

April 27, 1970

Sheraton Park Hotel & Motor Inn  
Washington, D.C. 20008

RE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS:

- The attached reservation card is not a new reservation. It is verification of reservations made by telephone by me with "future reservations" desk at your hotel several weeks ago.
- Thank you for confirming these telephoned reservations. Mailed confirmation has been received.
- By telephone and the enclosed card this is the desired reservation:

TWINS with BATH for May 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 and 7 (5 nights)  
Rollaway for 3rd occupant.

STANDARD RATE is 1st choice with LUXURY RATE the 2nd choice.

There will be 3 of us in the room, and we would like adequate space for a rollaway.

ARRIVAL DATE: May 3rd. At least two of us will be on the chartered League of Women Voters bus coming in from New York City about 9 p.m.  
Hold reservation for late arrival.

DEPARTURE DATE: Friday afternoon, May 8th

NAME OF OTHER OCCUPANTS: 1) Mrs. Duane Jordan, Lubbock, Texas  
2) Mrs. G.H. Stoddard, Midland, Texas

Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Robert E. Casperson*

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President, LWV of Amarillo

Reservation verification card enclosed.





## NEW YORK CITY

- ☐ THE BILTMORE  
43rd St. at Madison Avenue
- ☐ THE BARCLAY  
48th St. East of Park Avenue

## RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

- ☐ THE COMMODORE  
42nd St. & Park Avenue
- ☒ THE ROOSEVELT  
45th St. at Madison Avenue

WE ARE PLEASED TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS FOR:

DATE ACCEPTED April 1, 1970

COMPANY OR TRAVEL BUREAU **M** Mrs. D. Jordan & Mrs. R. Casperson  
League of Women Voters

ADDRESS

CITY-STATE

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

for your reservation which is entered on our records as shown, and may we assure you that everything possible will be done to make your stay enjoyable.

If further correspondence is necessary, please mention arrival date shown below.

FOR ARRIVAL: May 2nd AT 6 PM AM PM DEPARTING: 1 night

RESERVATIONS ARE HELD UNTIL 6:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS Twin

RATE\* RESERVATION TAKEN BY Mary Lan

SPECIAL INFORMATION: Confirmed

\*Rate subject to 6% New York State room tax.

IF THERE SHOULD BE A CHANGE IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANS, PLEASE NOTIFY DESTINATION HOTEL IN ADVANCE.

**PLEASE PRESENT THIS CONFIRMATION TO ROOM CLERK ON ARRIVAL.**

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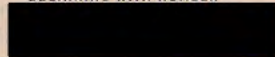


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CHEQUES

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Purchaser Sign →

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1% COMMISSION	2	—
TOTAL COLLECTED	202	—

WARNING: DO NOT KEEP THIS RECORD WITH YOUR CHEQUES.  
SIGN CHEQUES WHEN PURCHASED ON UPPER LEFT LINE.

PURCHASER'S COPY

KEEP RECORD ON  
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## AGREEMENT

Purchaser hereby agrees that he will, at the time of purchase, sign each Cheque on the line provided for that purpose; that he will, at the time of encashment and in the presence of the person cashing, fill in the name of the payee and countersign each Cheque; that he will properly safeguard said Cheques against loss or theft and will, in the case of loss or theft, immediately notify the nearest office or correspondent of the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association giving the numbers of the Cheques lost or stolen; purchaser further agrees that Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association shall not be required to refund the amount of any Cheques that may have been lost or stolen or to refund any loss or expense which purchaser may incur if purchaser fails to perform any part of this agreement. This purchase is subject to the Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association's rules and regulations applicable thereto.

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CARRIER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CARRIAGE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS ACQUIRED A TICKET IN VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAW OR CARRIER'S TARIFFS, RULES OR REGULATIONS

ISSUED BY BRANIFF AIRWAYS, INC.

