contacts you may have with your legislators.

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HOUSING Ref. (a) Report From The Hill No. 93-II-6, August/September 1974.

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA), Public Law 93-383 makes significant changes in programs of assistance to meet the nation's housing need and to upgrade the quality of urban (and some rural) communities. One of the application requirements is citizen participation.

Some of the Leagues have been following the procedure very carefully while there are other Leagues that need to study Ref. A, pages HR 1-HR 4 in more detail.

I ask that Leagues in communities that made application for funds answer the following questions and return them to me by April 15 (last day of application).

1. How did your community organize its citizen participation input into the HCDA process i.e. how many public or neighborhood meetings, advisory committees, etc? If your League believes the city is not complying with the requirements this should be brought to their attention.
2. How much was your community's entitlement? How does your community plan to apportion its fund among the eligible activities?
3. Any other significant information which you would like to share.

If you are not sure whether your community has made application, please check with the proper city department. Even if your community did not participate, I want to know that by April 15.

WOMEN AND HOUSING

The National Council of Negro Women under a contract with the Office of Equal Opportunity, HUD, developed the Women and Housing project. Of the five cities throughout the country, San Antonio has been chosen as one of the cities to study discriminatory acts against women in the housing market. LWVUS President, Ruth Clusen, participated in one of the hearings along with the state League and San Antonio League. When a report is made available to the state League at the conclusion of the study, I will share it with you.

REVENUE SHARING

Federal Revenue Sharing has become a part of every community. The new fact sheet FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING, THE TEXAS PORTION will bring you up to date on the state level, however, it is up to you, the local League, to become familiar with the many facets of revenue sharing on the local level. Are you familiar with how Revenue Sharing Funds are being spent within your county and community?

We ask that you, the local League, set up some type of monitoring process. Discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the public officials so that they may have the opportunity of complying as set forth in the Revenue Sharing Act. Sometimes a watchdog approach is all that is needed. Many Leagues are already doing this.

Local governments are not required under the Revenue Sharing Act to hold hearings concerning the expenditure of revenue sharing funds although many do so voluntarily or in connection with the adoption of their overall budgets.

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If you have a particular monitoring system that you have found successful, share it with us so that other Leagues may have the benefit of your expertise. If you are not receiving the cooperation of your local officials, tell us about that also.

Analytical and informational reports on revenue sharing may be of help. Single copies are free upon request and anyone interested in receiving future issues should submit name and address to: TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, Stephen F. Austin State Office Building, 1700 North Congress, Austin, Texas 78701.

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2. How much was your community's contribution? How does your community plan to support the fund and the eligible activities?

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ACTION COORDINATOR

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The Action Coordinator has promulgated a job description for Action Coordinators to be included in the Board Trainers Handbook. As soon as the material has been edited for publication, local League presidents and action coordinators will receive copies for their portfolios. I do hope it will prove helpful in more clearly defining the role of action coordinator. It has also been recommended that additional materials and training re action coordination be given to board trainers.

If proposed plans can be implemented, given budget restrictions, local Leagues can look forward to additional action conferences, standardized reporting system to and from the state board on actions taken, and the establishment of an Action Resource File and data bank at the new state office, the latter two suggestions being given top priority.

A most important mailing will be coming to you in the next few weeks, one we hope will contain a simplified version of the Texas Lobby Law---HB 2. It will be essential for those Leaguers planning to attend Lobby Day in Austin to have an understanding of the provisions of this act so that they may be in compliance with the law. At this moment we are trying to obtain additional copies of the forms it will be necessary for Leaguers to fill out, but if we are unsuccessful we will at least give a description of those you will need and how you can obtain them.

One final note: Will all Leagues which have appointed Action Coordinators please send me an up-to-date name and address.

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ORGANIZATION

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All local Leagues should now be making preparations for their Annual Meeting. Be sure to check your bylaws for deadlines for getting all information to your membership. They will need to be notified of proposed bylaw amendments, proposed budget, report of the nominating committee, proposed local program and not-recommended items.

Please check the deadline and get your Annual Report in on time.

