

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur, Illinois

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ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/62 - 3/31/63

LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1962-63

Total Campaign Goal \$1,050.00

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY

STUDY, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION

Describe the activities of your local League on the Foreign Economic Policy Current Agenda:

In operating resource committees (number of members, number of meetings)

Six members participated in six workshops. Meetings held in Chairman's home.

In having workshops or meetings to train resource leadership preparatory to unit discussion (number held)

Six meetings mentioned above - At two of these meetings we had outside consultants, one an economist who discussed economic growth & budgets a farm adviser from the U.S.

In holding discussion units (number of meetings of each set of units)

One meeting for each unit - all were well attended and members entered enthusiastically into the discussion.

In holding general meetings (number held)

One evening meeting was held with Mr. Verget O. Grant Vice Pres. of Caterpillar Tractor Co. as speaker. His subject "The Common Market - Big Factor in Your Future Standards" and other guests were present.

In bringing the League's Foreign Economic Policy Program to the community through public meetings, radio, television, etc.

Last June we worked to arouse interest in an important International Trade Conference sponsored by the local Association of Commerce. We sent letters of information to all Leagues in Illinois & asked them to alert men in their communities to come to Decatur. We also persuaded some local retail stores to arrange window displays of imported products (this was easy to do).

In promoting publications about Foreign Economic Policy

Our publications Chairman handled this promotion.

In acting on the League's Foreign Economic Policy positions by building public support for the positions or by legislative action.

Four of our resource committee presented a program for Civic Division of Decatur Women's Club. Favorable comments & reports resulted.

FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY - Continued

MATERIALS

How useful were the following national materials:

Titles	Very	Somewhat	Not at
	useful	useful	all
	Useful		
FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY LEADERS GUIDE (For leaders)	✓		
FACTS & ISSUES (For members) (For the public)	✓		
FOREIGN POLICY ROUNDUP (For leaders)	✓		
NATIONAL VOTER articles (For members)			

Some consider these too propagandistic like
 (Gumassie didn't reach us
 in time for use)

Chairman called attention to Facts & Issues and to articles in Voters through monthly notices in the Rural Bulletin. More specific examples of our trade with Poland Yugoslavia would have been helpful in the east west trade work sheets.

Have you any comments about the direction of the national Board on the Foreign Economic Policy Current Agenda item?

Congratulations to a hard working board!

Note: As a device for gaining attention at the beginning of unit discussions I used two posters. One portrayed Uncle Sam standing at the crossroads when making decisions in earlier times. The other entitled "Pondering the Cloverleaf" showed Uncle Sam's car about to enter the labyrinth of present day roads labeled to indicate the complexity of our times on the way to Peace & Prosperity.

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY - Continued

CONSENSUS

From the Guide for Planning for local and state Boards, National Board Report of May 1962, page 7: "... the national Board is counting on your local Annual Report (which you will be filling out for your state League in February or March 1963) as the major place for you to tell us areas of agreement which your League has reached on issues covered to date."

Is there any change in the opinion of your members on the present League position in support of Foreign Economic Policy: "The League of Women Voters supports U.S. economic policies and programs which promote world development and maintain a sound U.S. economy. Among these are: a) sound and adequate economic assistance programs; b) liberal trade policies; c) positive remedies for our balance-of-payments position."? (From Statement of positions on foreign economic policy as given in Foreign Economic Policy Facts and Issues.)

If so, please describe.

I believe there is no appreciable change.

Is there any indication that your members are expanding the present position by reaching new agreement?

If yes, what is the agreement?

There is interest in the progress of the Peace Corps as a possible replacement for some economic assistance. I cannot say it is a definite agreement as yet.

Please describe the reasons behind the agreement.

Please describe any significant minority opinion among your members.

Last year I submitted a minority opinion on economic assistance. It still stands. Some are opposed, it seems, to any government economic assistance even including the Peace Corps.

Note: I would recommend a League publication in some detail, setting the record straight on economic assistance & explaining how private enterprise alone is not sufficient in newly developing countries.

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Please describe your League's activities on national Continuing Responsibilities by answering the following questions as specifically as possible.

1. Check in the correct space each Continuing Responsibility on which your League and its members are:

	Prepared to take action now	Prepared to take action after brief up-dating	Not prepared to take action
Water Resources			X
Loyalty-Security	X		
District of Columbia	X		
Tax Rates	X		
Treaty Making	X		

2. If you have checks in Column 3, what are the reasons your League and its members are unprepared to act?

3. What recommendations would you make to your League's 1963-64 local Board for preparing your members for action on national Continuing Responsibilities, particularly on those on which they are now unprepared?

