

II. WHAT IS THE LEAGUE POSITION ON SCHOOL INTEGRATION?

- A. National -- as announced by National Board, March 28, 1966:

"This members of the League of Women Voters of the United States believe that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment for all persons in the United States. Employment opportunities in modern technological societies are closely related to education; therefore the League supports federal programs to increase the education and training of disadvantaged people. The League also supports federal efforts to prevent and/or remove discrimination in education and employment and to help communities bring about racial integration of their school systems."

- B. In more specific terms, the League supports:-----/Programs to bring about effective integration of schools through federal technical assistance such as training programs and institutes for teachers and school administrators."

-----"Withholding federal funds from schools districts which fail to meet realistic and effective guidelines and standards for school integration."

- C. A statement by Mrs. Bruce E. Benson, President of LWV of the U. S. to House Appropriations Subcommittee on labor, health, education, and welfare on April 23, 1968, read in part:

"There is overwhelming evidence to date that compensatory education programs as provided under Title I ISEA are not and can not be substitutes for the racial integration of our schools. The League of Women Voters of the United States believes therefore that we must work for both quality and integrated education."

- D. Local -- The Decatur League voted at its November, 1967, Board Meeting to submit the following statement to the Board of Education. (Note: This statement issued after the CCI was established.)

"The League of Women Voters of Decatur supports the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration of the public schools. All Leagues of the United States have been actively concerned with equality of opportunity for education.

We applaud the Board of Education's action in this direction and look forward to the implementation of a plan for integration of the Decatur School District."