The coordinator assignments and board trainer assignments will be included in the president's packet at convention. However, those Leagues who want early board training please send your requests to me--with three alternate dates--and there will be a trainer assigned immediately.

We urge every local League to schedule board training with a state board designated trainer as soon as possible after your new board takes office.

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MEMBERSHIP/UNITS

Jane (Mrs. Edwin D.) Peterman
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I had a dream! The membership of the LWV-Texas increased 15% by January 1, 1976. What will it take to accomplish this dream? Diligence and new vigor for the tasks you have been doing. Recruitment and retention, orientation, and involving the members in activities which are fulfilling for them is vital. Now is an opportune time to renew your efforts toward the accomplishment of this dream which I trust each of you share.

Again this year, the LWV of Texas' membership has decreased. Eight local Leagues have not submitted their annual report--please do so immediately. We have 15 members-at-large, 10 members at the Hunt County unit, and 15 members at the South Jefferson County Unit.

Plan to be one of your League's delegates to the convention in El Paso. When we get together we can develop a plan which will enable every League in Texas to be a part of accomplishing a dream for '76.

Fresh from the press...two outstanding new publications: FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT, and FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING The Texas Portion. These new Facts and Issue papers are designed to compliment each other and are each eight pages. Where possible please try to make these publications available to all of your membership. Also, all public officials involved in the appropriation and expenditure of Revenue Sharing money should be given copies of the one on Revenue Sharing. These papers are quite readable and bring a very complex topic into focus for those of us who find the budgetary process in Texas hard to understand.

New League Informals are being printed. We have chosen a light blue color and a new logo that we hope will become widely associated with the LWV. These will be in a lighter weight as many Leagues have requested and the addition of color will give the opacity necessary. These will be available at Lobby School/Legislative Day in early March or from State Office about the same time. The price will remain the same as the other Informals we have used in the past. Plan to use these in your finance drives for thank you notes.

The new pages to update your AND NOW ACTION books are available as are new updated versions of this publication. If you ordered these for your membership for the last legislative session, perhaps you will want to get copies for your new members and update the books that the others already have. All your members need to have access to our positions to be effective in lobbying the legislature this session.

Don't forget to order your subscriptions for the Legislative Newsletter. See Legislative Action in this Board Report for additional information.

As we approach the end of the fiscal year for many Leagues in Texas, remember to check the balance in your subscription service and be sure that your members get the full benefit of League publications they have ordered. Selected publications will be available at Lobby School/Legislative Day in Austin.

BUDGET & FINANCEJeannette Naman (Mrs. I. A.)
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The budget for 1975-76 as recommended by the committee and approved by the entire board is being sent to you separate from this report. Please see that your entire board as well as prospective convention delegates have an opportunity to study it. It represents many hours of intensive consideration and work by both the committee and the board. It envisions that, when the next administration takes office, the state office will be moved to a central location, in Austin, for the next two years at least. We think this is an expeditious plan which will maximize our effectiveness in many ways, justifying the slight overall increase in costs. You will be hearing more about this proposal between now and Convention; suffice it to say now that it was a unanimous decision by both the committee and the board, both of which must cope with the magnitude of problems which are involved in state League operations. When you receive the forms shortly for Formula Support Plan information, please see that they are accurately completed and promptly returned so that we may get the local League assessments total back to you quickly. Again, if you have any questions about the proposed budget, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Statewide fundraising is proceeding, albeit at the pace of the tortoise up to now. The pressure of the state budget have pushed it into the background, but things do appear clear now. Some of you will be hearing from us about certain aspects of our campaign; since time is of the essence, please try to answer promptly. We hope that those of you who are conducting your own finance drives at this time are having good success; please share both your successes and your problems with me, at your earliest opportunity.