SOLD SUBJECT TO TARIFF REGULATIONS



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## PASSENGER TICKET AND BAGGAGE CHECK

SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF  
CONTRACT ON PASSENGER'S COUPON

**PASSENGER'S COUPON**

FOR ISSUING OFFICE ONLY

AIRLINE FORM

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FORM OF PAYMENT

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*League of Women Voters*  
50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

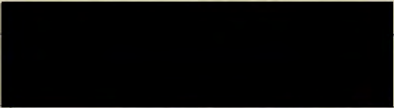
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*April 24 1970*

SHERATON PARK HOTEL and MOTOR INN, WASHINGTON, D.C.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 50th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION**  
**May 4 - 8, 1970**

PLEASE RESERVE:	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STANDARD	<input type="checkbox"/> LUXURY
<input type="checkbox"/> Single with bath .....	\$18.00-20.00	\$22.00-24.00	\$ 28.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twins with bath .....	\$23.00-25.00	\$27.00-29.00	\$ 33.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Parlor, One Bedroom Suite (bath)	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Parlor, Two Bedroom Suite (bath)		\$80.00	\$150.00

ALL ROOMS WITH BATH, AIR CONDITIONED, RADIO AND TV

If rate category requested is unavailable, room in next highest category will be assigned. To enable us to confirm your request. RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED not later than THREE WEEKS prior to opening date of the convention. Your room will be held until 6:00 p.m. otherwise specified. *Hold for late arrival.*

NAME ... Mrs. Robert E. Casperson  
ADDRESS .....  
CITY .....  
STATE *Mrs. G. H. Stoddard*  
*Midland, Texas*  
Name (s) of other occupants *Mrs. Duane Jordan, Lubbock, Texas*  
DATE ARRIVING *Sunday, May 3* ARRIVAL HOUR *About 9 p.m.*  
DATE DEPARTING *Friday afternoon, May 8*



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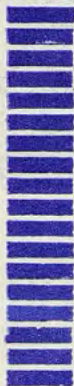
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Mrs. Gail H. Stoddard  
1403 Harvard, Midland, Texas 79701

Wednesday A.M.

Dear Carolyn,

Tippee!! sorry about that other woman who could not go but three cheers that you will let me put the rollaway in your room. Also will see you on Braniff Flight #2 out of Dallas on Saturday morning. Have I been living right?

As far as Mahon is concerned whatever you have worked out is fine, I don't think he needs to hear more from us, only like to jack him up a bit I guess. Actually would prefer to join the California group to see McClosky.

See you Saturday,

*Jane*



May 13, 1970

Dear Buelah:

I guess you need no explanation in regard to delays in Lubbock. However, I found out yesterday that our tape recorder would not record. I haven't had any luck in getting it repaired - needless to say -- and a check with the post office indicated a letter mailed today would reach you tomorrow. I have been trying to call you - with no success.

I guess someone "up there" is trying to tell me to stay home. After the scare in Washington - with shots and sirens early Friday a.m., I thought it was good to be home in Lubbock. Would you believe that I was in Idalou Monday night giving a speech - and left a little before nine. On the way home, I took cover under a bridge, when the hail was the worst. Since then, that bridge has collapsed. I drove into town on Parkway drive, down Avenue H, and through town on Broadway in the time span of 9:10 to 9:30. The weather was pretty bad at that point -- but I gather that I am one of the luckiest people in town! Duane worked yesterday in the Guadalupe area - a lot of it is leveled, although there are some structures still standing with need of varying degrees of repair. I guess we are all too stunned to realize the full impact of what has happened. I hope you will forgive me for waiting until today to write -- and I do hope that this gets to you in time. By the way, I gather the tornado pretty much followed my path through town! The Sandlin's store was leveled. At this point, their phone still rings, but no one has answered. I'll let you know whatever else I hear. So far, their names have not been listed under the injured, so I guess we can assume they are safe.

Now, to the Convention: (read this or take excerpts as you like)

Highlights from NEW YORK - We started out on a note of fun - being typical sight-seers - the jaunt down 5th Ave - in and out of stores -- the big decision not to take a hansom cab around central park -- in and out of two beautiful churches - our quick trip through Rockefeller Center - and a real highlight -- a quick look at the Rockettes -- on to the elegant dining at Howard Johnsons (and our waiter from El Paso) - our "educational" wait in line for Applause -- and your response, Buelah to "all the people". Monday morning's ride in the elevator with S.S. Forrest and the lady from Madrid (who thought we have too many guns in Texas). Our tour of the U.N., with a most delightful guide from Cameroon - the call from Texas for you -- and the very special treatment from Captain Bruce of the U.N. Security Guard (perhaps the best spokesman for the principles of the U.N. and what they mean, that we encountered)

My notes from U Thant's address reveal the following:

He praised the League and indicated appreciation the role the LWV has had in support of the UN since its inception.

