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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969

(Please fill in and return 3 copies NOT LATER THAN March 31, 1969, to the League of Women Voters of the United States, 1200 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. If enough space is not provided for your replies, attach additional sheets.)

LOCAL LEAGUES:

Number of local Leagues, 3/31/69	<u>66</u>
Number of provisional Leagues, 3/31/69	<u>2</u>
Total local and provisional Leagues, 3/31/69	<u><u>68</u></u>

Check last year's State Annual Report and give:

Increase of local and provisional Leagues since 3/31/68 _____

OR

Decrease of local and provisional Leagues since 3/31/68 1

MEMBERSHIP:

Voting members, estimated 3/31/69	<u>5,619</u>
Associate members, estimated 3/31/69	<u>27</u>
Members-at-large, estimated 3/31/69	<u>12</u>
Total voting, associate and members-at-large, estimated 3/31/69	<u><u>5,658</u></u>

Check last year's Annual Report and give:

Increase of voting, associate and members-at-large
since 3/31/68 _____

OR

Decrease of voting, associate and members-at-large
since 3/31/68 1

Total membership, January 1, 1969

(Voting, associate and members-at-large)

5,441

including 12 members-at-large

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

If you have undertaken any special project to increase the number of members-at-large in your state, please describe the project and the services you are giving these members and their part in League activities.

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Albert Lea	18,000	38	0	9	7	2	38	38	
Alexandria	14,000	39	1	5	5	---	40	40	
Anoka	11,529	40					40	40	
Arden Hills	4,436	57	---	3	8	-5	57	56	
Austin	27,908	170	---	26	31	-5	170	170	
Battle Lake	733	15					15	18	
Bemidji	10,000	68	0	18	10	8	68	64	Goal
Blaine	17,000	35	0	8	12	-4	35	33	
Bloomington	85,000	103	2	34	22	12	105	103	Goal
Brainerd	12,000	17	0	4	1	3	17	16	
Brooklyn Center	34,000	56	0	12	12	---	56	50	
Brooklyn Park	20,000	31	---	9	6	3	31	29	
Buffalo	3,000	32	1	7	0	7	33	31	Goal
Burnsville	15,000	70	0	24	10	14	70	67	Goal
Cass Lake	1,565	28	0	9	7	2	31	31	Goal
Chaska--Provisional	3,800	52	0	52	0	52	52	52	Goal
Sub Total or Total	277,971	851	4	220	131	89	858	838	

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Cloquet	9,000	42	0	5	2	3	42	40	
Columbia Heights	23,283	30	1	4	6	-2	31	31	
Crookston	8,546	23					23	22	
Crystal-New Hope	45,000	81	0	29	4	25	81	73	Goal
Deerhaven	3,500	54	---	7	12	-5	54	58	
Duluth	106,000	277	0	56	60	-4	277	277	
Edina	42,000	242	3	73	40	33	245	231	Goal
Excelsior Area	8,200	48	0	5	16	-11	52	52	
Falcon Heights	6,500	54	1	17	6	11	55	56	
Faribault	16,000	35	0	8	2	6	35	35	
Fergus Falls	14,000	24	0	1	11	-10	24	24	
Fridley	27,670	69	0	21	6	15	69	69	
Golden Valley	21,248	92					92	90	
Granite Falls	3,300	50	0	10	6	4	50	49	Goal
Greater Mankato Area	60,000	88	0	20	25	-5	88	81	
Hibbing	17,000	65	---	8	8	---	65	65	
Sub Total or Total	411,247	1,274	5	264	204	60	1,283	1,253	

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Hutchinson	8,600	24	0	10	12	-2	24	21	
Jackson	3,370	24					24	24	
Mahtomedi Area	2,127	64					64	64	
Maplewood	21,438	25	—	8	4	4	25	24	
Minneapolis	482,872	962	7	158	164	-6	975	940	
Minnetonka	30,926	129	0	30	30	—	129	129	
Moorhead	35,000	68	0	17	7	10	68	67	
New Brighton	17,000	61	1	20	13	7	62	59	
New Ulm	14,000	26	0	3	7	-4	26	25	
Northfield	9,200	65	1	14	9	5	66	65	Goal
Owatonna	14,776	54	—	18	11	7	54	52	Goal
Red Wing	13,000	58	0	13	5	8	58	58	Goal
Richfield	48,000	87	0	26	12	14	87	83	Goal
Robbinsdale	19,000	44	0	10	4	6	44	43	
Rochester	47,797	168	1				168	164	
Rock County	11,864	37	0	6	12	-6	37	36	
Sub Total or Total	778,970	1,896	10	333	290	43	1,911	1,854	

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Roseville	33,000	91	0	18	19	-1	91	88	
St. Anthony	10,000	47	0	9	8	1	47	40	
St. Cloud Area	50,000	87	0	25	24	1	87	86	
St. Croix Valley	10,000	62	—	19	9	10	62	58	Goal
St. Louis Park	48,000	175	0	47	37	10	175	165	
St. Paul	350,000	360	2	36	45	-9	362	362	
St. Peter	8,484	59	0	14	19	-5	59	53	
Shoreview	8,500	45	0	7	10	-3	45	43	
Silver Bay	5,000	40	0	16	3	13	40	40	Goal
South St. Paul	24,429	40	—	8	11	-3	40	40	
Virginia	14,034	47	—	7	12	-5	47	44	
Wayzata Area	10,000	61	—	11	10	1	61	60	
Wells	3,000	27	0	4	3	1	27	27	Goal
Westonka	11,000	62	—	2	—	2	62	60	
West St. Paul	37,000	47	4	9	11	-2	51	51	
White Bear Lake	22,000	99	1	27	14	13	100	95	Goal
Sub Total or Total	644,447	1,349	7	259	235	24	1,356	1,312	

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Willmar	10,000	40	0	6	6	-6	40	43
Winona	26,771	84	1	15	23	-8	85	84
Woodbury—Provisional	5,000	41	—	41	—	41	41	Not provisional at that time
Worthington	10,000	35	0	7	13	-6	35	35
NORTH ST. PAUL	10,531	10			7	-7	10	10
Sub Total or Total	62,302	210	1	69	49	-27	211	172
GRAND TOTAL	2,174,937	5,580	27	1,145	909	189	5,619	5,429

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INTER-LEAGUE GROUPS

- 1) Please list the Inter-League Organizations in your state including the names of local Leagues in each. (Reminder - DO NOT list groups organized for other reasons than common local Program, e.g. river basin groups, or Leagues working on common local Program on an Ad Hoc basis.)

Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters - Anoka, Arden Hills, Blaine, Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Chaska, Col. Hts., Crystal-New Hope, Deephaven, Edina, Excelsior Area, Falcon Heights, Fridley, Golden Valley, Mahtomedi Area, Maplewood, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Brighton, North St. Paul, Richfield, St. Anthony, St. Croix Valley, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Shoreview, So. St. Paul, Wayzata, Westonka, W. St. Paul, White Bear Lake, Woodbury Heights.

- 2) What services does the state Board offer to Inter-League Organizations? What provision is made for attendance at state Conventions, participation in workshops, etc.?

State president and first vice president alternate as liaison between Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues and our state Board. Chairman of CMAL receives all state monthly mailings, attends Conventions and Council as a visitor. State Board helps promote CMAL publications and attendance at CMAL meetings.

