

# The TALLAHASSEE Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

PURPOSE: To Promote Political Responsibility Through Informed and Active Participation of Citizens in Government

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## CALENDAR

July 12 - "Go See" Day - County Commission 9 a.m.  
City Commission 2:30 p.m.

July 27 - Board meeting - 8 p.m., Leon Federal.

Aug. 24 - Board meeting - 8 p.m., Leon Federal.

Sept. 15 - General membership orientation meeting -  
8 p.m., Leon Federal.

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## LEAGUE INTEREST PROGRAMS AND ARTICLES

July 27 - Lecture and coffee - "The State of Affairs in  
Florida" (speaker to be announced), 4 p.m.,  
FSU Union Browsing Lounge, sponsored by the  
University Union Forum Committee.

Soon - Another in the television series on Florida's  
Constitutional Revision (see p. 3).

A feature article on LWV in Ebony magazine.

LADIES! BE ON THE ALERT! WE ARE BEING ATTACKED!

By series of telephone tape recordings on the League of Women Voters sponsored by "Let Freedom Ring" which describes itself as a "non-profit corporation disseminating anti-Communist and anti-socialist, pro-American messages." Founded by Dr. William C. Douglas of Sarasota "Let Freedom Ring" tapes are allegedly available in 100 communities in 28 states.

Tallahassee is one of these! Dial 877-2111 and get the "information" first-hand, then please consider these facts from national memorandum:

1. The Plague of Women Voters is a term applied to LWV twice as far as we know - in both instances by state legislators opposed to a LWV stand on a state issue.
2. The League system is a representative system just as is our form of government. The local member has many opportunities to express herself on national Program but the final choice is made by her representative at national Convention.
3. We do not accept their interpretation of our loyalty-security stand (or any of the others). But the national Board did recommend dropping this CR in the interest of shorter Program and it was put back on by vote of Convention.
4. The tape incorrectly uses the name "Pittsburgh League," which is a flourishing, bona fide League, when referring to the Allegheny County LWV from which the national Board withdrew recognition in 1948 for refusal to conform to recognition standards adopted by the national Convention - after a two-year member discussion. (See July 15, 1965 Fact Sheet).

Final note:

The most convincing response to this attack is that of The League member who knows through her own experience that the members are not "led around by the nose" by the national Board or anyone else and who is herself deeply committed to the democratic procedures of the League of Women Voters and lets that conviction show through. The League is full of such members.

Reminder:

DON'T MISS FUTURE TAPES!!

We refer here only to the first of a series of telephone tapes announced by Dr. Douglas on a June 12 NBC program "Politics - the Outer Fringe." Edwin Newman, narrator of the NBC program, said of "Let Freedom Ring" that it "attacks among others Secretary McNamara for opening the country to atomic destruction, the UN for becoming a world military dictatorship, and the PTA for following the socialist or international line."

(The first tape appears to be taken from a "Human Events" article of July 3, 1965 which owed much to a previous article by Dr. Felix Wittmer who has since changed his mind about League. Copies of Dr. Wittmer's letter to the League, the July 3 article, and a fact sheet concerning it are all available from the national office to those who want them.)

## STATE CA

"Con Rev" - there's an expression you'll be hearing from now until the end of the 1967 legislative session! Probably you know it refers to Constitutional Revision. Fortunately we are off to a good start here with Inez Weaver's summation at the May luncheon and the June 21st television program "Perspective." Sponsored by Orlando's WFTV and rebroadcast over Tallahassee's WCTV, it featured several knowledgeable legislators and revision commission members, in addition to our state CA chairman, Mrs. Richard Malchon. This was the first of a series, so look for upcoming programs.

Con Rev promises to be hotly debated in both private discussions and the public hearings scheduled July 11-29 in Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville and Pensacola. In the meantime here are some questions which might be considered in re-evaluating our present support position:

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Do we still favor an appointed over an elected cabinet? Since indications are that the Commission will recommend retaining the elected cabinet perhaps we should consider in what ways the structure and duties of an elected cabinet could be modified and improved.

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Should we retain our consensus on tax positions pertaining to the Constitution? What do we mean by modification of Homestead Exemption? Should it be in the Constitution at all? What about taxing the income from intangibles? Should there be any prohibition on income taxes in the Constitution?

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What do we really want in (or out of) the Constitution concerning Home Rule? Do we want a completely permissive article which would permit 67 different kinds of county government? Or do we want to include some guidelines? Do some constitutionally fixed county officers limit real home rule?

Innumerable additional stimulating questions are suggested in "Issues for State Constitutional Revision, Florida Constitution of 1885" prepared by Dr. Albert L. Sturm and his staff at the Institute of Governmental Research, FSU. (It was prepared for and is being used by the Con Rev Commission but is available, upon request, for 50 cents.) Highly recommended for your study.

See your Feb. 1966 Florida Voter for a full statement of our continuing responsibilities on this item and an explanation of its scope and outlook for work.

## PROGRAM - LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL

CURRENT AGENDA - CA - issues chosen for concerted study and action.