We have two choices in the direction our world will take in the future: the underdeveloped and developed countries can march hand and hand into the future or we can go on separate paths and create an even more chaotic world than we have today.

He complimented the League on our work planned in the area of pollution - and indicated that it was a world-wide problem. He stressed the importance of disarmament, liberation of trade restrictions, and the fact that the role of Foreign Aid should be looked at not as charity but as an investment in the future of the world.

He stressed that we owed allegiance to our own countries but we owed allegiance in addition to the world community.

Our trip down to Washington and the bus is a little blurred - but one thing that surprised me was the vast areas of farm and woodland interspersed between houses cities and industry. Somehow, I expected wall-to-wall buildings and people. At least on the turn-pike, we had the feeling of miles of country, punctuated by Howard Johnson restaurants(!), and beautiful dogwood blooming everywhere.



My Monday began with a trip to Columbia, Maryland -- the sight of a new Model City. Out of a virtual wilderness of beautiful trees and farmland, a whole city is expected to arise by 1980 with a population of 100,000. So far, they have about 8,000 people in residence, the beginnings of some industry, a sampling of various types of housing, schools, community centers, parklands, shopping centers, beginning of Antioch college, beginnings of a community college, and under construction -- a large complex to house Protestants, Catholics, and Jews for worship and other functions.

The community is being planned so that all who work there can live there. Apartments, condominiums, houses of various prices, are arranged in neighborhoods, each with its own neighborhood center for "town meetings" and recreation, small stores, ungraded classrooms for 1st through 5th grades, and small park sites for neighborhood play. Each neighborhood is part of a larger village which includes middle and high schools, larger shopping facilities, places for entertainment. Sites for industry and other types of entertainment (ie theatres) are laid out in a well-planned way. The beautiful countryside is being preserved by not erecting overhead electric wires. The whole area has been bought by one developer, who in turn subcontracts the building of various areas to other developers. The original developer really has acted as a city planner, establishing planning and zoning ordinances, etc., and he is responsible for seeing that the city grows in the prescribed way. It was really a beautiful area -- so different than our High Plains of Texas -- it's a little hard to picture such a venture here. However, if you are interested in hearing more about this, a free slide presentation, with script is available for the asking. All you have to do is return it when you are through.

Monday afternoon the business of the Convention began. Many non-recommended program items were introduced - by subject matter only - in order to get people prepared for caucuses that evening. Items introduced included: National Priorities, Environmental Quality (including focus on population growth and distribution) and U.S. Congress. All these items were given consideration on Tuesday. Other items suggested, but not voted for consideration included: Population (with diapers made of paper stamped "Change to Population" used for advertisement), Individual Liberties, Peace, Technology, Government & the Individual, Status of Women, Formulation of Foreign Policy, National Laws and Government that Affect the Vote, Laws Concerning Drugs and Narcotics, Individuals rights to Privacy & Dissent, Federal Government's Role in Education, and last but not least, U.S. Relations with Latin America (whose supporters spouted buttons reading "Latin Lover").

As you can see, many of these items reflected the concern of many of the convention delegates regarding war in Viet Nam and the move into Cambodia. After failing to get the convention to agree on passing resolutions of substance (which in effect would allow the taking of consensus on the floor of the convention), they did get the convention to recess on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. (by majority vote) which allowed those persons who wanted to, to go to the steps of the capitol when Senator McCarthy and Sen. McGovern & others began the process of introducing the bill in the Senate which would be a rider to the appropriations bill which would cut off appropriations for fighting in Cambodia and S.E. Asia. About 1/3 to 1/2 of the members went. Some from Texas did go - others of us felt that as League representatives we could not conscientiously attend - no matter our personal feelings. This item was debated the rest of the week by those who did and those who didn't. Many attending the convention were attending their first convention - many were relatively new to the League - and they felt there were no conflicts involved in acting as "an individual" vs acting in the "name of the League." My biases are showing! Somehow busloads of women unloading at the steps of the capitol did not seem my idea of looking like an individual! The Washington Post did identify League members as being in attendance and stated that they were acting as individuals -- I hope our contributors will understand!