- 3) Have the Guidelines for ILOs and Steps for Organizing or Changing (Oct. 1968) filled the need for guidance? Has your Board any questions or suggestions?

This information included in CMAL report sent directly to national with copies to us.

- 4) List any "Ad Hoc" groups cooperating on local Program. Is the distinction between ILOs and Ad Hoc groups making any difficulties? If so, please describe.

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- 1) Has your state League an office?

Address: 555 Wabasha St. St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Is it permanent? Yes

Do you share it with a local League? No

How many rooms? Describe briefly. 5

There is an entry room with space to hang coats. A mail room; an assembly room; a small conference room; the board room; and the main office with desks, files, etc.

Do you make use of volunteer help on a regular basis? How is this organized?

No

- 2) Give name of staff person(s) and brief description of staff job(s) (indicate full or part time).

Mrs. L. J. Seiberlich (Mildred) Full-time Office Manager
Mrs. Edward Dvorak (Jan) Part-time bookkeeper
Diane Kutzler - Part time typist

Manpower temporary.

- 3) List dates of state Board meetings 1968-69. Indicate if pre- or post-Convention or Council.

January 16, February 20, March 19, pre-council.

Council - April 16, 1968

Board - April, 23, May 21, June 18, August 20, September 17,
October 15, November 19, December 17, 1968. January 21,
February 18, March 18, April 20, 1969.

Convention - May 21-22, 1969.

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STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES

MEMBERSHIP: 1) Please describe any help your state Board has given to local Leagues in the field of membership expansion - recruitment and/or how to keep.

LIMITED MEMBERSHIP: We do not differentiate via any published material re small vs large Leagues. Usually the consultant helps the Board (local) in choosing priorities and in extreme cases (Leagues on the verge of folding) often suggests greatest attention be given recruitment and orientation with limited Program coverage. Minneapolis and St. Paul invite other Leagues to

briefing sessions 2) Please make any suggestions the state Board may have for national services which would help with membership growth.
with our enthusiastic approval.

CONFERENCES: List conferences or workshops for League leaders, give conference topics, and local Leagues involved, etc. Had a 3 day series of Leadership Workshops in June for all Board Members. Each portfolio was given a How-to morning then a joint afternoon session. 17 Leagues were not represented.

Held 4 Legislative Workshops in 4 different areas of state. Attendance 50 to 150 people.

Now in processing of 6 State Action Workshops while Legislature is in session. Attendance 75 to 300 people. (continued on separate sheet)

List conferences or workshops designed for members as well as leaders, give subject, attendance, etc.

Attach working agendas when available.

FIELD SERVICE: Describe briefly visits to local Leagues by consultants, state Board members, advisers. Every state Board member serves as consultant to from 3 to 8 Leagues...each League is visited at least once every 2 years--some require numerous visits. Often Board Program people are called upon (by the Organization Committee) to help any League, usually at a general or "open" meeting but occasionally at Board or briefing sessions. Provisional Leagues have non-Board members as advisers and attend every Board and many unit meetings. Two additional former state Board members are currently serving as consultants.

(OVER)

STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL LEAGUES (Continued)

COMMUNICATIONS: How do you regularly communicate with local League Boards? Minutes are brief--problems/and/or success referred to appropriate Board member. All local minutes are read by 3 Board members; in addition, each consultant receives minutes directly from "her" Leagues. Our most effective method of communication from us to them is via the monthly state MEMO.

CITIES: (Has your state Board offered help to city Leagues? Please describe. No.

AID TO LEAGUES WITH LIMITED MEMBERSHIP:

- a) Please describe any special service you gave to the smaller Leagues in your state. Did you supply additional help in program coverage? Arrange for assistance by another local League or cooperative work? In your state program materials do you indicate the minimum amount of coverage expected, bibliography used, number of meetings, etc. as a guide to small Leagues?

- b) What do you consider the best technique or techniques for helping Leagues with limited membership?

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CONFERENCES (continued):

50th Anniversary Workshop on How-to in December.

Indian Workshop with Indian speakers on needed legislation.

Foreign Policy Trade Workshop in January with businessmen and government speakers.

Membership Whairman Workshop on February 4th for local Leagues Membership Chairmen.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Please describe any help your state Board has given to local Leagues in the field of membership expansion--recruitment and/or how to keep.

In June, 1968, during the State Leadership Workshops held on three consecutive days, there was a special workshop for membership chairmen. Twenty-five Leagues attended. The material which was given out was sent to all Leagues not attending. This included: Let's Talk League, a complete set of Membership Memos, 1967-68, a New Member Kit, and two additional hand-out pieces.

The film Pick & Shovel Citizen was shown. It is available to local Leagues from the State Office on request.

The agenda for this meeting considered: Growth, types of membership, the duties of a membership chairman, committee help, planning a membership calendar, publications, how to get and how to keep members, how to collect dues. We also had displays of various publications on membership and local Leagues were invited to bring their displays.

In February another workshop was held for local League Membership Chairman. Fifteen Leagues attended. It was well received. At this workshop, several local Membership Chairmen outlined the programs they had followed successfully.

The state set membership goals in May, 1968. About one-third of our Leagues look like they are making their goals. For many Leagues, this provides real incentives, for others, they just ignore the goal. It depends on the enthusiasm of the local Chairman.

Each month there was a section on membership in the Board Memo, and again a series of Membership Memos was done. I would particularly call your attention to Memo #2 on program which seems to be outstanding. We received many orders for additional copies.

2. Suggestions for national services which would help with membership growth.

Preparing pieces like "So You're Intrigued by the League", and other poster type material that most local Leagues cannot afford to produce, and keeping the price low, is a worthwhile endeavor.

There ought to be a more informative membership section in the National Board Reports on techniques, etc., instead of just statistical.

In the general recommendation section from our State, you will find a request to send IBM name/address Voter lists to all local Leagues with a copy to be sent back to the State Office to keep our files current on our VOTERS. Actually this saves a lot of money. We found many duplications, and people who were no longer League members still kept on lists. Our membership numbers now really represent warm live bodies of members.

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STATE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Does your state Board have suggestions for changes in basic League policies or for improvement in the procedures and services of the national Board and office? If so, please describe, giving reasons and suggestions for the improvements that might be made.

These suggestions were the result of a general state Board discussion of about 40 minutes -

1. There was a general feeling that the non-partisanship policy for Board members should be reviewed. As I presided, it was apparent to me that some Board members felt there should be a relaxation of the present policy, while others felt the policy should be more definitely spelled out.
2. Another suggestion which has been discussed briefly at several meetings is the possibility of changing the national bylaws to provide for a single round of program suggestions. This suggestion was made regarding state program as well. Chief reason for this proposal was efficiency and the saving of time.
3. Another interesting proposal which would also require a bylaw change, was that of limiting the study and action period of a particular item, at the end of which time it would be dropped/
4. The following suggestion comes directly from our membership chairman who, because we are short staffed in our state office, worked on membership files herself:

National sends out a list of names and addresses to selected local Leagues to verify their Voter files - we received a copy of this corrected list from those local Leagues in about November or December.

National should do this for all our local Leagues to keep the Voter files up to date - if this is possible. These are done on IBM type sheets - it would even be worthwhile to pay for this.

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STATE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. What services (letters or visits to local Leagues, help to inter-League groups, workshops, publications, state-wide publicity or promotion, or actual fund-raising at state level, etc.) has the state Board provided in connection with the following? Describe briefly and attach sample materials if possible.

a) Budget-Building: (designate whether for local or state budgets, or both).