The response of local Leagues filing their Finance Reports for the calendar year 1974 was somewhat improved over previous years, but still incomplete for our purposes. Eight Leagues have filed no reports (Membership, Treasurer, Finance): Brazosport, Garland, Huntsville, Midland, Montgomery Co., Odessa, Orange Area, and Richardson. Four LL have filed neither Finance nor Treasurer reports: Brownsville, Deer Park, Victoria, Plano. Four LL have not filed a Finance report: Denton, Lamar Co., Wichita Falls, Pearland. One LL has not filed a Treasurers report: Amarillo. PLEASE SEE THAT THESE REPORTS ARE FULLY COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE STATE OFFICE (AND TO NATIONAL) PROMPTLY; we cannot complete our necessary work without this information. To those of you who did send your reports in promptly, thanks.

VOTER

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The next two issues of the Texas VOTER will be published in March and June. The March issue will include reports on the Voting Rights Model for the Administration of Elections in Texas and the Texas Water Plan, both of which appeared in the September 1974 Texas VOTER. And of course, convention information such as the report of the nominating committee, proposed state program for 1975-1977, proposed bylaws changes, and proposed budget for 1975-1976. Also a report on the Lobby School/Legislative Day March 4-5 in Austin, state board news, etc.

The June issue will include reports from the state convention, a list of the new state board members, and the adopted state program for 1975-1977; the Financing State Government consensus statement, etc.

I hope to see each one of you at state convention in El Paso April 15-17. State conventions are always exciting to me, and I've been looking forward to the next one since the end of the closing session of the last one! This year there will be some especially exciting opportunities, and I wish every local League member--and especially every local League editor--could take advantage of them.

In response to requests from years past, there will be a time for editors to get together and learn from each other some of the techniques of getting out the VOTER or Bulletin.

Right now, I want you to begin saving EVERY PIECE OF PAPER you use in preparing your next issue: Every piece of copy that is turned in to you. Every scrap of paper you make notes on during all those phone calls. Every tentative layout . . . every dummy sheet . . . everything that has anything to do with getting the final product ready to be mailed.

Put all those pieces of paper into a large envelope, add a few copies of the finished product, and bring the whole thing with you to convention.

If you don't plan to be with us, perhaps someone who has a more than passing interest in your VOTER or Bulletin will be able to attend--the vice president who oversees your work, someone who would make a good editor another year, or last year's editor who knows how much help you need and could bring information back to you. Or someone who works closely with you each month. Or the incoming editor if your term is about to expire. Almost anyone with a practical knowledge of your work could profit from the experience and bring you information you will be glad to have.

At present I don't know whether the time for editors will be called Techniques Workshop or Counterpart Breakfast, or what. Final decisions on the agenda will be made in the next few days or weeks, and it will be sent to local Leagues soon. Whatever it's called, I hope you or your representative will plan to participate.

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Rather than concentrating on the mechanics of getting out the bulletin--typing stencils, running the mimeograph, getting it in the mail--we'll confer on the philosophy of the editor's job: How do you decide what to put on the assignment list? How do you get people to turn in the articles you want? How do you decide what to put on each page? What should and should not go in a local League bulletin--and why or why not? Then we'll sit down with all those pieces of paper and discuss the whys and wherefores of what you did on your last issue. You can explain why you did things the way you did, what you would have done if you'd had more time or more help, etc. And hopefully you will get some good ideas from other editors and they'll get some from you.

(If you need mechanical help in typing stencils, running a mimeograph, etc., let me know and I'll see if we can arrange that, too.)

Get out that large envelope RIGHT NOW and begin filling it with every piece of paper you use in getting the next issue ready to be mailed. I want to see what you bring!

It will soon be annual meeting time for local Leagues. As you prepare for this important event in your League, plan also to make the editor's job easier in the future. If you will continue as local editor, get your files in order--so you will be able to find what you need when you need it. And if you will be turning the editor's job over to someone new, this is especially important. Be sure that your successor has all the tools at hand when she faces that first issue.

If possible, she should work with you on an issue or two, of course. But if this is not possible, she should at least be able to read your procedures and go down your checklist. (You DO have a list of procedures, don't you?)

Look back now at your past year's work and write down what you've learned from experience that will help you and others in the future. And remember, the more people you involve in producing the bulletin, the easier your job--and that of future editors--will be and the better your bulletin will be.

Be sure to include the post board reports in your portfolio. Future editors need to know where to go for help and what is expected of them beyond the local League.