Not to be overshadowed by the "activity on the hill", many League members attended the U.N. Luncheon, where U.S. Participation in the U.N. was discussed. Mrs. Rita Hauser, a brilliant woman lawyer, who spoke without notes, discussed the role of the U.N. in securing world peace. She described current policies and the intricacies of politics that effect U.S. action in the U.N. e.g. our alliance with Western Europe and others (with Western Eur. backgrounds, i.e. Canada, Australia, etc.) makes it necessary to sometimes keep quiet during incidents that many Americans would like to see taken to the U.N., eg. the Catholic problem in Ireland. She described the kinds of activities and work that the U.S. did participate in, e.g. UNICEF, WHO(world Health Org.), World Bank, where politics and alliances are less apt to interfere. Mrs. Shirley Temple Blank took time out from her prepared remarks on the role of the UN. in fighting pollution, to comment on the situation in Cambodia. She felt that this should be handled through the UN and spoke against the recent Nixon decision. She is the U.S. delegate who is helping to work for a world conference on the environment to be held in 1972. Her remarks primarily centered on the needs for this kind of world-wide approach to solutions of pollution problems. She stressed the needs for scientists ideas to be interpreted to politicians and felt the League was uniquely equipped to do this. (A note of interest to all of you over 30 - Shirley Temple is getting to be a pleasantly plump lady, and even with a tall hairdo - is surprisingly short - under 5'2" I would guess.) She walked out of the meeting right by Veta Winick and myself as we were "evaluating" the two speeches and commenting about the difference between "political appointees and others" -- one of those times you sure hope your voice doesn't carry.

Because of the early dismissal of the Tuesday a.m. session and the fact that many in attendance were unpracticed in parliamentary procedure - we spent a great deal of time - scurrying to catch up. The following is just an attempt to highlight the decisions on budgeting, structures and procedures, and bylaws changes, with no attempt to indicate how or when they were adopted.

It was agreed to combine the boards of the LMV and EF and work toward adding the board of the OEF into one structure. Consequently several bylaw changes were made to facilitate this and we adopted a coordinated budget that takes advantage of the Tax deductibility of the EF to do program work.

Adopted bylaws include:

1. Voting members shall be those women citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues.
2. Election of four vice-presidents -(to include one for each of the funds) and a provision for a chain of succession since they are not designated as first, second, etc.
3. Expansion of the board from seven elected and seven appointed directors to eight in each category - to help with the expanded workload involved with the combination.
4. Expansion of nominating committee from 5 to 7 members
5. Effective in 1972, officers will assume office on July 1, rather than right after convention.
6. The fiscal year was moved to July 1, beginning in 1972.
7. Method of Program selection was changed as recommended by Structures & Procedures Committee (see workbook I) but notice will be given to local league boards six weeks rather than one month ahead, i.e. the process will be speeded up and there will be only one "round of program making". Majority vote is all that is necessary for both Not Rec. Items and Rec. Items for adoption.
8. We dropped the CA and CR provision - on to the single list!
9. Program is now: The Program of the League of Women Voters shall consist of:
  - a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen and b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.



Other bylaws proposed, but defeated were: a voice for ILO's; change in Council composition and means of adopting emergency items at council; section on interim adoption (for extreme emergencies) proposed by structure & procedure committee.

Other items relating to structure and procedure include: a) the work of the structure and procedure committee will be continued by a National Board committee - a move to keep regional committees going was defeated; b) the 50th anniversary work will continue on a National level until all contacts with foundations, etc. on a National level are completed - this means a committee working on a national level to complete the campaign; c) the establishment of a development office to work through 1972 (subject to council approval in 1971) to continue the work started by the 50th for obtaining funds at a National level for the work of the League. If such an office is deemed successful, it may continue indefinitely to help bring in additional income, i.e. above and beyond contributions by State Leagues.

