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HOUSING UNIT - CONSENSUS

Keep time open for the Nov. Housing meetings, Tues. Nov. 4 at 9:30 p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church - babysitter provided - or Wed. Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Sue Carlson's, 2009 N. Englewood Road.

The agenda will include:

- a report on W. Va. State Open Housing legislation
 - a report on the W. Va. Housing Development Fund
 - a brief review of "The Ill-Housed", a new League publication (\$1.00 to members)
 - a consensus discussion on open housing for State Board
 - a discussion of local housing events
 - distribution of our revised (Nov. '69) Housing Survey (20¢)
- Many thanks to all the hard workers on the Survey.

Consensus question:

Does your league favor state legislation that would provide an opportunity for housing for all persons free of discriminatory restrictions ?

SPECIAL REQUEST !

An Open House assembly party for working on the Housing Survey, Oct. 22 9 til 12 a.m. at Donna Chakrabarty's, 2352 Dale Court.

CONGRESSMAN KEN HECHLER

The Hunt.. League will be interviewing Congressman Hechler on Oct. 25, at 10:00 a.m. at Mrs. Mary E. Summers' home, 1590 Upland Road. We will be discussing legislation in the fields of Water Pollution, better relations with China, and possible self-government for Washington D. C. Dr. Hechler is also interested in talking with us about how League can help the community understand the legislative process better. If you are interested in attending the interview, please contact Miss Florence Oxley, 522-8764, on Friday, Oct. 24, to be sure that Dr. Hechler will be able to keep the appointment with us. Husbands and older children are also invited.

THANK YOU

A very sincere " thank you " to Adele Lewis for the excellent art work on our new publications, the updated " A Survey of Housing in Huntington " and " A Coloring Book ". Have you got your copies? If not, be sure to get them at the Housing Unit meetings or at Board meeting.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

On Nov. 18 and 19, the Huntington League will come to consensus on Electoral College, led by Mrs. Fred Weisberg, Chairman. The League has available a Facts & Issues and the book Who Shall Elect the President? (\$1.50, to be ordered from Mrs. Charles Hagen, 525-9227) Other interesting publications are Michener's The Presidential Lottery (at the public library and League's own copies), the May Reader's Digest resume of Mr. Michener's book and the Sept. Play-boy article " How Not to Elect a President" by Senator Gaylord Nelson.

If the League is interested in changing the method of electing the President of the U. S., there are several election processes possible. The most often suggested are the following:

State - related;

- I The automatic plan - would abolish the office of elector and put the allocation of the state's electoral votes on a winner - take-all basis.
- II The proportional plan - would abolish the office of elector but retain the apportionment of electoral votes to the state. Each state's electoral vote would be divided proportionally to correspond with the popular vote within the state for the various presidential nominees.
- III The district plan - would retain the electoral vote allocation for each state but voters would vote in a district with one electoral vote for each district.

Non - state - related

The Direct Popular Vote plan would abolish the Electoral College and substitute direct vote of the people on a nationwide basis. Some plans require 40% of the national popular vote to win. Possible contingent election reform plans are a run-off election or an election in one or both houses of Congress by membership.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS:

- I Is a change needed in the method of electing the President and Vice President of the United States?
- II If a change is made in the method of election, does your League prefer that the President be chosen by:
direct election by popular vote
OR
by an election process that includes a state-related step?
- III If the method of election is changed, what provisions would your League prefer for:
 1. the vote necessary to elect?
 2. contingent elections?
 3. retaining the office of elector?
 4. requiring in the Constitution that Electors vote for the candidate on whose slate they were elected?
 5. distributing the electoral votes among the various candidates?
- IV If provisions for electing the President and Vice President are to be altered, what changes in the method of election does your League consider most necessary?

A NEW IMAGE

"Reception" is too stiff a word to describe our "happening" the night of Oct. 8 when League entertained our sponsors, city councilmen, County Court members and their wives. You were promised an entertaining evening and it surpassed its promise. The displays and slides were excellent and the skit, based in part on the " Laugh-In " format was received with a great deal of laughter, and, we hope, quite a bit of " think about it ". All the Leaguers and their husbands who took part in it are to be congratulated on a fine job and Beth Bauserman, in particular, emerged as a rising new star!

Our thanks to Bill Wolfe and Joe Kowalski for their help in preparing the slide programs. Many of the slides were purchased by the League Board and will be organized into a program we can give to schools and clubs. The Rev. Charles Robison, who recently moved to Philadelphia, photographed the slides purchased by the League.

FINANCE - 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN GOAL: ANOTHER \$ 80!

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO LEAGUERS

America is a nation of "joiners". How many organizations do you belong to ? To how many of them do you take the opportunities for information and action provided by your League ? Right now League is preparing scripts to be used with the slides shown at the reception, and these programs will be available for showing. How about one of YOUR groups? Sue Carlson will have information on these programs.

Another program that will be available later this Fall is a short play based on the Kermer report and entitled " The Man Nobody Saw ". It will be presented by F.R.E.E. on Nov. 25 at the Campus Christian Center and after that date invitations for other appearances will be accepted. It is especially suitable for club, school, or church groups since no stage, scenery or special lighting is required. The play is followed by a discussion and question and answer period. More on this in Nov.

Watch the November Bulletin for further information on the Rally to be held Nov. 24, at Cammack Jr. High School on the proposed school levy.

Check your television listing for WMUL-TV's program "The Advocates". It explores issues of special interest to local Leaguers.

If you know of programs, meetings, etc. that might interest fellow Leaguers, call the Bulletin Editor with the information and we will be glad to run it in the next edition.