Hope to see you in El Paso.

Happy VOTERing!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Kathy Leabo (Mrs. C.J.)
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LOOKING AHEAD we see a number of dates between now and the end of the year which definitely should be on your public relations calendar.

March 1: Annual Report Deadline. You will need to give the answers to the public relations questions to your president in time for her to send off the complete report by the deadline.

March 4-5: Lobby School/Legislative Day in Austin. Most newspapers welcome news about local citizens going to statewide meetings, and some will also print follow-up stories about what happened at the meeting. Last time a Fort Worth paper ran a good story with picture of the local League president telling about the lobbying techniques she had learned. This would also make an interesting segment on a TV talk show.

April 1 and 5: Local elections (in most communities). Now's the time to be thinking up new and different ways of promoting Voters Guides and candidates meetings-- also how to get out the vote (see below).

April 15-17: State League Convention in El Paso. Same advice here as for LS/LD above, but, in addition, if a member of your local League is being elected or appointed to the state board, you could prepare a feature article about her (with picture, if possible) for release on April 17.

????????: These are the dates of your local finance drive, annual meeting, public forums, go-see tours, guest speakers, and all the other activities and events that require your attention. Hopefully they are spaced out so you can catch your breath between them.

We'll try to give you as much help as possible in the form of sample releases to stimulate your thinking, but you still know best what is most valuable in your communities, so don't wait for us.

GET OUT THE VOTE Here is an editorial entitled "Vote Tuesday," which appeared in the Nov. 3 Houston Chronicle. It was prepared by Madeleine Appel and Pat Lawson of the League of Women Voters of Houston. We thought it might be something you could adapt to your April local elections, with appropriate changes in the underlined areas. In any event, it's so good we wanted to share it.

Do you want a say in your future?

Do you want input into decisions which affect whether your roads are paved,
your police protection is adequate and your taxes rise?

Then vote Tuesday.

Do you want to influence whether your food bill will go down, the quality of your children's education and the chances of your house being built in a flood plain without adequate protection.

Then vote Tuesday.

Do you want a say in whether wheat goes to Russia or stays here, whether the water you drink and the air you breathe grows filthier and whether you have enough heat for your home in winter and air conditioning in the summer?

Then vote Tuesday.

When you vote you are helping to determine your own future. When you vote you are reaffirming the democratic process. When you vote you are making representative government truly representative--of you, the people.

When you do not vote you leave the decisions about your future to others. You leave elected officials to make their determinations in a vacuum. When you do not vote you are cutting the foundations out from under the democratic process.

Join the political party of your choice and work to elect your favorite candidate or join one of a number of community organizations which work for responsive and responsible government.

Just talking about the state of your government doesn't count unless you vote and make your voice heard. Do something to be a part of your government.

Vote Tuesday.

TV/RADIO SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS We have received a request from a local cable television company for 30 and 60 second spot announcements on a continuing basis. But rather than preparing material for just one local company, we would much prefer to do it for several (naturally) in reasonably well separated viewing/listening areas. Since there will be the expense of slides or other visuals, however, we cannot send the whole package to every League in hopes it will be used. So here is how we'd like to operate:

If there is a television or radio station or cable TV company in your area that would use these announcements on a more or less regular basis, let us know, and every so often we will send you the material. These will be on assorted subjects, probably leaning heavily toward voters service but also including citizen information on public issues. Some would be used with a League identification slide; others would have appropriate illustrations.

Unless some angel wants to fund tape recordings and elaborate visuals, we will supply scripts and simple slides only--at least for starters. If you can talk your station into making a more elaborate production, so much the better.

And while we are on the subject of radio/TV announcements--if you are already producing your own, please always be sure to attribute the message to your local League. Since these announcements frequently reach far beyond your local League area, it is important for viewers/listeners to understand that you are not necessarily speaking for other local Leagues nor for the LWV as a whole.

