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LOCAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT
April 1, 1963 - March 31, 1964

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Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/64

Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/63 - 3/31/64 26
Number of members not renewing, 4/1/63 - 3/31/64 25

(This does not mean net change, but total of members who dropped out)

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Figures compiled by membership chairman, Mrs Austin Young

11/1/63

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ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/63 - 3/31/64

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Number of associate members (estimated) 3,316

Number of new members (estimated) 4,113 1-1-63 - 12-31-63

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STATE Illinois

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2. Describe and evaluate your League's legislative action on the United Nations if a Time for Action is issued before you report.

3. What community activity (including television, radio programs, publications promotion, etc.) did your League undertake with respect to the United Nations item? None

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur
STATE Illinois
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UNITED NATIONS - Continued

4. Evaluate for the biennium 1962-64 the usefulness and effectiveness of the following materials provided by the national Board for the development of the United Nations CA.

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All were excellent and satisfactory

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The workshop felt these were helpful and informative--a good publication for the general membership.
For the public: Facts & Issues, U.N. Pocket Reference.

Again, satisfactory.

5. Comment if you wish on the guidance of the national Board on the U.N. item.

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6. Describe any not-previously-reported consensus on the United Nations reached by your League.

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY

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1. Evaluate the work of your local League on the Foreign Economic Policy Current Agenda item.

Our workshop group was somewhat smaller than usual this year; however, I do not feel lack of interest was the cause. The unit meetings were well attended and discussion type sessions were held. Preceding the unit meetings, we had a general meeting with a speaker who had first-hand knowledge of the Latin American countries. Members had also received copies of "Background on League Aid Position." The September and October issues of our local bulletin carried helpful information concerning areas to be covered in the discussions and some suggestions for reading sources. The November bulletin carried our consensus report after it had been thoroughly discussed and then approved by the League Board.

2. Describe and evaluate your League's legislative action on aid:

We did everything we could to furnish background information so that our members would feel able to write intelligent letters to their congressmen. Verbally and through articles in the local bulletins we appealed for letters to be written. I am not able to say what the actual results were.

3. What community activity (including television, radio programs, publications promotion, etc.) did your League undertake with respect to foreign economic policy?

I regret to report almost no community activity this year with respect to foreign economic policy. Plans for a new committee chairman did not work out and after I took the chairmanship again my husband's extended illness prevented anything more than doing the work within the League. Our general meeting in October was open to husbands, friends and anyone who wished to attend. Our speaker, a purchasing agent for Decatur's St Inestone Tire and Rubber Co. plant, had spent much of his life in Brazil.

LOCAL LEAGUE Secatur

STATE Illinois

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY - Continued

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For members: Facts & Issues, NATIONAL VOTER Articles, Background on Aid.

For the public: Facts & Issues, Background on Aid, Herlock Sholmes.

I consider all the materials for leaders excellent. I found the National Board reports especially helpful in guiding arrival at consensus.

As to "Facts and Issues", some expressed a preference for the booklet form over the leaflet style material. As to the content, a few considered "Facts and Issues" biased.

5. Comment if you wish on the guidance of the National Board on the foreign economic policy item.

See above.

6. Describe any not-previously-reported consensus on foreign economic policy reached by your League:

No further consensus has been attempted. Some conflicting opinion seems to be based on differing attitudes toward the federal government and what basically is the function of a government.

*Lola Smith, Chairman
(Mrs. C. E. Smith)*

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur, Ill.

STATE Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/63 - 3/31/64

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. How did your League inform your members on national Continuing Responsibilities? Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful. (Use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary).

We had a special all-member meeting in November to consider our recommendations for national program. I gave a review of each CR, -- an historical background, and a summary of current legislative prospects. Following the presentation on each, there was a short discussion. Our members voted to recommend that all be retained, and that the UN be removed to CR status.

2. Please describe any action your League has taken on national Continuing Responsibilities. How many members were involved? Do you think they found the experience satisfying?

I don't remember that we took any action on these CR's --although a few always respond to any "call for action". We have no idea how many. We did urge our own state representatives to oppose a resolution in the Legislature which would amend the amending procedure of the U. S. constitution; of our three representatives, 2 voted against it, and one was absent. (Our state senator was also absent on the day the Senate voted.)

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur Illinois

STATE _____

ANNUAL REPORT 4/1/63 - 3/31/64

STATE PROGRAM

Describe briefly and evaluate your League's activity on state Current Agenda and state Continuing Responsibilities. Include amount of coverage in League and in community, including type and number of meetings of membership, community meetings, whether you have year-round resource committees for each item and if so, how they carry out their work; use of radio and/or television, and if your state has positions on its state Current Agenda, indicate the type of legislative activity taken in support of these positions. Please identify the agenda items by subject matter, not number. Don't forget work you completed in spring of 1963.