We adopted a combined budget for the League which included categories of non-deductible money (for such items as Board of Directors, Executive Administration, State and Local League Services, Legislative Action), categories in which expenses will be shared with the EF (for such items as PR, Editorial Department, Administrative Services and Accounting, and Office Operation), and a category in which expenses will be paid by deductible money for such things as (Board of Trustees of the Ed. Div.; Education Program Committee; Ed. Div. Administration, Ed. Research, & Projects Com.; and all League Study Items, i.e. Environmental Quality, Human Resources, Foreign Policy, Rep. Gov, ~~City & County Services~~ & U.S. Congress).

This new plan of dividing the functions of the League so that we can use deductible money for research in program areas and voter's service, puts a whole new light on ways of raising money and doing a greater variety of work. We will be considering in the future, ways to incorporate this type of planning at the State and Local Level.

On the bylaw changes, I must point out that it is necessary for a local League to be in compliance with the first three Articles of the bylaws - which includes membership. Therefore, we will all have to change our local bylaws to comply with the 18 year old provision - which passed without a murmur or any real discussion -- we were all for it!

On Friday, we adopted the PROGRAM, and to the shock of all, we now have FIVE program items. Each item needed majority vote for approval, the ballots were not announced until all were in, and moves on Friday to cut program were unsuccessful.

#### ADOPTED PROGRAM

1512-  
1106-406 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Evaluation of measures to achieve and maintain a physical environment beneficial to life, with emphasis on the relationship of population growth and distribution. Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources and improvement of water quality.

1533  
1383-150 HUMAN RESOURCES: Support of equal opportunity in education, employment and housing. Evaluation of further measures to combat poverty and discrimination.

1579  
1394-185 FOREIGN POLICY: Support of US policies to promote world trade and development efforts which focus on human needs and which emphasize cooperation between the developed and developing countries; promote world trade while maintaining a sound U.S. economy; relax tensions and normalize relations with the People's Republic of China and facilitate Mainland China's participation in the world community; strengthen the peacekeeping and peace building capacities of the UN system.



## REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

1560  
1478-82 Election of the President: Support of the national direct popular vote method to elect the President and Vice President of the United States.

District of Columbia: Support of self-government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia.

Apportionment: Support of apportionment of both houses of state legislatures substantially on population.

1539  
1063-476 U.S. CONGRESS: An evaluation of Congressional structures, procedures and practices and their effect on responsive legislative processes.

Under program direction, it was suggested that we:

Human Resources - take consensus on Welfare before New Year, and can work on equal rights for women under civil rights. We should also work toward increased employment opportunities for all.

For. Policy - This will be an action item, with Leader's Guides, updating, Publications, perhaps more audio-visual aids for public use, and TFA's expected on Aid and Trade.

Environmental Quality - Consensus on Air - early in the year. We will be equipped with bibliographies - eventual F&I on various phases e.g. pesticides, thermal pollution, etc. We will look at Federal Programs and proposals on Population problems. We will try to relate this item to other League items, E.G. DHR & For. Policy, (Central city problems). It becomes a natural for working with youth groups.

Rep. Government - we will work on Presidential Election - electoral college -- We will get information on how to work with State legislatures to prepare for Direct Election amendment.

D.C. will continue to work and capitalize on the momentum of the DC petition drive.

U.S. Congress - stress evaluation not reform -- we will look at structure, procedures, practices, including seniority system, committee system, relations to other branches of government, ethics, etc. It was felt this item would be attractive to youth and League members who are frustrated in their attempts to get things accomplished through the "current system". We will use a case study approach - how problems encountered with items of League study. We are encouraged to talk to our Congressman and his staff, stimulate public discussions, get programs on T.V., hold Voter-Service meetings on subject. We will not be expected to hold League meetings before late Spring, with consensus coming in the second year. It is hoped that one goal of this study will be to improve League Techniques with Congress.

Under direction for the Education Division, it was recommended that a public education project on Individual Liberties be undertaken by the Ed. Fund during this biennium (this would be subject to acquiring funds for this purpose); it was also recommended that a study curriculum for high school students and other youth be done on Political Processes -- due to the need for such material in all our schools.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVENTION

The D.C. Petition Rally - over 1 million signatures were collected! We were addressed at the rally by Birch Bayh, Sen. Edward Brooke, Rep. Emanuel Celler, & Rep. Frank Horton along with Mayor Washington (who addressed us and welcomed us at the beginning of the convention too). It was cold and windy in the court yard of the Old Senate Office Building - but I think we made an impact.