Memo sent out by state budget chairman prior to budget making for local Leagues. Instead of annual budget building day had 50th Anniversary Workshop 12/5/68 with Gwen Murphree National Finance Chairman.

b) Fund-Raising:

Leadership workshop in June '68 on fund raising.

2. Does your state Board offer advice or recommend procedures in connection with:

a) Dues: (1) What amount does the state recommend? \$ 7.50

(2) How many Leagues (exclusive of local subscription service) have dues of:

Over \$7.50	<u>3</u>	\$5 or \$5.50	<u>10</u>
\$7 or \$7.50	<u>19</u>	\$4 or \$4.50	<u>0</u>
\$6 or \$6.50	<u>7</u>	under \$4	<u>1</u>

Only 40
have
reported.

b) Pledges for state-national services (for both local and provisional Leagues):

(1) How do you help Leagues arrive at a pledge which represents a fair share of the support needed?

Pledges are determined by state budget committee and sent to local Leagues. The state budget committee considers size of League - finance drive - potential of community. Many of our local League pledges come to \$10 per member. (That's our⁸ basic formula.) (OVER)

STATE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

(2) How many Leagues met suggested pledge _____; failed to meet _____; exceeded suggested pledge _____?

c) Men's Advisory Committees: What advice if any does your state offer re establishment of MAC's?

None this year. All advice pertinent to 50th and B & I councils

How many of your Leagues have them 4? In what way do they find them helpful?

Does the state League use a MAC? No In what ways?

3. Business gifts:

a) Give Number of Business Gifts* in each of the following categories(see 7b on local report)

<u>Under \$5</u>	<u>\$5 up to \$10</u>	<u>\$10 up to \$25</u>	<u>\$25 up to \$50</u>	<u>\$50 up to \$100</u>	<u>\$100 and over</u>
<u>332</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>16</u>

b) "Earmarked" Business Gifts: How many business firms earmarked their gifts for a special activity (see 8d on local report) : _____.

How much did such gifts total among all your Leagues \$ _____: for what types of activities were they earmarked?

no figures on this

*Note: "up to" implies "not including".

STATE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

- c) Gifts of Service: How many non-cash "gifts of service" (see 8e on local report): _____. Approximate total value? \$ _____.
For what types of service?

no explanations were given

4. Please explain, on a ~~separate~~ sheet, if you have suggestions for the kind of help you would like from the national office.
5. On a ~~spearate~~ sheet, please list nationwide ~~firms~~ contributing to your Leagues.

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STATE LEAGUES FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
(Please total all these columns)

Name of League; Star the Provisionals	Goal of Drive held between 4/1/68 and 3/31/69	Amount Raised in Drive held between 4/1/68 and 3/31/69	No. of Contributions			No. of all gifts rec'd of:						Total No. of Work- ers	Did this League have a bona fide Finance Drive? Y=Yes, N=No If not, what was alternative?
			Mem- bers	Non-memb. Individ- uals	Busi- ness Firms	Un- der \$5	\$5 up to \$10	\$10 up to \$25	\$25 up to \$50	\$50 up to \$100	\$100 and over		
Albert Lea	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	3	14	98	23	66	22	6			24	Yes
Bemidji	605.00	487.75	5	12	42	7	29	20	3			18	Yes
Blaine	450.00	356.00	2	2	44	8	18	19	1			19	Yes
Bloomington	1425.00	1322.50	25	11	114	37	80	25	2			31	Yes
Brainerd													No, not this year
Brooklyn Center	1010.00	1129.65	25	6	84	27	46	29	6	3	2	24	Yes
Burnsville	520.00	596.00	11	1	70	21	27	32	2			38	Yes
Cass Lake	250.00	202.15	10	11	10	10	6	5	1			5	Yes
Chaska*													No, not this year
Cloquet	752.50	658.00	40	23	18	7	18	14	2			25	Yes
Columbia Heights													No, not this year
Crystal-New Hope	650.00	879.00	4	2	147	69	51	27	5	1		33	Yes
Duluth	2500.00	2294.35	51	137	29	6	63	81	16			27	Yes
Edina	1550.00	1618.00	70	57	45	15	67	16	1	3		46	Yes
Excelsior Area	680.00	407.35	19	8	26	2	14	16	2			8	Yes
Sub Total or Total	\$11,192.50	\$10,850.75	298	284	727	232	485	306	47	7	2	298	

* If form is filled in before drive is held, use estimated figures based on last year's drive.

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Name of League; Star the Provisionals	Goal of Drive held between 4/1/68 and 3/31/69	Amount Raised in Drive held between 4/1/68 and 3/31/69	No. of Contributions			No. of all gifts rec'd of:						Total No. of Work- ers	Did this League have a bona fide Finance Drive? Y=Yes, N=No If not, what was alternative?
			Mem- bers	Non-memb. Individ- uals	Busi- ness Firms	Un- der \$5	\$5 up to \$10	\$10 up to \$25	\$25 up to \$50	\$50 up to \$100	\$100 and over		
Falcon Heights													No, not yet this year.
Faribault	\$ 258.00	\$ 281.50	27	12	11	26	9	14	1				Yes
Fergus Falls	300.00	301.50	9	25	12	8	26	12				15	Yes
Fridley													Yes
Granite Falls		350.00	11	10	76	57	33	7				40	Yes
Hutchinson	395.00	100.00	10		60							10	Yes
Mankato		1015.00	1	1	100	6	46	45	3			25	Yes
Minnetonka	1326.00	1652.18	35	69	79	44	68	60	9	2	2	64	No, not for 1969
Moorhead	900.00	718.50	16	88		20	40	28				20	Yes
New Brighton	587.50	700.50	3	2	45	5	19	19	5	1	1	27	Yes
New Ulm		209.00	3	14	9	3	9	3	1				Yes
Northfield													Not yet
Red Wing	720.00	1015.00	3	5	133	31	64	34	7	1		26	Yes
Richfield	440.00	405.27	50	15	23	1	29	6	1	1		35	Yes
Robbinsdale	550.00	605.00	13	8	78	27	39	32				29	Yes
Sub Total or Total	\$5,476.50	\$7,353.45	181	249	626	228	382	260	27	5	3	291	

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Rock County	\$ 325.00	\$ 334.00	5	10	31	5	18	17	1			16	Yes
Roseville	950.00	924.85	18	17	57	15	28	33	13	1		20	Yes
St. Anthony	470.00	474.00	8	28	15	8	20	16	2	1		14	Yes
St. Cloud	1200.00		8	2									Yes
St. Louis Park		1300.00	8	20	140	37	67	57	5	1	1	34	Yes
St. Paul	5000.00	542724	74			30	7	130	44	21	1	45	Yes
St. Peter	955.00	432.50	3	48	52	2	67	32	3			24	Yes
Shoreview	835.00	1311.46	33	38	13	4	18	61	2	1		40	Yes
Silver Bay	300.00	424.20	9	50	17	31	21	11		1		17	Yes
Wells	130.00	183.10	18	1	27	8	12	6	1			11	Yes
West St. Paul	640.00	678.00	7	10	48							20	Yes
White Bear Lake	900.00	867.00	10	76	55	41	63	33	3	1		34	Yes
Willmar	605.00	607.58	10	88		10	52	18	2			12	Yes
	\$12,310.50	\$12,963.93	211	388	455	191	373	414	76	27	2	287	
Sub Total or Total	\$28,979.50	\$31,168.13	690	921	1,808	651	1,240	980	150	39	7	876	

