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Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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**** CALENDAR ****

APRIL

Friday & Saturday 19th & 20th

State Convention: League of Women Voters of West Virginia. Holiday Inn Heart-of-Town, Charleston, WV. For Information, contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Tuesday 23rd 9:15am

International Relations Presentation. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, corner of Green Oak and Norway. Babysitting available.

Thursday 25th 7:30pm

International Relations Presentation. First Huntington National Bank, third floor; enter through mini-bank and take elevator.

MAY

Thursday 2nd 7:30pm

Board Meeting, Place TBA.

Thursday 23rd 7:00pm

Children At Risk. Community program sponsored by LWV. First Huntington National Bank, third floor; enter through mini-bank and take elevator.

International Relations

The International Relations Committee (Clair Matz, Chloe Dunfee, Dorothy Fisher, Nancy Taylor and Bunny White) has designed some unique presentations for the League's unit meetings in April. The presentations will begin with a 7 minute film clip showing some of Huntington's international trade relations. This will be followed by a report from a Marshall Univ. political science student who is making a survey of community residents to find their views on some international problems.

Now, will you help too? There'll be nothing to write or sign, just consider some of the actions taken by LWVUS on International issues recently and notice how we apply League positions to world events. Please bring with you the "Summary of Recent LWVUS IR Actions" found in this Bulletin. Also, the League publication, Promoting Peace: Agenda for Change, is now available and may be purchased at the meetings for 75¢.

-- Nancy Taylor, IR Chair 522-3361

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REPORT FROM THE HILL

SUMMARY OF RECENT LWVUS IR ACTIONS **IR news**

The LWVUS responds to and initiates contact with members of congress (MCs) and Administration officials as the need arises or at opportune times in the decision making process. The following outline highlights some of the LWVUS actions taken in the period between January 1983 and December 1984.

United Nations: Statements to various congressional committees (April, October and November 1983 and February and April 1984) urging support for U.S. contributions to the multilateral development banks, UN voluntary programs, and the UN and its specialized agencies. Response to efforts to sharply reduce U.S. funding in the FY 1984 and 1985 budgets. Basis for action: "The United States should support the UN and its specialized agencies and should provide financial contributions commensurate with its ability to pay."

Military Policy and Defense Spending: Statements and telegrams to Congress and the President (May - October 1984) opposing MX missile funding. The FY 1985 defense authorization and appropriation bills were under consideration. Basis for action: "The League does not support any modernization of the land leg (of the triad) that would result in weapons systems that are vulnerable or increase incentives to attack first."

Arms Control: Action Alert to Leagues, memos and letters to MCs (May-October 1984) opposing funding levels requested by the President for the Strategic Defense Initiative and calling for negotiations to ban anti-satellite weapons. The FY 1985 defense authorization and appropriation bills were under consideration. Basis for action: "The LWVUS advocates limits on the spread or proliferation of weapons to inhibit transfers of nuclear technology or weapons from one nation to another or to a geographic region such as the seabed or outer space."

Action Alert

THE CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT OF 1985

House committees have completed a series of regional hearings on HR 700, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985. The bill would reverse the impact of the Supreme Court's sweeping Grove City College v. Bell decision, which significantly weakened several key civil rights statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age and disability in institutions receiving federal funds.

In the Senate, two very different bills have been introduced, and a real battle is expected. The League-endorsed bill, S 431, is identical to HR 700. The second bill, S 272, introduced by Majority Leader Robert Dole (R KS), is an unacceptable substitute. S 272 would address only educational institutions, leaving federally-funded hospitals, transportation and housing programs and other federally-supported institutions and programs free to discriminate provided the specific unit of the institution receiving funds is not discriminating. For example, under the Dole bill, even if a given ward in a hospital were operating with federal support, the hospital as a whole would be free to discriminate against would-be patients provided that the federally-supported ward was not discriminating.

Please contact your Representatives and urge them to support HR 700. Contact your Senators and encourage them to support S 431. Tell them that S 272 is unacceptable because it would leave too many institutions free to discriminate at the taxpayer's expense.

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HIGH RISK/NEED

Next Month, on May 23, the League of Women Voters will present a meeting on "Children At Risk." This meeting will address the factors which cause a child to fall into the "high risk" category.

Speakers from Prestera Center, the Probation Dept., the Dept. of Human Services, Time-Out and the School System will discuss how and why children come into contact with our Court System. Parents, teachers, students, community leaders, and all interested individuals are urged to attend in order to emphasize the need and draw attention to this growing problem. Please come and support the concern that our community has for our "Children At Risk."

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MORE NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

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attention! all Leaguers!

The biennial convention of the League of Women Voters of West Virginia will begin at 12:00 noon Friday April 19 at the Holiday Inn Heart-of-Town in Charleston. Featured speaker for the banquet Friday night will be Dorothy Ridings, League's national president (Charleston is her hometown!). Budget, program, officers, and direction are all adopted at this important state meeting. Huntington delegates will be Lila Thompson, Nancy Taylor, Marcia Daoust, Barbara Cienfuegos, Helen Gibbins, Susan Hubbard, Susan Ray and Frances Huddleston. Guests are welcome too. Call Helen G. 736-3287.

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