## HIGHLIGHTS: Continued

A Trip to the Hill - an interesting hour-long visit with Congressman Mahon, followed by a quick peek into the House of Representatives (where the Cambodian situation was being debated - someone spent five minutes saying there was no need at this time for more rhetoric!), a mingling in the halls with crowds of people, many of college age, and a specially conducted tour of the basement of the capital by one of Mr. Mahon's assistants -- he did graciously admit he was lost. A fast cab-ride (once we could get one to stop) with a very articulate Black lady-cab driver to the basement of the State Department (no one allowed without a pass!) where we heard a briefing on the reasons we are in Cambodia (military and legal justification!) - boy did I feel well informed and we also heard two other spokesmen speak on the new Aid and Trade policies to be proposed by the Nixon administration -- very much like ~~xxxxxxx~~League positions!

A BIRTHDAY PARTY - with an excellent slide and tape presentation of the League through the last 50 years. This got us in the mood for doing things - it made us all proud of our past. Now to our future. And in this regard, we had two speakers: Marion Wright Edelman, 31, attorney and civil rights leader, who addressed us on the lack of progress in the field of school desegregation -- see copy of excerpts from her speech -- and Hillary Rodham, 22, first year Yale Law School student, 1969 graduate of Wellesley College whose graduation address defending the legitimacy of student dissent and involvement in social change drew a standing ovation and national attention. She addressed us on this area of dissent and the disillusionment felt by young people today. After the meal, those who wanted to, went into another room and discussed the issues further. That session lasted until after 2:00 a.m. As time went by, the crowds lessened, until at the ~~new~~ end only a handful of people were left in the room. I was thoroughly impressed by the deep commitment on the part of the young people, who joined Hillary Rodham, to the ideals that they felt should be fought for. They tried to encourage the League "ladies" to take part in the demonstration planned for Saturday. They were certain that National Guard members would not fire into a crowd of "respectable looking women". Many League "ladies" found excuses for not staying (primarily their families) but many others volunteered to stay and sleep. But whether any stayed or not, those young people were willing to take the chance on being shot in order to express PEACEFULLY their objections to Nixon's policy on Cambodia. It left me wondering if any of my beliefs are strong enough to be willing to face a gun for them.

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS (moralizing if you prefer)

1. Mrs. Benson was a tactful and gracious presider over all the various phases of League Convention. She was nominated for "President of the United States" because of her qualities of leadership, ability to deal with people, and ability to stay calm -- a standing ovation followed. We can all be proud of our National President. Enclosed, a copy of a letter sent to President Nixon at the request of the delegation at convention -- her ability to get to the point and heart of the matter, without offending either those supporting the President and his decision or those opposing, is worth noting.
2. There was a wide diversity of opinion among League members, but we all can take pride in the past accomplishments, and ~~may~~ take hope that the enthusiasm evidenced marks promise for future accomplishments.
3. I was deeply impressed by the earnestness of the youth to change our system so that it responds to the needs of the people - and their determined effort to try "approved methods, eg. seeing congressmen, writing letters, voting, etc.) before they strike out in other directions.
4. In West Texas, we have the comfortable position of being "insulated" from what some would describe as the "insanity of the times." Perhaps so, but if things had exploded in Washington, as some were predicting, last Saturday -- we all would have found ourselves, sooner or later, caught up in a deeply



bitter conflict. Perhaps we are in a unique position in our area of West Texas to show the rest of the country how cooperation, friendliness and trust can produce a better country for all.

Tapes were made of all the speeches given in Washington - the State office is purchasing them and will lend them out as soon as they become available.

One last word --

We should all be tremendously proud of the League -- doors opened wide at every turn for us "because we were League members", e.g. restricted areas of the UN, a special Sunday address by U Thant himself; the State Department; offices in Congress, and last but not least -- the young people who came because they looked to us as a means for accomplishing communication. We have a great responsibility and obligation to fulfill if the faith in the League is to be upheld!

Happy League Meeting

As ever,

P.S. So glad to hear of Bob's progress, Buelah. My thoughts and prayers have been with you these past days. Let me hear how all goes in the future.