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How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general.

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STATE Illinois

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LOCAL PROGRAM

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Fact Sheet on Urban Renewal project (6 mimeo pages)

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Sanitary District Board, School District 61 Board.

Current Agenda:

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Our position includes support of an increase in the educational fund tax rate for the 1964-65 school year.
No definitive action.
Fact sheets attached.
2. A study of recent developments and future plans of the Greenwood Urban Renewal project in Decatur.
No position.
No action.
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Continuing Responsibilities:

1. Support of measures designed to improved the structure and/or increase the efficiency and economical operation of governments in Macon County.
2. Support of a sewer system which will provide all citizens of the Decatur area with adequate sanitary facilities.
3. Support of sound development of Decatur's water resources.
4. Support for the establishment and efficient operation of a county-wide health department.
5. Support of council-manager form of government for the City of Decatur.

No action nor publications.

Our local newspapers give us adequate-to-good coverage on all our meetings and decisions.

II ORIENTATION IN GOVERNMENT -- "In a Voters Service is basic citizenship training" -- Local League Handbook - page 38

Two phases of Voters Service activity have received major attention this year -- elections and orientation in government. We are particularly interested in adding to our information in these two areas.

I ELECTIONS

1. What steps (if any) did your League take to increase voter registration?

A pamphlet was drawn up and printed and distributed.

To get out the vote?

2. Did you have a Candidates Questionnaire? No Was it printed in your newspaper? _____ Was this done without charge? _____ If not, what did it cost, for roughly how many copies? \$ _____ for _____ copies.

3. What other Voters Service materials did you publish? Just the pamphlet How many? 2,000 Cost? \$40.00

4. Did you have a Candidates Meeting? No On radio? _____ On TV? _____

5. Did you have other Voters Service programs on radio? No On TV? _____ Please describe.

6. What other Voters Service projects for elections did you undertake?

7. Please describe any unusual success story in the area of elections.

VOTERS SERVICE - Continued ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/63 - 3/31/64

II ORIENTATION IN GOVERNMENT -- "In a broad sense, Voters Service is basic citizenship training." -- Local League Handbook - page 38

1. Did you find "Do You Know the ABC's of Your Town Government?" useful? Yes

Yes If not, why not? _____

a) If you used ABC's", how did you use it within the League? _____

It was the basis for an all member meeting for a "Know your Gov't" program

b) Did the "ABC's" get special publicity? No

c) Did you promote its use directly with other organizations? No

In what ways? _____

d) What other organizations in your community, specifically, used "ABC's" and how was it used? None I know of

2. Do you think an "ABC's of State Government" would be useful? Yes

3. Did you use the "Role of the Political Parties USA" in League meetings? _____

Not this year Were the Program Ideas for this publication helpful? _____

4. Did you have any kind of workshop, single meeting, or series of meetings on _____

Practical Politics? Not this year Please describe. _____

5. Did your League have any kind of GO SEE trips? Yes Program-connected? yes

Or solely government-oriented? _____

Please describe, including attendance.

A "Board watchers" program was set up to attend City Council meetings, school board, parkboard, Supervisors etc. It was very difficult to find people to go. About 15-20 people participated.

6. Did this "orientation in government" approach, via any or all of the above techniques, help your League a) increase membership? No

b) to activate more members? No

c) to enhance the prestige of your League in the community? No

LOCAL LEAGUE Deerfield

STATE Illinois

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1963-64

- 1. Amount Budgeted to be raised during 1963-64 \$ 1200.00
- 2. Actual Amount Raised in 1963-64 finance drive 1278.00

3. Number of persons who contributed:

Members	<u>29</u>
Non-members (individuals)	<u>69</u>
Business firms	<u>37</u>

4. Number of workers

Actual solicitors	<u>38</u>
All other workers	<u>47</u>

5. List the names of any nation-wide business firms, labor unions, etc. which contributed to your League this year:

Illinois Bell Telephone
Sears Roebuck and Co.
Mueller Co.
Tabor & Co
York Division, Borg Warner Corp.