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STATE LEAGUE (See explanation of items on reverse side)	1967-68	Estimated 1968-69
Income		
1. Local Leagues Support	\$ 39,610.85	\$ 43,200.00
2. Contributions direct to state	529.05	475.00
3. All other receipts	10,124.81	12,100.00
4. From Reserves		2,000.00
5. TOTAL INCOME	\$ 50,264.71	\$ 57,685.00
Expenditures		
6. General Administration	\$ 18,595.08	\$ 25,183.00
7. Direct Services to Local Leagues	12,456.56	11,904.00
8. National Support	17,100.00	18,000.00
9. All other disbursements	25.66	528.00
10. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 48,177.30	\$ 55,615.00

CASH STATEMENT

11. Cash balance on hand (including savings) at beginning of year	4/1/68	\$ 8,530.57
12. Estimated cash balance on hand (including savings) at close of year, 3/31/69		\$ 8,780.57

<u>LOCAL AND PROVISIONAL LEAGUES</u>	1967-68	Estimated 1968-69
Income (This is for 50 local leagues--18 not reporting)		
Dues	\$ 30,574.75	\$ 70,645.75
Member Contributions	7,526.52	4,716.86
Nonmember Contributions (Individuals & Business)	46,854.67	32,346.21
Other Receipts (total of 4 a), b), c), d), from Local League reports)	9,772.45	9,745.21
Drawn from Reserves (total of 5 a), and b) from Local League reports)	14,145.51	9,530.28
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 108,873.90	\$ 126,984.31
Expenditures		
Local Work	\$ 63,285.26	\$ 44,754.72
State and national services	36,980.00	27,480.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 100,265.26	\$ 72,234.72

CASH STATEMENT

Total of local Leagues		
Balances on hand (including savings) at beginning of year 4/1/68		\$ 32,076.96
Estimated balances (including savings) on hand at close of year, 3/31/69		\$ 32,773.25
How much of the estimated balance is earmarked?		\$ 10,195.82

Note: We are aware that the state Board must receive local League figures by March 15. We suggest you reassure your local Leagues that their figures may be based on their best estimates.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

1. Local League Support: Include both pledge support and additional gifts from local Leagues.
2. Contributions Direct to State: Show any gifts made directly to the state League from other than local League sources.
3. All Other Receipts: Include dues from members-at-large, net profit from publications or other income producing activities.
4. From Reserve: Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from: a) Earmarked Reserves for state and national Convention or Council delegates' expenses, for special publications or for equipment, etc., or b) drawn from savings to balance expenses.

EXPENDITURES

6. General Administration: Include cost of President, Board, Delegates, Legislative costs, Operating costs, Salaries, Public Relations costs, Fees, Capital Expenditures, or net cost from the operation of Council or Convention.
7. Direct Service to Local Leagues: Include cost of field travel, conferences, free-organization materials; also net cost of any state publications or any national publications.
8. National Support: State pledge plus any additional gifts made to national.
9. All Other Disbursements: Any expenses not included in 6, 7, and 8.
11. Cash Balance, 4/1/68: Include total of all cash in savings and all checking accounts.
12. Estimated Cash Balance, 3/31/69: You will arrive at this figure by adding 1, 2, 3, and 11 (Cash Balance 4/1/68) and then subtracting 10 (Total Expenditures, 1968-69).

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	Members		Non-Members		Other Receipts 4 a), b), c), d)*	Total Drawn From Reserves 5 a), b)*	Local Disburse- ment	State and National Support
	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms etc.				
Albert Lea	\$ 231.00			\$ 910.00	\$ 49.78	\$ 60.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 300.00
Brainerd	80.00				20.00		115.27	45.00
Burnsville	552.00	27.00	20.00	549.00	103.75	135.00	714.44	425.00
Columbia Heights	201.50	10.00		18.00	21.00	437.00	290.85	275.00
Duluth	1,943.75	612.25		1,682.50	500.00	200.00	2,700.00	2,375.00
Edina	1,762.50	284.75		1,327.50	495.47	25.00	2,306.58	1,600.00
Excelsior Area	352.50	87.85	66.00	253.50	161.82	125.00	742.45	540.00
Falcon Heights	403.50	17.00	25.00		88.25	120.00	381.55	300.00
Fridley	578.00	44.23			60.00	676.15	765.48	500.00
Minnetonka Village	967.50	123.58	645.60	883.00	65.59	205.00	2,765.03	950.00
Roseville	534.00	128.35	123.00	673.50	77.50	492.10	1,078.45	950.00
St. Anthony Village	240.00	49.00	317.00	208.00	63.90	255.26	975.00	350.00
St. Cloud Area	630.00	29.00	25.00	5.00	55.00	956.00	1,050.00	650.00
St. Louis Park	1,170.00	57.50	145.00	1,156.00	122.68	300.00	1,749.33	1,200.00
St. Paul	2,659.00	1,165.24		4,525.00	5,537.28		7,235.00	3,300.00
Sub Total or Total	12,305.25	2,635.75	1,366.60	12,191.00	7,422.02	3,986.51	23,819.43	13,760.00

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	Members		Non-Members				Local Disburse- ment	State and National Support
	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms etc.				
Granite Falls	\$ 245.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 56.11	\$ 101.59	\$ 281.45	\$ 260.00
Greater Mankato Area	607.50	17.00	30.00	1,620.00			957.03	600.00
Hutchinson	105.00				6.65	386.00	179.00	170.00
New Brighton	465.00	13.50	8.00	679.00	95.13	266.44	874.86	450.00
New Ulm	100.00	20.00			20.75	459.57	315.53	200.00
Northfield	465.00	35.00		564.50	30.00	575.46	671.50	450.00
Red Wing	420.00	14.50	40.00	960.50	60.00	557.25	1,084.70	475.00
Robbinsdale	264.00	63.00		542.00	122.84		478.69	425.00
Rock County	270.00	15.00	63.00	256.00	2.95	100.00	262.31	250.00
Alexandria	240.00		492.50		24.85	428.60	279.61	360.00
Anoka	204.00	16.00		558.00	184.00		335.71	425.00
Arden Hills	389.50	41.00		386.00	72.00		254.37	500.00
Bemidji	408.00	42.25	95.00	350.50	146.59		673.73	475.00
Brooklyn Park	217.50			569.50		307.00	350.12	300.00
Deephaven	405.00	81.30	380.50	25.00	63.39	105.00	600.83	400.00
Sub Total or Total	4,805.50	302.55	1,144.00	6,201.00	885.26	3,286.91	7,599.44	5,740.00

