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IMPACT ON ISSUES

Huntington Area League of Women Voters

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MAYOR ADDRESSES LWV CONCERNS

Mayor Robert Nelson will be the speaker at the Huntington League's opening meeting of the 1987-88 program year. We have asked him to talk about the following topics:

1 What do you believe are the main social problems in Huntington? Which level of government do you believe has the responsibility for working on the solutions? Or do you believe the private sector has a role to play?

2 Are there any areas on the outskirts of Huntington that you believe would be beneficial to annex and why?

3 What do you believe are the chief problems of county government? Do any of these problems make an impact on city government?

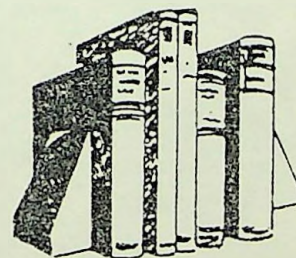
4 What changes do you believe should be made in state laws and constitution as they relate to local taxing powers?

In the coming year we will study, take consensus, and then act on several of the September 21 discussion topics. Future meetings include study/consensus on State Annexation Laws; Meeting Basic Human Needs (national study); and State Laws Relative to Local Taxing Powers. Amending the state constitution to allow Alternative Forms of County Government (Counties Can Choose) is an action item.

We believe the issues the League chooses to research, study and act upon are ones important to all citizens, but often the general public is not aware that the League is involved in these issues. We hope you will invite friends to this meeting at 7 PM, September 21, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church.

Books

The Cabell County Library has ordered over 50 new books on different phases of "national security in the nuclear age," from a list recommended by the nation league of Women Voters. The books are currently arriving and will be on special display at the main library beginning the first week of October. The League is notifying school social studies coordinators of the books' availability and encourages individuals to read them and groups to use them for study and discussion. From time to time we will highlight books from this selection in the Bulletin.



SCHOOL BOND ISSUE



At the August Cabell County Board of Education Meeting, the League urged the Board to place a school buildings bond issue on the ballot.

WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S SUMMER FUN?



For a number of years the Huntington League has produced the flyer "Summer Fun," a listing of recreational and educational opportunities for youth and children. For the past several years, working under severe time constraints, we have made these pamphlets available for all children through the public and private schools.

League members: Do you believe we should continue this project? Are any of you willing to help prepare the pamphlet? Do you have any suggestions related to the pamphlet and its distribution?

The copy for "Summer Fun 1987" is on a computer. Do you have a computer? Perhaps you would be willing to update this 1987 copy in 1988.

Let us know your opinions and/or whether you would be willing to help. Call Helen Gibbins: 736-3287.

COMING UP

* Our Public Officials Pamphlet has been updated, is at the printers and will be available for distribution through Frances Huddleston, 736-4452. Thank you, Frances!

* Materials to conduct our Drinking Water Survey will be available soon. Contact Dianne Bady, 886-5796, if you wish to help.

The League of Women Voters extends

SYMPATHY

to Edna Duckworth on the recent death of her husband, Rethas Duckworth

and to Helen Gibbins on the death of her mother in July.

OPPORTUNITIES

If you belong to an organization that would be interested in promoting fund raising for UNICEF, call Nancy Taylor, 522-3361, or Marcia Daoust, 529-4406, to find out how.

If you're concerned about Meeting Basic Human Needs and other aspects of social policy, our committee needs you. Call Helen Gibbins, 736-3782.

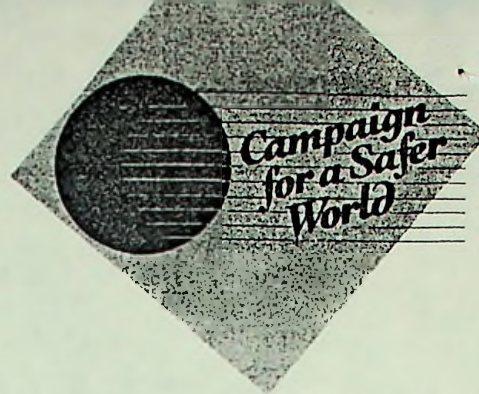
Tri-State Literacy Council is offering a 10½-hour tutor training workshop, free, week-end of Sept. 18-19. Call Katy Urban, 522-4272.

