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!!!ACTION ALERT!!!

IMMEDIATELY After November 4th, contact House members and urge them to support the fiscal 1981 foreign assistance appropriations bill HR7854 and HR6871, the Fiscal 1981 authorization for the Sixth International Development Association (IDVA). Urge MCs to oppose any across the board funding cuts which would undermine US development assistance programs.

US official Development Assistance has fallen from slightly more than 0.4% of GNP in the late 1960's to a record low of .19% of GNP in 1980.

The US is 15th among 17 industrialized donor nations and is in stark contrast to the generally accepted UN target of .7 percent of GNP.

. . . . Nancy Taylor, Chair
International Relations

P.S.

...UNICEF CARDS will be on sale at Marshall Student Center before and after Thanksgiving on November 24 and 25 and December 1 and 2, and at the Huntington Galleries on November 15, 16 and 22, 23; December 6, 7 and 13 and 14. (Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons). Call Nancy Taylor, 522-3362 if you wish to place orders over the phone.

R E P O R T S

RECREATION Public Meetings

In the recreational master plan, the city is broken down into 15 areas and each area will be studied as to its needs and space. Three recreational areas will be studied:

- *Large parks and open space
(could we develop the Flood Plain area? What should we do with Wallace Park?)
- *Ballparks and Playgrounds
(What are our resources in this area? Looking at schools as a potential recreation area).
- *Special facilities
(siting and desirability of tennis courts, swimming pools, skating rinks, running tracks, etc.)

Emphasis was on a comprehensive co-ordinated program using the Park Board as an umbrella agency.

R E P O R T S (continued)

TITLE I - PUBLIC MEETINGS

Schools are designated as Title I by how many students receive free lunch. Once designated Title I, the school receives special math and reading teachers, plus extra equipment. This material is available to all children and teachers for use within that particular school. The purpose of the recent Title I meetings was to inform interested parents as to how the program works and select an advisory parent group to represent the school through the year.

. . . Janice McNearney

MINI-FORUMS on AGING

Mini-forums will be held in Cabell County to give all elders an opportunity to express their opinions on needs of seniors. These mini-forums are being conducted nationwide in preparation for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. In order to contact as many elders as possible, would you please list any organized group of seniors that you know about in Cabell. Examples would be AARP chapters, organizations of retired employees and church groups such as Dynamic Years at a local Baptist Church.

Please submit names to Cabell County Committee on Aging
540 Fifth Avenue

LOCAL, STATE, and NATIONAL PROGRAMS

For new members, we briefly outline this year's programs at the three levels of government:

LOCAL

Examination of local agency compliance with federal regulations in EDUCATION, COMMUNITY ACTION programs, HOUSING, and WELFARE.

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STATE. . . .

EDUCATION Study and Concensus: Continuing study of state curricular requirements and faculty qualifications and pupil evaluation in the public schools. Our local League will study one of these items each year over a three year period.

The second area of study is TAXATION with emphasis on reform. Initial emphasis will be on the Business and Occupation Tax (B&O).

We will continue support of ELECTION LAWS, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, JUVENILE SERVICES, and LAND USE, and STATE GOVERNMENT.

NATIONAL. . . .

League will continue its various studies in GOVERNMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NATURAL RESOURCES, TRANSPORTATIONS, AND URBAN POLICY. Our newest item is HEALTH CARE. League will attempt to evaluate the HEALTH CARE SYSTEM in the United States, with emphasis on the private and public sector roles in the delivery of services.

Under the HEALTH CARE item some of the questions suggested for gearing up our local study are:

1. Examine Medicare/Medicaid, Health Planning Resources and Development Act, and how our state and region implement them.
2. Who serves on your federally mandated planning committee?
3. How has Certificate of Need influenced your hospital in the past 5 years?
4. What health facilities are available in your area? Where are your primary, secondary, and tertiary care hospitals?
5. Does your community have alternatives to hospital care? If so, how are they financed?
6. What special medical facilities attract people to your area?
7. What body governs your local hospital(s) and who serves on that body? Is the hospital private, proprietary, public?
8. What is the doctor/patient ratio in your community? Compared to the national average?
9. What kind of specialized equipment does your hospital have?
10. What is the average length of stay at your hospital(s) compared to the national average?
11. What hospital(s) in your area do which people in your community use?

12. How are uninsured patients handled at your hospital(s)?
13. How dependent is your hospital on Blue Cross, Medicaid, Medicare?
14. What percentage of senior citizens use your hospital? Is their length of stay in line with the national average?
15. What is the difference between the "health maintenance organization" concept and private insurance? What are the differences in the various HMO's?
16. Who owns the insurance companies, the HMO's, and the drug companies.
17. Does your hospital have professional people assessing the quality of care? Who are they?
18. What agencies in your area promote health?
19. What agencies in your area provide follow-up or convalescent care?

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