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	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms etc.				
St. Peter	\$ 375.00	\$ 62.50		\$ 844.50			\$ 763.57	\$ 425.00
West St. Paul	382.50	32.00		646.00		\$ 154.24	800.00	450.00
Shoreview	322.50	306.00	\$ 791.46	214.00		76.65	1,191.07	300.00
Silver Bay	200.00	57.50	211.70	155.00			272.06	275.00
Wells	94.50	9.10		158.00	19.20		145.18	100.00
White Bear Lake	7750.00	73.00	425.00	369.00	133.27	106.00	900.00	700.00
Willmar	266.50	66.23	521.00	40.00	100.37		602.46	350.00
Blaine	165.00	50.00		356.00	25.15		432.57	300.00
Bloomington	793.00	67.00	78.00	1,177.50	340.87	331.06	1,701.34	900.00
Brooklyn Center	360.00	120.79	44.00	863.25	101.49	105.00	974.00	585.00
Cass Lake	150.00	57.65	63.50	81.00		352.15	197.21	125.00
Chaska*	390.00				112.11		229.64	150.00
Buffalo	150.00	75.00	75.00	436.00	12.60	163.42	573.74	210.00
Cloquet	205.00	151.00	138.00	170.00	140.00	539.30	248.41	300.00
Crystal-New Hope	600.00	40.03		854.00	79.25	170.00	1,592.69	475.00
Sub Total or Total	52,040.00	1,167.80	2,347.66	6,364.25	1,064.31	1,997.82	10,623.94	5,645.00

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	Dues	Member Contri- butions	Individuals	Business Firms etc.				
Fergus Falls	\$ 165.00	\$ 35.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 25.66	\$ 57.08	\$ 189.24	\$ 360.00
Hibbing	315.00			507.50	52.65		447.76	600.00
Wayzata	363.00	120.00	34.20	464.00	130.88	51.96	614.04	550.00
Winona	477.00	317.26	80.00	735.00	164.43	150.00	1,320.87	600.00
Worthington	175.00	48.00	1.00	250.00			140.00	225.00
Sub Total or Total	1,495.00	520.76	195.20	2,536.50	373.62	259.04	2,711.91	2,335.00

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the NATIONAL BOARD REPORTS of May and September 1968 the national Board suggested that local Leagues schedule meetings on the Electoral College after January 1969 and therefore it does not expect that many Leagues will have already held meetings at the time Annual Reports are being compiled this year.

However, there have been indications that a number of Leagues have already done something on the Electoral College for their members and/or for the public--for example, a newspaper story or League Bulletin article or even a meeting or radio or television program. And some Leagues have found fascinating ways to use the Electoral College Capsule Quizzes provided by the national Board last August as one of two "watching tools" for the presidential election period.

Because it has been such an extraordinarily timely Program item, perhaps your state League has already done something on the Electoral College which you might like to report. If it has done nothing yet, please feel no compunctions. Simply write a big NOTHING YET on this sheet. If you should want to report on Electoral College work at this stage, we would be delighted to have you do so.

In October, '68, I sent out a mailing which I called Summary of "Electoral College System Quizzes." This included a sheet on which all of the electors of the seven parties which would appear on our ballot were listed. In our December State Board Memo I inserted a reminder for all local League resource people to start reading everything they could about the electoral college and told them of a meeting our Edina League was having with Cong. Clark MacGregor as the speaker. In January I had a second article in our Board Memo urging them to get copies of "Electing the President" from the American Bar Assoc. and "After the Electoral College" from the National Municipal League, which many of them did send for. In February we sent out a mailing titled "Views of the Electoral College by Minnesota Congressmen" which was taken from personal interviews with all of our senators and representatives from Minnesota's eight districts.

Many of our local Leagues have already had their first meetings on this topic. Several have had good background material in their local bulletins. The Willmar, Minn. League had a page called "Minnesota Statutes Re: Electoral College" which was most informative. Our Golden Valley League had reviews of "The People's President" by Neal Peirce and "The Degeneration of -Our Presidential Election" by Jules Abels in their February bulletin. Both the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues have held large, open meetings on the Electoral College. Rep. Donald Fraser spoke at Mpls.'s meeting, and the St. Paul League has included many of our smaller Leagues in their plans. Member participation and interest has been exceptionally high in this topic, and everyone is anxiously waiting for National's publications for now and in the fall.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - HUMAN RESOURCES
(Add extra sheets if necessary.)

1. How would you evaluate the work of your local Leagues on the Human Resources item? (Be sure to include housing.) Would evaluate work as Good

45 of the 68 Minnesota leagues reported holding unit meetings on the HR item

25 of the 68 Minnesota leagues held HR meetings for their communities

17 of the 68 Minnesota leagues engaged in special projects such as:

Publishing studies - Indians in Minneapolis

OEO Programs in Hennepin County (Mpls.)

Housing surveys of community - Red Wing, Hennepin County Leagues,
White Bear Lake

Petitions to realtors - New Brighton, Bloomington

Legislative action for education for disadvantaged - Minneapolis

AFDC Study - Greater Mankato Area

Crisis '68 - series of 6 meetings on urban problems - Shoreville, Roseville

2. Describe your own work: with local Leagues; on the state legislative level; in response to Times for Action; workshops; others?

Have worked in cooperation with Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights to develop legislative program to close loopholes in present state anti-discrimination law. Am part of strategy committee that meets weekly through 3-4 month legislative session. This group responsible for all lobbying done on this legislation.

Cooperated on Indian Workshop for state Indians and state legislators - with Minneapolis League.

Surveyed local leagues to determine how many communities have human right commissions and how many have ordinances - and what they cover

Surveyed local leagues to gain acceptance for eliminating two exemptions from state housing position (room in home, and other half of duplex in which owner lives) were able to update our state position. Now support no discrimination

3. Has your state League taken any state action under the national Human Resources position? If so, describe the issue or issues on which you acted and the form of action taken. In your judgment, was the action effective? Did you combine the national position with a state position?

A Time for Action on changes in state anti-discrimination law went out to local leagues the last week in March. Results are not yet in.

State Board President, Mrs. Irene Janski, wrote letter to editors of Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers announcing the League's position in favor of no housing discrimination. Minneapolis paper printed letter with good headline at top of Sunday letters page. This paper covers entire state of Minnesota.

When it was discovered that the St. Paul Athletic Club has no black members, and that some of our black league members do not wish to attend (OVER) functions at this club, our 50th Anniversary Celebration luncheon for 600 women and guests was moved to another setting. The Athletic Club was informed of reason for action. - 16 -

HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

4. Comment on additional guidance or materials from the National Board that might help you as state Chairman of Human Resources.

5. Do you see ways in which state Chairmen of Human Resources might help to develop programs or materials that may be of use to all Leagues? (Be sure to include the growing edge of the item, i.e., "further measures to combat poverty and discrimination.")

6. Has your state League published any materials relating to Human Resources, either under the national item or state items? (Please list, indicating price and availability.)

7. If members of the state Board have served on non-League committees related to Human Resources and are not included in their local League report, please list here. (See question 4, Local League Report.)

Marian Watson - Board of Directors, Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights

Frances Farley - Board of Directors, Minnesota Council for Civil and Human Rights

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - FOREIGN POLICY

1. Describe assistance given by the state Board to local Leagues on the foreign policy item. (Please attach copies of workshop agendas, memos, discussion outlines, bibliographies, etc.).

2. Evaluate the usefulness to local Leagues of national League materials on foreign policy.

CHINA - Evaluate the work of your local Leagues on the China study (including resource committee coverage, member discussions, consensus process, and community education).

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FOREIGN POLICY (Continued)

FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS - Evaluate the work of your local Leagues on the support positions.

AID

Leagues did not devote any time to this item except in general member orientation and update. They did respond to Times for Action calls. (See Congressional Action above)

TRADE

Several Leagues were active in this area. The state League put on a conference on trade (see above). Many Leagues gave it wide publicity locally, contacting Chambers of Commerce and local industries. In addition, at least three Leagues had major trade events: Duluth, a day-long conference (program enclosed), Buffalo and Minnetonka. Rock County distributed material on trade to visiting AFS students at a community-wide weekend for these students.