The biggest problem seems to be that we have so little time and woman power to devote to national C.R.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES - Continued

4. a) Did you find the new pamphlet, National Continuing Responsibilities, 1962-64 helpful? If so, how? If not, why not?

yes - if anyone had at took the time to read it carefully. I would question how many copies would be used by general membership

b) Did your League use this as an every-member pamphlet? yes no

c) Did it satisfy members who wanted arguments on both sides of Continuing Responsibilities positions?

5. Has your League been participating in any inter-League group formed during this year to work on water resources within your state or with Leagues in other states? If so, no

a) What is the name of the group?

b) What is its purpose?

c) What are its organizational arrangements?

d) What activities has it coordinated or carried on for League members and/or public?

3. What recommendations would you make to your League's 1963-64 local Board for preparing your members for action on national Continuing Responsibilities, particularly on those on which they are now unprepared?

The biggest problem seems to be that we have no better time and money devoted to better national C.R.

If copies of any materials prepared by the inter-League group or for the group by member Leagues have not been sent to the national office, please attach to this report.

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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 1962.

State Current agenda - Work for a convention to provide an improved constitution for Illinois

The three unit meetings in mid-November were on Constitutional Convention. The workshop met twice weekly from September until the unit meetings and continues to meet twice monthly.

State Continuing Responsibilities

The three November units stressed the need for a new revenue article and a new legislative article. The new judicial article has passed and when implemented should institute court reforms. A Constitutional Convention fact sheet was prepared (based in part on the suggested speech outline from State Jan 1962) and was distributed to League members at the November unit meetings. The fact sheet listed the weaknesses of the present Constitution in all areas covered in the State C.R.s

See further activities listed below.

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.

All were provide and all were most useful.

Further activities

The League had a special meeting on the Jusicial Ammendment with an attorney s speaker to promote interest in and passage of same.

League members helped to distribute literature (from the Citizens Committee for Modern Courts) urging passage of the ammendment

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LOCAL PROGRAM

Does your League have available in print a local government survey? _____
A county survey? YES

Does your League send members regularly to observe city council? YES
school board? YES Other (please list): _____

Most of you are very conscientious about sending your Bulletins to the national office and from these we get some of the flavor and an understanding of the many and diverse things which you are doing. We would like to know more - especially about local Program - partly because we like to know about you and partly because our knowledge of what you are doing and have done on local Program can be enormously helpful in two ways. First, it lets us help one League help another and contributes to the store of League experience from which we learn how to do a better job. Second, and by no means of less importance, it provides us with the substance out of which we can fashion stories and news releases about your work and especially about your triumphs. With this in mind, please describe the activity of your local League in each of your Local Current Agendas and Continuing Responsibilities. Include mention of publications or other printed or mimeographed materials, how you developed resource people, number and kinds of discussion meetings involving the membership, consensus, and action, if any, and related community activities. Use the back of this sheet, if necessary, or append the appropriate chairmen's reports, if available. Please identify the items by subject matter, not number. Don't forget work completed in spring of 1962.

I A study of the benefits to Decatur under the council-manager plan of city government compared with those under commission form

The eight member workshop met for four continuous months for a total of 14 meetings. Four special evening meetings were held. Interviewed at these meetings were 1.) City Manager of Decatur, 2.) City Council, 3.) Chairmen of the Macon County political parties, and 4.) opponents of the Council-Manager form of government.

Decatur has had the Council Manager form of government since 1959. When the League supported this form of government in both referendums, it was doing so on a theoretical basis. In September 1962, the League began a comprehensive impartial study of city government. It was our job to reassess the League's position to see if the theories and expectations of the Council Manager form of city government had been fulfilled.

In reporting to the General Membership the workshop endorsed the Council-Manager form of city government. A listing of the benefits to Decatur under the Council-Manager form would be a long one. A few more significant ones are as follows: property tax reductions, sound financial practices, multi-million dollar street improvement program, increased fire protection, reduction of fire insurance rates, creation of central purchasing, new street lighting program.

II A study of the operation of School District #61 and of the necessity of a referendum covering expansion with action where indicated.

I think that you have been kept informed both by our bulletin and by my letters on this item. We had further unit meetings on this subject in March and I am enclosing the facts sheet for this report. We have also completed a Know Your Schools book, a copy of which will be sent on to State and National

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VOTERS SERVICE

VOTERS SERVICE - Continued

Since this has been a national election year we would like to increase our information about methods and means for successful local projects, and sharpen our understanding of citizen interest and participation.

