

Late Oct 1966

Dear League Members,

There are many events of interest to league members coming up in the next two or three weeks, and therefore, it seemed advisable to put out our own FYI (For Your Information).

THIS WEEK

Nov. 2 Education committee meeting - 8:00 P.M. in the home of Dr. Margaret (Wed.) Menzel. The committee is making plans to visit some of the schools for the purpose of observing some of the facilities which apply to accreditation for the schools. Any one interested in helping with the visits please contact Dr. Evelyn Martin, Chairman of Education.

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Nov. 3 TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ON CHINA
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Most of you already know the League Board voted to cancel our regularly scheduled meeting in order to join with other community groups for the Conference on China. This will take the place of one of our discussion meetings to be held on our National CA - U. S. Relations with Red China. We urge you to attend if possible. Registration fee is \$2.00 per person for those attending both sessions and includes dinner. The fee is \$1.00 for either the afternoon or evening session. If you have any questions call Mrs. Duane Meeter - 877-6326.

Tentative Program

PLACE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

THEME: "THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

Afternoon Session

3:30-4:00 PM Registration and Coffee
4:00-4:45 PM "THE ROOTS OF THE CHINESE REVOLUTION"
Dr. George Lensen, Professor of History, FSU
4:45-5:00 PM Question period
5:00-5:45 PM "THE HISTORY OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD CHINA"
Dr. Thomas Campbell, Assistant Professor of History, and
Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, FSU
5:45-6:00 P.M. Question period
6:15 PM Dinner, First Baptist Church Dining Room

Evening Session

7:30 PM Presiding: Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Editor, Tallahassee, Democrat
"A NEW CHINA POLICY?"
Dr. Walter A. Rickett, Associate Professor of Chinese Studies,
University of Pennsylvania
"IN DEFENSE OF THE PRESENT U. S. POLICY TOWARD CHINA"
Dr. Robert C. Bone Professor of Government, FSU
Panel Discussion and Question Period

(During the evening session coffee will be served in To Potarian, the new Coffee House established by First Baptist Church in The Columns.)

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Nov. 6 Invitation to the Members of the League of Women Voters to (Sun.) U. N. Appreciation Tea, Lemoyne Art Foundation, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M., Given by the U. N. Association, Tallahassee Chapter.

Nov. 8 (You wouldn't forget to vote on election day, would you?) (Tue.)

Nov. 17 Morning unit meeting - Water Resources - 10 A.M. in the home of Mrs. N. E. (Fran) LaSeur, Chairman, 1545 S. Magnolia Dr.

Evening unit meeting - Water Resources - 8 P.M. Leon Federal (Downtown)

Dec. 1 Morning Unit Meeting - Local CA - Planning and Zoning - A Review of the Four Part Long Range Plan for the City of Tallahassee.

Place:

Evening Unit Meeting - Local CA - Planning and Zoning (See above)
8:00 P.M. Leon Federal Downtown.

REFLECTIONS ON THE AREA WORKSHOP ON ACTION

Twenty nine League members, including four from the Pensacola League were able to attend all or at least part of the sessions. If you missed it, we regret that you missed a wonderful opportunity to see two of our state board members set a good example of "Action". We will try to fill you in on a few of the interesting ideas presented by Mrs. Lester Saphier, State Legislative Chairman and Mrs. Richard Malcolm, State Con. Rev. Chairman.

ACTION is total league program. It begins with program planning and the final action is consensus. State League effectiveness is proportional to what local leagues have already accomplished.

Building Public Opinion - (or let's stop talking to ourselves).

1. Who will listen to us? A. The Administration, B. The Power Elite, C. The Influencers (The group that is looked to by neighbors and friends for advice on everything from recipes to politics.), D. The Inert Group, (This group represents the one-third of the population that is concerned only with its own affairs. Often basis for reactionary groups), and E. The Multipliers and Communicators, (Radio, T.V., Newspapers etc.)
2. What are we trying to say? (What is it we want to do?)
3. How can we say it best?
 - A. League Resources - (woman power) membership commitment, membership knowledge, finances, priority of plans.
 - B. Principles of Opinion Building
 1. Identification - has to do with self-interest. To accept an idea, an opinion or point of view, people must see clearly that it affects their personal desires.
 2. Trust and familiarity: The receiver of an idea, opinion or point of view is not likely to listen or to believe, unless he has confidence in the source.
 3. Clarity: to communicate successfully, we must employ words and terms that the receiver understands.
 4. Action - providing a specific means of action is far more effective than a general appeal to do something.

FROM THOUGHT TO ACTION - League purpose is to present a well organized, effective appeal to the community and to the officials who are responsible for carrying out the wishes of the citizens.

1. Selection of Program - (Single most important factor in total League effectiveness: local, state, and national items.)
2. Discussion: Study of content of CA items.
3. Conclusions: Consensus reached by members - determined by the appropriate LWV Board.
4. Action: may be requested to achieve the aim stated in the announced position, the Time for Action! on state, local and national levels.
5. Action - what is meant--what for it can take:
 - A. Letter writing - to appropriate officials or editors.
Each president writes or speaks for her League.
A member writes or speaks her opinion, but not for the league.
 - B. Distribution of printed information - action fliers.
 - C. Posters, displays, speeches, parades, (suggestions from members very welcome by the board)
 - D. Personal visit with legislators: Appropriate League Board decides the need and method.

An expression of appreciation to Ora Kromhout, Chairman of the Workshop and to her committee who did a wonderful job of making the day a success; also, to guest speaker Mr. Charles Tom Henderson, a former legislator and presently Director, Statutory Revision and Bill Drafting for some very interesting examples of "Political effectiveness in the Sponsoring and passage of Legislation."

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League Booth Exhibit at the North Florida State Fair

The Theme: REGISTER *** BE INFORMED *** VOTE

We hope League members had a chance to visit it. Words cannot describe the grand work of Mrs. Mildred Kremkau, chairman (and husband co-chairman) and her committee for the attractive and attention getting booth. Mrs. Wilma Sullivan, Supervisor of Elections and her workers were very cooperative in furnishing us with a voting machine complete with the ballot for the November 8 election. League members were at the booth through out the week to help demonstrate the voting machine and give out league pamphlets amendment broadsides. A word of special thanks to Irene Edmond's students from A. & M. who painted the flats and provided lights for the booth. From the number of people who stopped to look and inquire about our booth we concluded