UNITED NATIONS

Many Leagues carry on very interesting UN efforts. Along with the state League, 14 Leagues joined in sponsoring the UN Rally which had an attendance of 850. Several Leagues brought one or two high school students and found their reaction interesting and rewarding. Leagues were involved with:

- ... Mayor's proclamations, Mayor's UN Day luncheons, Chamber of Commerce UN Day luncheons, flag raising, tree planting
- ... holding a college mock security council meeting
- ... UNICEF Trick of Treat collection
- ... a community program featuring the high school band playing songs from various nations, dance groups, League singers and children of League members doing interpretive dancing (Buffalo).

National Program - Foreign Policy

1. Assistance given by the state Board to local Leagues:

A. In an informational role this past year we:

- ... announced upcoming events of universities and other organizations related to League items. A major source of this information was the Minnesota World Affairs Center to which the League belongs. Through its monthly newsletters, member organizations keep each other informed.
- ... sent out information of Minnesota companies involved in export trade. The material was compiled by the Minnesota Department of Business Development.
- ... sent out a discussion outline on China prepared by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters presenting pro and con arguments on several issues. A number of Leagues mentioned using it.
- ... read the booklet "The Protectionist Mood and Midwest Agricultural Trade" while it was in the process of being written by the Agricultural Extension Service, commented on it, distributed it to our Leagues after publication and made it available at our trade conference.
- ... sent out information on the films and discussion material prepared by the Center for Economic Education. The St. Cloud League used their materials for a series of three summer workshops dealing with world economic problems and trade.
- ... suggested speakers on an individual basis for local League programs.

B. Participated in, as well as publicized:

- ... a day honoring the 20th Anniversary of W.H.O. and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (attendance of 300). State foreign policy chairman acted as rapporteur.
- ... the Governor's proclamation of "A Declaration of Human Rights for all of the World's Citizens." - copy attached.
- ... United Nations Rally - four talks by University of Minnesota professors just returned from restudying Russia. Luncheon speaker, Dr. Richard Gardner. Fourteen local Leagues as well as the state League were sponsoring organizations. Attendance of 850.

C. Sponsored trade conference, "Minnesota Prospects for World Trade in '69" along with the Minnesota World Trade Association and the Upper Midwest Regional Export Expansion Council. (program attached). About 200 attended. We had an excellent response from the business community. The State of Minnesota supplied us with a very interesting display of Minnesota exports that had been used at an agricultural trade fair in Tokyo. Six thousand brochures were distributed via local Leagues, our co-sponsoring organizations, Chambers of Commerce, University of Minnesota Department of Business, Agricultural Extension Division, the Minnesota World Affairs Center mailing list, etc. Publications discussing trade and quota problems were distributed. The speakers were very informative.

D. The state League acted as liaison along with the Minnesota World Affairs Center in setting up the tour for the State Department's Community Meetings on Foreign Policy. The League handled the appearances in Rochester, Austin and Mankato bringing together schools, Chambers of Commerces, media, civic and community groups to arrange the day's

events. The Leagues did a fine job, reaching many people. The State Department people praised their efforts.

E. The state foreign policy chairman gave two talks on China to Leagues, addressing about 100, and spoke on "World Trade in the Year 2000" to the Minneapolis World Affairs Study Group.

National Congressional Action

In attempting to help local Leagues do a better job in communicating with their Congressmen, the state has set up a program of a Congressional Coordinator for each of the eight districts. The Leagues notify their coordinator as they respond to a Time for Action. The coordinator reminds those that have not taken action. As a result of this program, our Leagues are doing a far more effective job. We have worked through the coordinator in setting up the Congressional interview. The state coordinator has attended the five interviews with representatives and the one senatorial one held so far during the 91st session. The format of these interviews has varied. Two of them have had as many as 6-7 representatives from different Leagues within the district.

The state coordinator receives the Congressional Record, keeps track of voting records, bills introduced, comments made, etc. by Minnesota Congressmen on items of League interest. Summaries of this material is sent out to the Leagues concerned as well as summaries of the Congressional interview.

This national action program was discussed with some League presidents as a part of the State Action Workshops this fall.

The state League responded officially to all national Times for Action.

2. Evaluate the usefulness to local Leagues of national League material on foreign policy.

The Leader's Guide, Current Review, National Board Report, Report from the Hill are all very valuable to the resource person. They do a good job of meeting the needs of the various League situations. Some Leagues have the highly informed person with access to a wide range of materials. League materials tell her where else to look. We also have Leagues with very limited access to other materials who must rely upon only League material for presentation.

You do attempt to cross reference these various sources, but it is often very confusing to know just where to go to look something up. Perhaps the information per topic could be concentrated in one publication for the year and then use "Report from the Hill" to keep current, rather than also using the Board Report and other materials. The convention workbook is one of the best, in depth reviews of League positions and I doubt that very few resource people are even aware of it.

The China Facts and Issues were widely used. "The UN Today" was mentioned frequently by Leagues as having been given to schools, put in libraries, distributed to members. It is a useful, quick update. The just arrived, "Study and Action" will prove to be an invaluable League "Bible" just as its predecessors were.

"The Report from the Hill" seems to be a new direction in keeping up with legislation. We highly applaud the effort. Even more could be done to personalize the legislative process, to give a feeling of participation. On the state level, our communication about legislation, "The Capitol Newsletter" has been very successful in communicating a "feel," a "you are there in the corridors" sense to League members.

Lobbying has become one of the most exciting League activities to members, in great part due to this kind of a newsletter. Bravo for "Report from the Hill." We're looking forward to many more issues.

There is need for more visual aid materials on program items, like the film strip on the "China Puzzle," of about 10-15 minute duration. It acts as an attention getter and gives the basic information of the topic, yet allows ample discussion time. The "China Puzzle" strip was appreciated by many Leagues. Some found it lacking in enough content to be worth the time needed, but there is a demand for some tools to help in topic presentation in units. Tapes don't command enough attention; major films are too long.

China:

There was a good response to the study and consensus on China. This year, most Leagues kept their China activity within their League. The consensus returns showed that interest was high. There were many comments such as, "It was perhaps one of the most lively and interesting consensus meetings we have experienced in our League.", "Popular topic with members," "good discussion, good participation," "Answers to consensus questions came easily.", etc. A couple of Leagues felt the topic too difficult an issue to take action on and felt it should have been limited to information only. It was interesting to note that even in the most conservative, rural areas, there was a great deal of interest in the United States taking the initiative in making contacts with China.

This item really "turned on" some Leagues -

- ... Duluth's China committee of 10-15 members met two times a month for three years. During that time the League had a workshop with the AAUW attended by 150 and presented a speaker in sponsorship with the American Friends that had 225 at it.
- ... A county-wide, multi-League study group met monthly throughout the three years in the Twin City area.
- ... In one metropolitan suburb, the resource person in taking China to other groups, spent 26 hours in speeches outside the League.
- ... Cass Lake, a community of 1600 with 24 League members, had two public meetings with outside speakers, one a political science professor from a neighboring college. They had four unit meetings, used the film strip and tape. Surely, because of the League, that community is far more aware of China.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - WATER RESOURCES

1. What information, guidance, and assistance has the state Board given local Leagues for work under the national water item?