6. What were the dates of your 1963-64 Finance Drive Sept 12-24 ?

7. Comment briefly on an outstanding success (or problem if you prefer).

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STATE ILLINOIS

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LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1963-64

INCOME (estimated 4/1/63 - 3/31/64)

1. Dues (from <u>142</u> members @ \$ <u>5.00</u>)		\$ <u>710.00</u>
2. Member contributions (from <u>29</u> members*)	\$ <u>210.00</u>	
3. Non-member contributions (from <u>69</u> individuals*)	<u>603.00</u>	
	(from <u>37</u> businesses*)	<u>465.00</u> <u>1278.00</u>
4. Other Receipts* (from <u>Dividends from</u> a)	<u>47.42</u>	
	(from <u>savings</u> b)	
	(from <u>State and National Pledge</u> c)	<u>47.42</u>
5. Total Income 1963-64		\$ <u>2035.42</u>
6. Drawn from Reserves* (from earmarked Reserves KYT _____; (Delegates _____; etc. _____) a)		
	(from savings to balance budget) b)	
7. Total income including any taken from reserves		\$ <u>2035.42</u>

EXPENDITURES (estimated 4/1/63 - 3/31/64)

8. Local Disbursements*	\$ <u>1146.46</u>
9. State and National Pledge*	<u>700.00</u>
10. Total Expenditures 1963-64	\$ <u>1846.46</u>

CASH STATEMENT

11. Cash Balance on hand 3/31/63*	\$ <u>1876.35</u>
12. Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/64*	\$ <u>2065.31</u>

*See explanation for each item on reverse of this sheet.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

- 2 and 3. Number of contributions: Consult Finance Chairman's report for these figures.
4. Other receipts: Show in these three spaces any net profits derived from: a) sale of publications (including calendars), b) fees charged for meetings, c) any other profit-making activities.
6. From Reserve: Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from Earmarked Reserves or drawn from savings to balance your expenses. Reserve is balance on hand at end of previous fiscal year.
8. Local Disbursements: Include all expenses except State and National Pledge.
9. State and National Pledge: Show actual amount of pledge. Do not include cost of State and National publications nor county council pledge. Those items will appear under Local Disbursements.
11. Cash Balance 3/31/63: Include total of cash in checking and savings accounts even though some may be earmarked for future delegates' expenses, special publications or purchase of equipment etc.
12. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/64: You will arrive at this figure by adding 5, (Total Income 1963-64) and 11, (Cash Balance 3/31/63) and then subtracting 10, (Total Expenditures 1963-64).

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3. What other Voters Service materials did you publish? How many? Cost?
Pamphlet "Role of the Political Parties USA" in League meetings? _____
Cost? \$40.00

4. Did you have a Candidates Meeting? On radio? On TV?

5. Did you have other Voters Service programs on radio? On TV? Please describe.

6. Did your League have any kind of GO SEE trips? Program-connected?

6. What other Voters Service projects for elections did you undertake?

Please describe, including attendance.
A "Board watchers" program was set up to attend City Council meetings, school board, park board, supervisors etc. It was very successful.
7. Please describe any unusual success story in the area of elections.
Did this "orientation in government" approach, via any or all of the above techniques, help your League (a) increase membership? No
(b) to activate more members? No
(c) to enhance the prestige of your League in the community? No

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II ORIENTATION IN GOVERNMENT -- "In a broad sense, Voters Service is basic citizenship training." -- Local League Handbook - page 38

1. Did you find "Do You Know the ABC's of Your Town Government?" useful? Yes

Yes If not, why not? _____

a) If you used ABC's", how did you use it within the League? _____

It was the basis for an all member meeting for a "Know your Gov't" program

b) Did the "ABC's" get special publicity? No

c) Did you promote its use directly with other organizations? No

In what ways? _____

d) What other organizations in your community, specifically, used "ABC's" and how was it used? None I know of

2. Do you think an "ABC's of State Government" would be useful? Yes

3. Did you use the "Role of the Political Parties USA" in League meetings? _____

Not this year Were the Program Ideas for this publication helpful? _____

4. Did you have any kind of workshop, single meeting, or series of meetings on _____

Practical Politics? Not this year Please describe. _____

5. Did your League have any kind of GO SEE trips? Yes Program-connected? yes

Or solely government-oriented? _____

Please describe, including attendance.

A "Board watchers" program was set up to attend City Council meetings, school board, parkboard, Supervisors etc. It was very difficult to find people to go. About 15-20 people participated.

6. Did this "orientation in government" approach, via any or all of the above techniques, help your League a) increase membership? No

b) to activate more members? No

c) to enhance the prestige of your League in the community? No

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. How did your League inform your members on national Continuing Responsibilities? Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful. (Use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary).

We had a special all-member meeting in November to consider our recommendations for national program. I gave a review of each CR, -- an historical background, and a summary of current legislative prospects. Following the presentation on each, there was a short discussion. Our members voted to recommend that all be retained, and that the UN be removed to CR status.

2. Please describe any action your League has taken on national Continuing Responsibilities. How many members were involved? Do you think they found the experience satisfying?

I don't remember that we took any action on these CR's --although a few always respond to any "call for action". We have no idea how many. We did urge our own state representatives to oppose a resolution in the Legislature which would amend the amending procedure of the U. S. constitution; of our three representatives, 2 voted against it, and one was absent. (Our state senator was also absent on the day the Senate voted.)