The Central America Network -- like the LWV, opposed to Contra aid -- is sponsoring a RALLY in Charleston, September 26, beginning at the Federal Building at 2 PM and proceeding to Slack Plaza. Speakers will be civic and church leaders, as well as Daniel Cobos, former Nicaraguan military pilot.

ACTION ALERT

ARMS CONTROL

THE SENATE CHALLENGE



Nuclear arms control has run into a major roadblock in the Senate. Since the House victories on arms control amendments to the FY '88 defense authorization bill in May, a Senate minority leadership filibuster against consideration of the defense authorization bill has prevented floor debate and votes on all of our key arms control issues in the Senate. While negotiating with the Soviets to eliminate intermediate-range weapons in Europe, the President has weighed into the congressional battle by threatening to veto any FY '88 spending bill containing the proposed arms control amendments on strategic weapons.

With arms control votes on the defense authorization bill indefinitely delayed, the action focus now switches to consideration of the FY '88 defense appropriations bill in the Senate. If we are to succeed in our Campaign for a Safer World lobbying efforts this fall, the Senate must take action on the proposed arms control amendments either by overcoming the filibuster against the defense authorization bill or by — the now more likely course — including them in the FY '88 defense appropriations bill. Ultimately, the Senate Appropriations Committee

must approve and the Senate must pass some kind of FY '88 defense appropriations bill — that bill must include binding legislation to restore and preserve existing arms control agreements.

Action urgently needed:

* Contact both of your Senators NOW. Stress in your letters and phone calls that arms control is a vital part of U. S. national security policy. Administration threats to existing arms control agreements require decisive Senate action in support of arms control this year. The four key League-sponsored amendments are listed below.

* Urge your Senators on the Senate Appropriations Committee to support League-sponsored arms control amendments to the FY '88 defense appropriations bill. The Appropriations Committee will consider the arms control issues listed below as amendments to the FY '88 defense appropriations bill during the last weeks of September.

LEAGUE-SUPPORTED ARMS CONTROL AMENDMENTS

- 1) The Levin/Nunn provision to prevent the unilateral "reinterpretation" of the ABM Treaty. The amendment was adopted in the Senate Armed Services Committee as part of the FY '88 defense authorization bill.
- 2) The Bumpers/Chafee/Leahy/Heinz amendment which would restore U.S. compliance with the SALT II numerical limits on nuclear weapons.
- 3) The Johnston/Proxmire/Evans amendment to reduce Star Wars funding from the \$4.5 billion approved in the Armed Services Committee down to \$3.7 billion. If this passes on the floor, the House and Senate conferees would probably split the difference between this figure and the House-passed level of \$3.1 billion.
- 4) The Kerry/Chafee/Simon amendment to extend the U.S.-Soviet anti-satellite weapons testing moratorium for another year.

WELCOME

CORRECTIONS

new member Cynthia Wedding,
513 Ridgewood Rd., 25701.
Phone 522-4752.

to our membership list.

- * Change address for Marcia Daoust: 15 Elwood Dr., 25705
- * Change phone number for Myrtle Blair: 523-5834
- * Add Cynthia Wedding (see left).

THE NEW SEASON

Mon., Sept. 21
7:00 PM

LWV September Meeting
Speaker: Mayor Robert Nelson
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church

Mon., Oct. 19
7:00 PM

LWV October Meeting
Annexation Consensus
Enslow Park Presbyterian Church
or

or
Tues., Oct. 20
9:30 AM

Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church
(babysitting provided)



Update on ARMS CONTROL, see page 3.

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