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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Harold N. Kagan, Editor

Huntington, W. Va.
January 1961

Mrs. E. M. Compton, Pres.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 1961
Eight O'clock

Junior League Community Center

FOREIGN POLICY

HARD CHOICES IN U. S. ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH PROMOTE WORLD DEVELOPMENT

"Since our domestic and foreign economic objectives are not basically in conflict, but are in fact mutually indispensable, our course is clear. We must accept wholeheartedly our commitment to world economic development"

League of Women Voters of the U. S.

Our program will give a realistic picture of the challenge of world development. How can we promote a high and steady rate of employment, price stability, and a high rate of economic growth in ways consistent with the promotion of world development? What about the "Gold Crisis"? What is government's responsibility?

Mrs. T. W. Aby, Mrs. Nelson Cohen, Mrs. Peter Ellenbogen, Mrs. Joe Midkiff, Mrs. Paul Reigert and Mrs. William Weaver will discuss THE HARD CHOICES which we have to make.

Do come and bring friends.

Mary Daniel, Chairman

WHAT'S NEW

Orientation meeting for new, prospective and old members will be held 9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 19, 1961, 1759 Woodward Terrace. Mrs. Lars Karlstrom will be the hostess.

In past meetings the group has discussed our city government using the Mayor's progress reports as basis of the discussions. The city elections which will be held early this year have also been one of the topics talked over. Future meetings will cover background material on constitutional revision and the National Item: Economic Aspects of Foreign Policy.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend - potential leaguers or inactive members of long standing who would like to brush up on current items. If you need transportation Call JA 3-1758.

Peg Schroeder

SECOND CHANCE

It is not often that a city's citizens get a second chance to do something they did not do on first chance.

Don't forget the special election on the Capital Improvements Levy on Feb. 11. Some members are contributing directly by working at the polls. All of us can help individually by not forgetting to vote ourselves, and by reminding all friends and acquaintances to vote for the levy.

As was true last May, there will be two questions on the ballot. The first is whether the levy itself shall be passed. The second is whether bonds shall be issued to pay construction costs in advance of the collection of the levy. The money itself is not duplicated. The money collected under the levy will be used to pay off the bonds.

The reason for this is that, should the levy carry, the first collections of the extra money will not be received until November, 1961. Therefore, without the bonds, actual construction work would have to be spread over the summers of 1962, 1963, and 1964. In order to accomplish the work as rapidly as possible, it is proposed to issue short-term bonds to pay the contractors, then pay off the bonds as the levy money is collected.

It is, of course, possible to vote "Yes" on the levy, and "No" on the bonds. In such a case, the work will be done, but will be spread over three years.

To vote "No" on the levy and "Yes" on the bonds would be futile. The bonds could not then be issued because no money would be available with which to pay off the bonds.

The levy would run for three years. The rate of increased taxation which will make this work possible will be approximately 7.4% on the present total tax rates imposed on property by all levels of government. Actually, the term "Improvement Levy" is a misnomer. It would be called a "Maintenance Levy" because all but \$358,000 of the proposed \$1,044,600 expenditure is to be used to preserve what the City has or replace what is worn out.

So let's "Go Ahead, Huntington", to use the new slogan you will be seeing.

Harmony Phillips

WHAT'S NEW - CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The West Virginia Constitutional Revision Commission has met and accepted the reports of the sub-committees on County Organization, the Judiciary and the Executive. As yet there is no report on the Legislative Branch. The next step toward constitutional revision depends upon the decisions of the Policy and Procedures sub-committee. Roberta Emerson, a Huntington Leaguer and a member of this committee has reported that tentative suggestions have been made prior to the meeting of this group. Among these are that the reports of the various committees be compiled in book or brochure form and Governor Barron be asked to include the consideration of the suggested amendments in his call to the Legislature during the Budget session of 1962. The reasons for the delay in presenting them for consideration seem quite valid. The newly elected legislature is comprised of almost 50% new members and the regular calendar will be a very busy and crowded one. Nothing can be submitted to the voters until November, 1962, so that by waiting the legislators will have gained in experience and will have more time to give to the study of the commission's proposals. Then, too, action by the legislature and the voters will be closer in time.

This schedule will give the Leagues in West Virginia ample time to consider these proposals and decide our position in regard to them. Thus begins another period of waiting, but it gives us a chance to become better informed. Keep in mind the Oriental concept of Time and that the tortoise won the race.

Of particular interest to us is the appointment of Selden S. McNeer, Huntington attorney, to the Commission on Constitutional Revision by Governor Underwood just before he left office. Mr. McNeer served on the panel discussing Judicial Reform for the West Virginia League's Constitutional Revision Conference, October, 1959, and at our December meeting spoke to us on the same subject with a particularly helpful explanation of the Missouri Plan for judicial appointment. In addition to Mr. McNeer and Mrs. Emerson, George S. Wallace, Jr., of Huntington is a member of the Commission.

Yvonne Mook

FINANCE DRIVE

Our annual Finance Drive will be conducted Jan. 25 and 26. Workers for this 48 hour drive will start from Freda Kagan's, 502 13th Ave., on Wed., morning, the 25th, where they will meet for coffee and instructions.

Since it is against League policy to make any pressure appeal to members, you will not have a solicitor calling on you. However, the fact that many members do make contributions has real sales value in talking with a prospective non-member contributor, so, you see, an addition to your dues would be very welcome--and don't think a dollar is too small--\$760 is a lot to raise, and every little bit helps.

The League is financed about 33 per cent by membership dues assessed by local Leagues. The remainder of the funds comes chiefly from contributions by members and public-spirited citizens outside the League. Local Leagues annually adopt a budget which includes a voluntary pledge for support of state and national leagues. Expenditures at the three combined levels total over a \$1,000,000 a year. Approximately 58 percent of that total is spent by local Leagues in their communities; 26 percent is spent by state Leagues and 16 percent is spent at the national level.

The League is a volunteer organization. No salaries are paid to officers and directors--national, state or local. League funds are spent only for League work.

Charlotte Crosby, Chairman