If you wish to be included in the TV/RADIO SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS service (hopefully at no charge--if there has to be one we'll warn you ahead of time): fill out and send to Kathy Leabo, 1305 Walton Dr., College Station, TX. 77840

Yes, we think a station in our area

League of Women Voters of _____

will use League announcements ☐

Send to: _____

Please check one: Radio ☐

Commercial TV ☐ Educational TV ☐

Cable Television Company _____

To: Local League Presidents
From: Joyce Morgan, Action Chm.
Re: LOBBY LAWS INFORMATION

"LOBBYING": "... communicating directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation . . ." [Sec. 3. (A) (1)]

We are sure you are all aware of the provisions for registering as lobbyists under the lobby act "Legislation--Persons Influencing--Registration and Reporting Requirements" (H.B.2). However, we thought stressing a few key phrases and giving you a glossary of definitions might prove helpful--especially for those who are planning to attend Lobby School and Legislative Day in Austin March 4 and 5.

DEFINITIONS

Person: An individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, committee, club, or other organization, or a group of persons who are voluntarily acting in concert.

Legislation: A bill, resolution, amendment, nomination or other matter pending in either house of the legislature; any other matter which may be the subject of action by either house, including the introduction, consideration, passage, approval, or veto of the matter; or any matter pending in or which may be the subject of action by a constitutional convention.

Executive Branch: An officer, officer elect, candidate for or employee of any state agency, department or office in the executive branch of government.

Legislative Branch: A member, member elect, candidate for or officer of the legislature or a legislative committee or an employee of the legislature.

Communicates Directly With: Contact in person or by telephone, telegraph, or letter.

Compensation: Money, service, facility or thing of value or financial benefit, which is received or to be received in return for, or in connection with, services rendered, or to be rendered.

Expenditure: A payment, distribution, loan, advance, reimbursement, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, and includes a contract, promise or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable to make an expenditure.

Secretary: The Secretary of State of the state of Texas.

Persons Required to Register

"Sec. 3. (A) The following persons must register with the secretary as provided in Sec. 5 of this Act:

"(1) A person who makes a total expenditure in excess of \$200 in a calendar quarter, not including his own travel, food, or lodging expenses, or his own membership dues, for communicating directly with one or more members of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation: and

"(2) A person who receives compensation or reimbursement from another to communicate directly with a member of the legislative or executive branch to influence legislation."

Registration

"Sec. 5. (A) Every person required to register under Sec. 3 of this Act shall file a registration form with the secretary within five days after the first undertaking requiring registration except as otherwise provided herein."

Referring to Sec. 3 A (1) and keeping in mind that the Lobby Act only applies to communicating with state officials, we assume that local Leagues as organizations will rarely have to register with the Secretary of State, since local Leagues are not likely to spend more than \$200 in a calendar quarter to influence legislation. They should, however, keep a record of all League monies spent for that purpose, including postal, telegraph, and telephone charges, just in case they do exceed the \$200 limit.

Taking particular note of Sec. 3 A (2) we believe compliance with this section will prove the most troublesome for local Leagues, for this pertains to the individual member's participation in the League lobbying process. The phrase to watch out for is "compensation or reimbursement from another." Simply stated, if a League member receives ANY reimbursement for her activity on behalf of the League, she must file as a lobbyist. There is no minimum amount stipulated.

Some explicit examples:

1. A member is asked by the local League to represent that League at a legislative hearing. As a designated spokesman whose expenses are paid by the League, that member must register.
2. A local League committee chairman uses her home phone to call a state representative urging that representative to support legislation which the League endorses. If the chairman receives payment for the cost of the telephone call, she must register.
3. Four League members drive to Austin for Lobby School, where they will meet with their state senator and discuss League concerns about proposed legislation. They agree to split the cost of the gasoline, and the passengers pay the driver their "fair share" of trip expenses. The driver must then register as a lobbyist.
4. A local League has enough money to help defray expenses for its members who go to Austin for Lobby School. Each member who is then subsidized by the local League must register.

To register, a lobbyist will have to complete three forms available through the Sec. of State's office: an initial "registration form" and "activities report," and a "termination notice" form. A fourth, "supplemental registration form," will be required if there is any change in the information contained in the original registration form. These forms must be filed with the Sec. of State within five days of the "first undertaking." If the activity is completed in one action, the three forms may be submitted simultaneously. (If, however, there is an extended period of communication, continuing activities reports must be submitted by certain prescribed dates.) All forms must be notarized.