Mostly explaining what they can or cannot do under the National Item, and explaining the kinds of study necessary before they can get on a local item. We also gave help to some Leagues in planning programs. A group of Leagues in the North metro-area is being given help in organizing a Watershed District.

2. What is the state Board's reaction to the WATER RESOURCES LEADERS GUIDE for 1968-69, "Water for the Absolute Neophyte"?

Excellent, although most of our Leagues have not used it yet, according to their reports, most plan to next year, and many are using it to update new members.

to the Water Resources kit for provisional Leagues?

Our present water chairman, Mrs. Wm. Brascugli is still not receiving her National mailings. She is not even on Lois Sharpe's list!

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-- NATIONAL PROGRAM --
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT:
APPORTIONMENT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1. Describe action, if any, taken by the state League on:

apportionment of state legislatures
(If your state legislature has petitioned Congress for a constitutional convention on apportionment, have there been or are there possibilities for recision?)

State action on: apportionment of state legislatures.

A bill has been introduced for recision of Minnesota's petition for a constitutional convention. It is authored by Liberal Caucus legislators (the minority party) and has not had a hearing. The committees to which the bill has been assigned probably mean there will be no action. The League has indicated a willingness to testify if a hearing is held.

self-government and representation in Congress for the District of Columbia

Because of our Congressmen Nelsen, Fraser and formerly Zwach's membership on the House District of Columbia Committee and Representative MacGregor's action last session on the DC representation Constitutional Amendment bill, we have stressed this issue in interviews with these men. We have kept their Leagues informed through voting and information sheets, (See Congressional Action on previous sheet).

Rather interestingly, three of the 2nd District Leagues commented that they had communicated with Representative Nelsen about D.C. independently of the official League interview. The state League sent a copy of our interview summary sheet on Anchor Nelsen to the LWV of D.C.

2. Comment on local League action in your state on Representative Government.

From a previous state study, we have positions favoring state constitutional changes that will insure prompt redistricting, setting deviation standards, limiting legislative size. We are following legislative proposals looking forward redistricting following the 1970 census. Local Leagues will be involved as needed.

One League has been active on redistricting for county commissioners having entered the court case as amicus ~~curer~~. *curiae*.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - TAX RATES, TREATY MAKING

1. Describe action, if any, taken at the state level in opposition to constitutional limitations on tax rates or to constitutional changes that would limit the existing powers of the Executive and Congress over foreign relations.

The "Liberty Amendment" bill has not been introduced as yet into this session of the state legislature.

The state League has a lobbyist assigned to this issue, if the need arises.

2. If any action was taken, to what extent were local Leagues involved?

In the past, League lobbying against this bill has not required action from the local Leagues. If it were needed, local Leagues would be asked to respond to a Time for Action.

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VOTERS SERVICE

Voters Service by a state League has two functions -- 1) informing the voter about state-wide candidates and ballot issues and informing the citizen about state government and political parties at that level, and 2) aiding local Leagues to do effective Voters Service. Please read all the questions before beginning to answer any. Use additional sheets if necessary. Please label each extra sheet "Voters Service" and include the name of your state.

1. Describe your state Board's activities in promoting party precinct participation.
2. What other help did you give your local Leagues, excluding published material? Please include agendas for state-wide or regional meetings, if possible.
3. What kind of Voters Service materials did you publish and in what quantity? If your local Leagues bought this material from the state League, what was the cost to the state League and the cost to the local League?
4. Please describe any candidates meetings arranged by the state League. Include attendance estimates.

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VOTERS SERVICE (Continued)

5. Has your state League done anything special to encourage Voters Service work with inner city and other politically disadvantaged groups? And may we have your reactions to the NONELECTION VOTERS SERVICE KIT?
6. What new techniques did you use in state League Voters Service? What successes did you have?
7. How did you attempt to reach non-League areas with Voters Service information? With what success?
8. How can the national Board be most helpful in Voters Service to state Leagues in the coming year?

VOTERS SERVICE

1. No precinct caucuses were held in Minnesota during the time-span of this Annual Report - Please see Annual Report in Voters Service for 1967-68 for a complete report of most recent party precinct activity. Next precinct caucuses will be held in 1970.
2. Besides being available by telephone for consultation on questions, the VS Chairman attended several local League Board meetings and larger membership meetings--often speaking on Voters Service or being available for discussion. Close contact was maintained with local Leagues doing key precinct reporting of election returns for ABC-TV News--and such contact also aided in reaching local Leagues with VS information, too! Our main contact is during the Leadership Workshops (see attached agenda) at which publications on "how to" in Voters Guides and Fair Booths were discussed as well as other VS publications which are then made available for distribution by local Leagues to voters (see samples) Please see enclosed questionnaire sent to local Leagues and the summary of responses.
3. We continued to have on hand our Digest of Minn. Election Laws - sold at 5¢ each, 100 for \$3.75 (the cost of this is 3¢ to the state League). This will be updated in 1969 after the legislative session.

We published the election facts flyer (Your Vote Makes a Difference) - 50,000 copies - cost: \$528 - sold to Leagues at 2¢ each, 100 for \$1.50; 1,000 for \$12.00. We published two mimeographed pieces - 1 explaining the New Resident Law for Voting for Pres-Vice Pres. and 1 explaining Voters Rights under state legislation regarding hospital patients and mental patients -- quantity distributed is not known, since both were often duplicated by local Leagues on their own - we sold them to Leagues at 2¢ per copy -

We published an informational piece about proposed state constitutional amendments - 50,000 copies at cost of \$300 - and sold them at 1¢ each. This was part of our special promotion to remind voters to vote on the amendments (since failure to vote at all counts as a no-vote in Minn.). We purchased 10,000 buttons promoting this at cost of \$289 - distributing 6,000 free to our members and rest for sale at 5¢ each, 3 for 10¢. We published a promotion kit called "Amendment Awareness Kit" which was sent 1 copy to a League free and others available at 25¢ - this was just about what the kit cost us to produce per kit.

4. There were no candidates meetings arranged by the state League.
5. Encouragement was included in the Leadership Workshop (referred to under question #2) as well as in Board Memo mailings to local Leagues. We find the NON ELECTION VOTERS SERVICE KIT very helpful and appreciate its thoroughness. You ask for reactions - it is still too recent to have had much reaction through local Leagues -- this was an election year and much was geared to that activity in our state this year. One word of comment, however--I find that the stress on cooperating with other organizations is well placed: we need to be very conversant with what others are doing in non-election service to voters so that the local League does not duplicate the existing or proposed program but is available to aid and assist--and of course lacking existing program, to initiate! But to provide non-election VS for

its own sake when it competes with that of neighborhood or other existing organizations is to be avoided.

6. The new technique employed was the Amendment Awareness Project, and every one of our local Leagues participated--so popular was it with local Leagues that many termed it the "most successful" activity of the year. It often resulted in a revived interest in providing a Speakers Bureau service by local Leagues (using sample speeches in kit) and opened new areas of cooperation with other organizations. Incidentally, the two amendments (neither of which was controversial and on which the League had no stand) passed by a wide margin. One Amendment had been on the ballot at least two other elections and did not muster enough votes--either pro or con--and this project though it may not have been a deciding factor, certainly it made the citizens aware of the importance of voting -- one way or the other -- on the questions. In Minnesota a majority of those voting in the election is required to pass an amendment. And in a presidential election year, to have both these amendments carry certainly appears to testify to more Amendment Awareness on the part of the citizens! We like to think the League helped in this Awareness thru our project!