1. Local Projects: Please describe what you have done in Voters Service this year. Note which project was the most successful and why. Comment on working with political parties and other organizations.

What did your League do to help stimulate the widest possible use of this pamphlet?

2. Did you publish voting information materials? yes In what quantities? 20,000
 Did you hold candidates meetings? yes For whom? see attached sheet
 How many attended (audience)? 150-500 Did you do radio or television programs? yes How often? see attached sheet What kind? see attached sheet

This spring is our first attempt at a get out the vote brochure to be distributed at grocery stores for City Council & School Board

3. Member participation: What percentage of your members did Voters Service this year? 1/3 What activities brought forth the most membership participation?

Candidates meeting

4. Citizen Interest in Local Government: Is there a noticeable increase of interest and participation in local government or a decrease? Increase

What organizations or groups have you worked with this year? City Council
City Manager School Board Committee for Modern Courts Committee for Modern Courts
 What organizations or groups have used your materials this year?

Please describe any unusual success story that occurred this year.

VOTERS SERVICE - Continued

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5. Evaluation of national materials: Did you use YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT in your Voters Service work? Yes If so, how?

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Looking ahead to the 1964 elections, what sort of materials or programs would you like to see the national Board produce for your help?

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Its excellent.

How useful has your local League found TIPS ON REACHING THE PUBLIC? Very ✓
Somewhat useful _____ Not at all useful _____

Are any additions needed? _____ In what fields? _____

Have you any tip you would like to pass along?

- 1. *I particularly liked the 2 eps on Radio Spot announcing*
- 2. *Continue to stress the value of submitting advance schedule for newspaper articles - such as finance director*

Did your League use any of the tapes prepared by the national office? *no*

How did you use them? on radio? in discussion meetings?

The League is always encouraging its members to get into political parties and work, and many people encourage League women to get out and run for office. It would be interesting to know if any of this advice has been taken seriously by your League members. If it has, these are the people who could encourage others to go and do likewise. A workshop or a program may be planned soon, and these people will be very helpful in this project.

Therefore, will you list League members who have been active in politics, party politics or nonpartisan politics, and tell what type of activity -- example, running for office, ward chairwoman, etc.

- Mrs Cass Baker (De Paul) County Board of Supervisors member 2 yrs*
- Mr Cass Cole (Robert) Decatur Young Board of Appeals " 2 yrs*
- Mrs Mary Barnes (C.E.) Dist #6, Decatur School Board member 2 yrs*
- Mrs June Roky (Verne) Election Judge*

How did your League participate in any program suggested by the Overseas Education Fund (OEF) of the League of Women Voters, such as Overseas Guests: Idea Interchange, or field experiences for transient or other foreign visitors?

What other activities in connection with foreign visitors or students has your League been involved in? What was your members' reaction? Your community's?

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LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1962-63

INCOME (estimated 4/1/62 - 3/31/63)

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|--|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Dues (from <u>149</u> members @ \$ <u>5.00</u>) | | \$ <u>745.00</u> |
| 2. Member contributions (from <u>30</u> members*) | | <u>221.00</u> |
| 3. Non-member contributions (from <u>104</u> individuals*) | \$ <u>869.00</u> | |
| (from <u>8</u> businesses*) | <u>150.00</u> | <u>1019.00</u> |
| 4. All other receipts* (from <u>Relay Road</u>) | a) <u>28.50</u> | |
| (from <u>Publication</u>) | b) <u>44.70</u> | |
| (from <u>Leisure</u>) | c) <u>1.57</u> | <u>74.77</u> |
| 5. Total Income 1962-63 | | \$ <u>2059.77</u> |
| 6. From Reserve* | | <u>597.00</u> |
| 7. Total Income including any taken from reserve | | \$ <u>2656.77</u> |

EXPENDITURES (estimated 4/1/62 - 3/31/63)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8. Local Disbursements* | \$ <u>1143.74</u> |
| 9. State and National Pledge* | <u>700.00</u> |
| 10. Total Expenditures 1962-63 | \$ <u>1843.74</u> |

CASH STATEMENT

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 11. Cash Balance on hand 3/31/62* | \$ <u>1597.00</u> |
| 12. Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/63* | \$ <u>1813.03</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. All 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 reserve 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 3/31/62:

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.

12. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/63:

You will arrive at this figure by adding 5, (Total Income 1962-63) and 11, (Cash Balance 3/31/62) and then subtracting 10 (Total Expenditures 1962-63).

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\$ 127.74

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\$ 813.03

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