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES - CR - issues to which the League has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Local CA

EDUCATION: Study and support of measures which would promote improved quality of public education in Leon County.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Give attention to community planning, with support of measures which will provide the best long-range comprehensive planning for the community.

Local CR

REGISTRATION: Continued attention to voter registration in Tallahassee and Leon County with support of measures which will provide for simplification and improved accuracy.

State CA

CON REV: Revision of the Florida Constitution.

State CR

TAXES: Support of measures which correct inequities in the present tax structure.

APPORTIONMENT: Support of equitable apportionment of representation in the Florida legislature.

MERIT SYSTEM: Strengthening and extending the Florida Merit System.

LOYALTY OATH: Repeal of the party loyalty oath.

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE: Support of improved legislative operations including an increase in salaries for legislators, expansion of the Legislative Reference Bureau, registration of all lobbyists and a Code of Ethics for legislators.

National CA

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES: Support of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment.

FOREIGN POLICY: Evaluation of U.S. relations with the People's Republic of China.

National CA (Contd.)

FOREIGN POLICY (contd.): Support of U.S. policies to enhance the peace-keeping and peacebuilding capacities of the U.N. system and to promote world trade and development, while maintaining a sound U.S. economy.

WATER RESOURCES: Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources and improvement of water quality.

National CR

APPORTIONMENT OF STATE LEGISLATURES: Support of apportionment of both houses of state legislatures substantially on population.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Support of self-government and representation in Congress for citizens of the District of Columbia.

LOYALTY-SECURITY: Support of standardized procedures, "common sense" judgment, and greatest possible protection for the individual under the federal loyalty-security programs; opposition to extension of such programs to nonsensitive positions.

TAX RATES: Opposition to constitutional limitations on tax rates.

TREATY MAKING: Opposition to constitutional changes that would limit the existing powers of the Executive and the Congress over foreign relations.

## LOOKING FOR SPECIALIZED READING?

Here are a few suggestions to help keep us abreast of our Foreign Policy: The United Nations in Action, by Joan Comay, gives a good review of the accomplishments of the UN, and some of the problems that need to be resolved (Leon Co. Library). A new League publication, Foreign Aid at the Crossroads, may be obtained for 75 cents by placing an order with publications chairman Janie (Mrs. R. C.) Powell.

For our new study under Foreign Policy, "Evaluation of U. S. relations with the People's Republic of China" a brief but excellent background book is China, by Harry Schwartz (\$1.65 paperback) a New York Times by-line book (Available Leon Co. Library in September). This also comes as a Book-of-the-Month-Club selection.

YOU? YOU? YOU?

If you are interested in any of the National CA or CR study items please contact Fran LaSeur, National CA chairman. Marge Meeter, CR chairman, who will be sharing this study item with Fran will be out of town until September.

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## Observers

SCHOOL BOARD ----- Margaret Moorer (1st Tue.), Bonnie Mannheimer (3rd  
2:00 p.m. Tue.), Alternate - Evelyn Martin

COUNTY COMMISSION - Lillie Kasha (1st Tue.), Gail Franceschi (2nd Tue.),  
9:00 a.m. Ethel Beasley (3rd Tue.), Ora Kromhout (4th Tue.)

CITY COMMISSION --- Juanita Forbes (2nd Tue.), Bonnie Mannheimer (4th Tue.)  
2:30 p.m.

HOSPITAL BOARD ---- Gail Franceschi (3rd Mon.)  
8:00 p.m.

## New Consultant - New Members

Mrs. Gene Miller, our new consultant from Jacksonville, met with us for the first time at the May luncheon. Board members, in their pre-luncheon meeting, found her particularly helpful.

Former members recently rejoining are Connie Craig and Dorothy Palmer. New members are Ellen Gille and, as an associate member, Dr. Robert Cromhout. Welcome one and all!

We regret losing active member Jacqueline Beck who, we trust, will continue her League work in Bowling Green, Ky.

\*\*\* A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS \*\*\*

To members going off the board: ORA KROMHOUT, President; GAIL FRANCESCHI, Treasurer; DOTIE DRIGGS, Finance; BEA OLSON, Local CR; SHIRLEY TAYLOR, National CA. All are already being missed at board meetings, but we know they will remain active and effective members.

A very special word of appreciation to all those, members and non-members, who sent contributions during our latest finance drive. These make possible our city and county booklets, voters guides, and numerous information sheets.

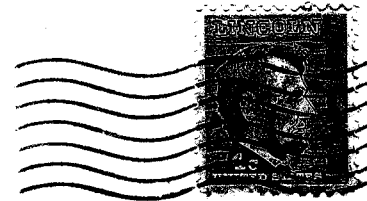
We are re-running our dues notice for the benefit of those who may have forgotten that our fiscal year runs from April 1, 1966 through March, 1967.

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Name:	Dues for year 1966-67	\$ 5.00
Address:	My personal contribution	
	Total	\$ <u>          </u>

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