This year we instituted "Youth Days at the Legislature" - a series of 3 special days (see enclosed agenda and news-release) for secondary school students on a reservation basis -- agenda for each of 3 days was similar - held February 4, March 4, and April 1 -- different group of students at each one. Capacity is 300 - we had twice that apply for each session. We figure we reached over 900 young future voters - found their questions addressed to these state government people very illuminating - as well as replies by the officials! The "free milk" was paid for - as well as any other costs such as janitor hire (the church donated its space as a social action mission) from receipts from ABC-TV Key Princinct reporting. Attending were young citizens from school classes and also from leisure time organizations (1 was held during spring vacation).

7. Again we used the Minnesota Newspaper Association news releases to reach areas without Leagues. An example of the effectiveness: 110 papers(of 400) carried our release in a clearly identifiable manner. 62 papers carried other articles which might have been drawn from our release. of the 110, 39 were published in League towns, 71 in non-League towns. Of the 62, 37 were in League towns, 25 in non-League towns. In addition, the VS chairman appeared on "talk" shows on two local Twin Cities stations which are widely listened to promoting voter registration and the Amendment Awareness, hoping to reach communities within listening radius not having local Leagues - and there are many within range. Our station is a clear channel - one heard all over the state. (continued on page 3.)
8. It would be helpful to hear other League reactions to the non-election Voter Service kit - we may be able to profit for successes and comments as others try it out, too.

We should also like information on successes (or otherwise) in state League's preparing candidate information for statewide candidates and publication and distribution of same. . .and also similar information about state League sponsored candidates meetings - regionally held - structure, cost, attendance, promotion, etc. Maybe a "Swapshop" exchange on these topics might be arranged?

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The state League sponsored a voting information booth featuring information on the new resident law and general registration and election information as well as information on the two proposed amendments to the state constitution which would be on the ballot in cooperation with and located in a large downtown Minneapolis department store. Help in staffing the booth came from members of the Minneapolis League as well as state Board members. This may have reached visitors to the twin cities shopping area from outside the metropolitan area - no way of telling this, however. We do not recommend such sponsorship in this situation again, however, since this could have been handled entirely by local League. It was part of an "Americana" promotion by the store - plans begun almost 5 months before event when actual form of the cooperation with state League requested by the store was not clearly defined!

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

(Please use separate sheets as needed. Give local League and state at top of each page.)

PART I - STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. From the state point of view, what was your foremost public relations achievement in 1968-69? Describe.
 - a. A series of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour radio programs, 'Legislature 1969' which have been used by 3 radio stations in the state. These have been lively, provocative, pertinent discussions with legislators and agency heads which can compete favorably with any other coverage of the legislature, in my opinion (m.w.).
 - b. The increasing use being made of League news releases throughout the state which are issued through the Minnesota Newspaper association. Our constitutional amendment release was used in 110 papers, as compared with 62 amendment stories from other sources. We have been building up this favorable reception.
2. What have been your methods of making and maintaining contacts with:
do a lot of the work. This year our PR chairman became legislative chairman in News Media -- newspapers, radio, television? (cont'd on
Phone calls, news releases, information pieces such as Capitol Letter. separate sheet)
Voters Service chairman has appeared two or three times on the local call in talk programs giving voter information, etc.

Other Organizations -- civic, political, service, educational? Complimentary materials, overlapping memberships, publications giveaways. We have also worked to organize the Minnesota Environmental Defense Council in the water field, have actively kept up relationships with both political parties, especially in the Government in Action Workshops, cooperated in presenting programs as Trade workshop, many speaking engagements Elected and Appointed Officials -- legislators, governor's staff, etc.? (cont'd)
Through many direct contacts, especially in this 50th anniversary year. We furnish them with much information, and offer a sort of informal research service which is performed on demand. Our relations with these people is very good, I believe.
State "Opinion Leaders"?

Who?

Business Community?

Through appropriate publications when available. We do more here by way of giving advice to local Leagues as to keeping up contacts with contributors.

Which of the above relationships has been of most benefit to your League? Why?
Both the press and public officials. I believe our press relations are quite cordial. One reporter now in Washington said to me, "We have a lot of respect for your" Editorials go out of their way occasionally to say "Thank God for the League". Legislators and other officials love to come to talk to us or be interviewed by us.
What parts have your committee members and other state Board members played in this aspect of public relations? Since public relations exists only in relation to the other parts of the League are involved in, other Board members are invariably heavily involved in all projects. PR is simply used to further one or another of their activities with their very active participation. Thanks to them all.

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3. What do you consider the most effective public relations techniques to get the story of the League and League Program across to the various publics in your state?

It varies so that I can't answer this directly. Different techniques are useful in different situations. The VS question and answer radio program was very effective. MNA releases are working well, splash coverage like the recent 50th Anniversary celebration of suffrage by statute in Minnesota was effective, helping to organize and channel information to other organizations is effective in the Minnesota Environmental Defense Council. The news story is valuable, but the kind of solid confidence in the League that is built by some of our program people (cont'd)

Do you see evidence of reaching new (or more) publics?

Yes. Our legislative information of the 'how to' variety is becoming useful to an increasing number of groups of all kinds.

How do you reach areas of the state where there are no Leagues?

News releases?

Primarily.

Wire Services?

Some.

Shoppers guides?

Public service spot announcements -- radio/television?

Paid advertisements -- newspapers, radio/television?

State speakers bureau?

No formal bureau, but Board members do quite a lot of this.

Other organizations/ bulletins and house organs?

We have managed to get on good terms with the Industrial Editors Association, send them material--like just now the Capitol Letter.

Other methods?

When we send out workshop notices, reporters from some of the non League town papers will cover the meetings. This is very gratifying.

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- 2 October. PR work has been in many hands particularly relating to the 50th anniversary.

Other Organizations--
by state Board people.

- 3 (financing government, e.g.) is the necessary foundation all the rest depends upon

4. As in previous general elections local Leagues continued to contract with local and national news reporting media to furnish election returns for which they were paid. Local Leagues were contacted by the state League to report election returns in key precincts designated by ABC-TV. Receipts from this reporting went to the state League to aid in providing Voters Service in areas without Leagues. Election return reporting went smoothly for local Leagues as well as for the State League's ABC-TV contract. Comments from local Leagues indicate that besides serving as a lucrative venture for them election returns reporting has been an informative process for their members in observing the conduct of elections and application of election laws and procedures. It certainly is a highly visible League activity, and Leagues have been publicly commended for their accuracy in reporting all the returns--not just the big races that command spotlight. The State League included a discussion of its ABC-TV Key Precinct election reporting in the Leadership Workshops for local League Voters Service chairmen held in June, 1968, together with a general discussion and sharing of experiences in local election reporting. Space was included in the questionnaire submitted to local Leagues about election activities to report on election night reporting: 3/4 of the local Leagues reporting replies to this questionnaire indicated that they were engaged in some form of election return reporting--one League cited this as "one of the most successful Voters Service activities of the year because of member involvement and the learning it affords."

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PUBLIC RELATIONS (Continued)

4. Evaluate the election night reporting in your state. What part did the state League play?
I am sure this is covered in full in the Voters Service report. It is handled in Minnesota by the VS chairman. