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C A L E N D A R

- April 3 Trade Unit. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Norway Avenue and Green Oak Drive, 9:35 A. M. Baby sitter and parking provided.
- 4 Trade Unit. Barbara Yonteck, 1332 Huntington Avenue, 7:30 P. M.
- 13--14 State Convention. Uptowner, Parkersburg, West Virginia.
- 17 Trade Consensus. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:35 A. M.
- 18 Trade Consensus. Kitty Pyles, 1034½ Tenth Avenue.
- 24 Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:35 A. M.
- May 1 City Council Management Unit. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:35 A. M.
- 2 City Council Management Unit. Mary Daniel, 609 Twelfth Avenue, Rear, 7:30 P. M.
- 5 Last day to register for voting in the Huntington City Council elections.
- 12 Last day to register for voting in the Kenova city elections.
- 18 General Meeting. City Council Management. Panel: Nancy Matthews, Dr. Paul Stewart, Martha Woodard. Junior League Community Building, 617 Ninth Avenue. Public is invited.
- June 4 Absentee ballot must be in Cabell County Circuit Court office.
- 5 HUNTINGTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
- 11 Absentee ballot must be in Wayne County Circuit Court office.
- 12 KENOVA CITY ELECTIONS

TEST YOUR TRADE I.Q.

1. West Virginia coal is exported to how many other countries?
 - A. Ten
 - B. Six
 - C. Twenty-three
 - D. Thirty-one

2. In 1968, approximately _____ jobs in West Virginia were directly related to export markets.
 - A. 1,000
 - B. 50,000
 - C. 16,000
 - D. 23,000

3. Which of the following local companies is not engaged in international trade?
 - A. AFC Industries, Inc.
 - B. Maidenform, Inc.
 - C. Holland-SUCO Color Company
 - D. Quality Bedding Company
 - E. None of these

4. Multinational corporations are businesses:
 - A. Which hire anyone regardless of race, creed or national origin.
 - B. Whose stockholders are in many countries.
 - C. Those which sell in the European Common Market.
 - D. Which manufacture and sell in many countries.

5. The Burke-Hartke bill to trigger quotas when imports reach a certain ceiling:
 - A. Is now supported by labor unions who traditionally have favored free trade.
 - B. Is an omnibus bill which also deals with taxing multinational corporations and adjustment assistance.
 - C. Is opposed by the Nixon administration.
 - D. All of these.

6. In 1971 the United States bought abroad \$2 billion more than we sold abroad. This was the first U. S. trade deficit since:
 - A. 1960
 - B. 1945
 - C. 1930
 - D. 1887

7. The U. S. trade deficit for 1972 was:
 - A. \$1 million
 - B. \$0.5 billion
 - C. \$2.4 million
 - D. \$6.4 billion

8. Federal adjustment assistance to relieve dislocations caused by increased imports is:
 - A. Available only to companies whose domestic sales are hurt by imports.
 - B. Available to workers whose jobs are lost because of imports.
 - C. Available only to "ma and pa companies" with less than 10 employees.
 - D. Both A & B.

(For your score, read next page.)

Test Your Trade I. Q. (Continued)

Scoring: 1 point for each correct answer. In each question the correct answer is the last option.

- 6 - 8 Expert. You belong on the committee.
- 3 - 5 Average. Try harder. You're only No. 2.
- 1 - 2 You need to attend the trade meetings!

INTERNATIONAL TRADE
(April 3, 4 & April 17, 18)

For nearly forty years the League has supported liberal trade policies as opposed to high tariffs and protectionism. The 1972 National Convention voted to continue support of free trade policies and, at the same time, decided to re-evaluate current trade patterns in order to review and update our position which was last adopted in 1962.

Since then, there have been many changes in international trade patterns, partly because of the increasing economic strength of Japan and the European community. But new and complex issues are also posed by the increasing importance of multinational corporations; our trade position does not speak to these questions. Finally, while our position supports the concept of "adjustment assistance" for industries and workers injured by imports, the National Board needs more guidance on the implementation and evaluation of adjustment assistance programs.

All of these factors will be central to the trade debate which is expected in the 93rd Congress. The focus of the debate will be the controversial Burke-Hartke bill which would:

- a. Restrict all imports via quotas based on 1965-1969 levels.
- b. Discourage U. S. investment abroad and prohibit holders of U. S. patents from manufacturing that product abroad.
- c. Eliminate tax incentives to investment abroad and end tax credits for taxes paid to foreign governments.

Lest the complexity of the issues overwhelm us, it is noteworthy that we are not asked to write our legislation nor to solve all the world's trade problems! We are looking for agreement on principles for policy direction to the National Board. The four consensus questions are:

1. Should the U. S. develop new policies and practices to assist workers, firms, communities, industries injured by foreign competition? (If so, what types? If not, why not?)

2. Should the U. S. develop new policies to regulate the activities of the multinational corporations? (If so, identify these policies and explain why. If not, why?)

3. Should the U. S. develop new policies to make U. S. products more competitive abroad? (If yes, what types of policies?)

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International Trade (Continued)

4. Should the U. S. develop new policies which would limit imports for purposes of environmental or consumer protection? (If so, specify and indicate how such policies can be implemented.)

These are admittedly complex issues for which even the experts have no clear answers. However, do not shirk your opportunity to register an opinion! Attend and join our discussions.

--Clair Matz, Chairman
International Trade

BOOK NOOK

To prepare for the Trade Unit, read some of the following League publications:

THE POLITICS OF TRADE, No. 431, 75¢. League of Women Voters of the U. S., 1730 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036

National VOTER, "Jobs: A New Challenge to Trade", March/April, 1972, "The Fourth Shokku", September, 1972, and "Trade Talk", January/February, 1973

REPORT FROM THE HILL, January 7, 1972, Sections on Politics of Trade and Foreign Assistance Programs

REPORT FROM THE HILL, March 9, 1973, Sections on Politics of Trade and Foreign Assistance Programs

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY 1972-1973: THE CRITICAL ISSUES, \$1.25.
Foreign Policy Association, 345 E. 46th Street, New York, N. Y. 10017

New publications of interest are:

CURRENT FOCUS: "Out of Work, A Sign of the Times?", No. 177, 50¢.
League of Women Voters of the U. S., etc.

ACTION, No. 161, 50¢. League of Women Voters, U. S., etc.

NEW TRENDS IN STATE FINANCE, No. 198, 35¢. League of Women Voters of the United States, etc.

GOING TO COURT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST (A Guide for Community Groups), No. 244, 25¢. League of Women Voters, U. S., etc.

WHEN YOU WRITE TO WASHINGTON, No. 349, 35¢. League of Women Voters of the United States, etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: "County Government in West Virginia", 20¢.
League of Women Voters of West Virginia, Inc., 1972

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Schedule

Friday, April 13

12 Noon - 2 P. M.	Registration
2 - 5	First Work Session
6 - 7	Social Hour
7 - 8:30	Dinner
8:30 - 10:00	Workshops

Saturday, April 14

8:00 A. M.	Breakfast
9:00	2nd Session
1:00 P. M.	Board Lunch

The Huntington League is planning to support the Morgantown League bylaw proposal to limit the election of the State League president to two elected terms, consecutively.

We are also recommending that the stripmining and timbering study be expanded to include a study of land use planning at the state level. At least four local Leagues already have local positions or studies on comprehensive planning. The others could adopt local studies by adding local consensus questions as was done during the solid waste study.

Our National Land Use item has much good reading material and positions on transportation and other areas are being developed with possible future consensus.

Our positions on water, air, solid waste, stripmining, and timbering have covered a great deal of any land use study so that new material would not have to be extensive. Concensus would not have to be reached in the next two years, but study could be started.

In addition to proposing bylaw changes and program items for 1973-1975, other official business of the convention will be to adopt the budget, to elect officers and directors. See the January issue of THE WEST VIRGINIA VOTER for more information.

Huntington is eligible for eleven voting delegates. Any number of visitors are welcome. Call Vivian Phares (522-8735) for details.

Huntington League members who plan to attend include Nancy Matthews, Vivian Phares, Sue Carlson, Beth Bauserman, Betty Barrett, Clair Matz, Barbara Matz, Lila Thompson, Helen Gibbins, Kathleen Kowalski, and Joan Mitchell.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

The Annual Meeting That Was!

The Annual Meeting came and went with predictable success. The budget and the Nominating Committee slate of officers were approved without dissent. Dues were raised to \$15.00 with reluctance and many groans, but raised never-the-less. Lois Kauffelt made an enchanting substitute speaker for Nancy Matthews and made legislation exciting as a "who-done-it" mystery.

The local program brought a few surprises. A motion came from the floor to re-evaluate the study of city council-manager government. The motion passed. Another motion for a local study of consumer protection problems lost by one vote.

The local program approved for the coming year is as follows:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Study of the Cabell county school system
- Re-evaluation of the council-manager government
- Support of comprehensive planning
- Support of improved solid waste management

ELECTION PROCEDURES

- Support of redistricting of precincts and improved election procedures

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Support of improvement of juvenile court procedures and supporting agencies

Change of Meeting Days?

Do you want to continue evening meetings? Do you want to change morning meetings to a different day? The Board wants a schedule that will be the most convenient to the most people. Use the tear-off sheet below to express your preference, and mail to Betty Barrett, 408 Eleventh Avenue, Huntington, 25701. There is also space for any other requests or comments pertinent to the work of League. Use it to make your thoughts and wishes known.

CHECK ONE:

Please continue evening meetings.

Please do not continue evening meetings.

I would rather meet on _____ during the _____ hours.
(day of the week) (morning, afternoon, or evening)

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

League Action Service

For members who want to be more knowledgeable and more active on the national level, LWVUS invites you to subscribe to the LEAGUE ACTION SERVICE. This service gives you your own personal copy of the TIME FOR ACTION and REPORT FROM THE HILL so that you can be up-to-the-minute about what is happening on Capitol Hill, vis-a-vis League program.

The REPORT FROM THE HILL covers a broad scope of issues, but TIME FOR ACTION zeros in on top priority items when action is advisable or imperative, often including a background sheet giving a detailed explanation of the situation, bill, vote, strategy, etc.

For only \$7.50 you will receive these two publications throughout the first session of the Ninety-third Congress plus a copy of the new Action Handbook. Send your check to: League of Women Voters of the United States
1730 M Street, N. W., Tenth Floor
Washington, D. C. 20036

WHERE THE ACTION IS!

Trade. The Committee on International Trade has been interviewing local corporations to research material for the Trade Unit this month. Rumors suggest the unit meetings will be well worth attending. See you there!

Trade committee members are Clair Matz, Margaret Kreiger, Opal Mann, Mary Lou Williams, and Barbara Yontek.

Finance Drive. Carol Elvery reports that on March 24, over \$1100 in contributions had been reported. Some members had not yet reported to her the results of their interviews. If you are one of them, please report to Carol as soon as you can. All other members of the Finance Drive Committee please return quickly to Carol the prospect cards with your comments. The comments are very valuable to the future finance chairman and members--who may be you! So, be good to yourself!

Voter Service. The Voter Service Committee has been busy planning voter service for the forth-coming city council elections. There will definitely be a call-in service on election day, but other plans with the newspaper, radio, and TV media have not been completed.

Meanwhile, lists of senators and representatives of the state legislature have been delivered to the local libraries for distribution.

Keep watching for Bea Lingenfelter on AM, Channel 3, TV. She will discuss Voter Service.

Where the Action Is (Continued)

Day at the Legislature. Do you like statistics? Thirty-four senators and delegates registered for the coffee given in their honor at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston. Others waved from the door and apologized for having early morning committee meetings. Sixty-two League members from Fairmont, Wheeling, Morgantown, Logan, Huntington, Charleston, and Parkersburg braved the typical "lousy" Day-at-the-Legislature weather. The fourteen from Huntington included Charlene Boggs, Ruth Burton, Betty Barrett, Kitty Pyles, Sue Carlson, Barbara Matz, Martha Trocin, Beth Bauserman, Joan Mitchell, Edna Duckworth, Margaret Bowermaster, Nadine Wellman, Helen Gibbins, and Pat Hartman.

E. R. A. Did you listen to Pat Hartman and Evelyn Richards discussing the Equal Rights Amendment on the March 20, AM, TV program? Did you read Judy Roach's answer to Evelyn Richards in "Letter to the Editor"? Did you read Pat Hartman's editorial in "Guest Opinion" in a local newspaper? Then you know League members are rallying to the cause of E. R. A.

Other members are writing to the State Judiciary Committee to counteract a pressure group who wants State Legislature to rescind the ratification of the E. R. A. made April 22, 1972. Jody Smirl has been working hard in Legislature. Various members have spoken to local delegates. Material has also been sent to the Huntington Womens Club and the Wayne County Inter-Club Council. League wants the No. 14 House Constitution Resolution, to reconsider the ratification of the E. R. A., to be killed in the Judiciary Committee.

Twenty-nine states have approved the Equal Rights Amendment. Nine states have yet to vote.

Invitation. Kathy Karch invites League members to hear a panel, including Congressman Hechler, Carl Haeberle, Dr. Simon Perry, and Don Hatfield, discuss the freedom of information to the press. The program is sponsored by the West Virginia Press Women, Saturday, April 28, at the Gateway Restaurant, 2:00 P. M.

Honors. League is proud of the honor to Helen Johnson, who was appointed by City Council to the Affirmative Action Program, and to Martha Woodard, who was appointed by City Council to the Human Relations Commission.

Welfare. The AM program, featuring League members Joan Bassford and Elinor Taylor, proves poverty can be told effectively with pictures as well as with words. Elinor's slide program on local poverty is available to any interested club or group.

Solid Waste. Congratulations to Betty Barrett for her cogent "Letter to the Editor on Solid Waste."