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A final reminder: As long as a League member uses League facilities and League materials when communicating with state officials for the purpose of influencing legislation and League expenses do not exceed \$200 in a calendar quarter, that member does not have to register. Nor does the member who pays out of her own funds and does not exceed the \$200 limit.

LWV of Texas
January 1975
Going on DPM

To: Local League Presidents
From: Veta Winick
Re: Corporate status of LWV/Texas and Campaign Financing Laws Revisited

After consultation with W. St. John Garwood, an Austin attorney and League friend of long standing, and careful weighing of the alternatives, we have decided to apply for reinstatement of the corporate status of the League of Women Voters of Texas. There will, therefore, be no change in Article 1 of the state bylaws, and the relationship of the state League to the local Leagues remains the same.

Legal protection of individual members from personal liability was a major consideration in the decision of the state League. Local Leagues should determine for themselves whether or not incorporation makes sense for their particular organizations. Dallas, Houston Area, and Montgomery County Leagues are corporations. Their decisions to incorporate were based to a large extent upon local factors.

WHAT THIS MEANS IN TERMS OF THE TEXAS CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT:

A League that has corporate status must form a structurally separate Action Committee in order to collect or spend money in support of, or opposition to, a ballot issue in an election. Money belonging to the corporation (dues, contributions, and other income of the corporation) may not be used by the Action Committee. Funds to be used in an election campaign must be raised independently and deposited in a separate bank account, opened for the specific purpose of receiving and disbursing such funds. The committee must reimburse the corporation for any use it makes of supplies, office space, equipment, etc. owned by the corporation.

Accordingly, the state League will form an unincorporated Action Committee which will be activated when we support or oppose a statewide issue. This committee will register with the Secretary of State as a continuing political committee and will designate a campaign manager. Local Leagues will receive instructions from this committee whenever a statewide campaign is anticipated.

There are encouraging signs that in the coming legislature the law will be amended so that certain types of nonprofit corporations will not be subject to its provisions. Incorporated organizations such as AAUW, Business and Professional Women's Club, or LWV would not have restrictions on its funds. Meanwhile, we must comply with the existing law. *already out of HB 4*

A local League that is NOT incorporated also must file as a political committee with the appropriate governmental unit whenever it decides to publicly support or oppose an issue on the ballot in any election--state or local. See Article 14.01ff in Texas Election Laws, 1974-75 edition, and the October 12, 1973 directive of the Secretary of State regarding HB 4. Note, however, if any League (corporate or non-corporate) limits its activity only to urging its own members to support or oppose an issue, it is not required to file at all. Money spent by an organization to communicate with its members does not have to be reported. Also, an individual may spend up to \$100 of his own money in the campaign without reporting it.

All Leagues are reminded that the campaign financing law prohibits any group or association from spending money received from union or corporate sources to support or oppose issues on the ballot. A local League or Action Committee anticipating such participation in an election campaign must maintain a separate bank account that contains only money from individuals and unincorporated business firms and associations. Payment for campaign expenditures should be made from this account. Whenever a political committee is activated, the League treasurer should begin to keep track of the amount of League resources (i.e., office space, supplies, telephone, equipment) the committee uses. In order to keep the record clear, the League should bill the committee. Payment should be made from the separate account and the transaction reported to the appropriate authority as a campaign expenditure.

Any local League planning to incorporate and form an Action Committee may benefit from the experience of Leagues already incorporated. We shall be glad to send, on request, a copy of the Articles of Association and policy guide of the Houston LWV Action Committee on file at the state office.

We are enclosing a flyer with the names and titles of the officers in the Office of the Secretary of State. If you have any technical questions about incorporation, campaign finance law (elections division), or the lobby law (enforcement division), you might contact the officer in charge directly.

NOTE: We shall be sending guidelines on the Texas Lobby Law to Local League Action chairmen. Restrictions on corporate funds as discussed above do NOT apply to lobbying activity.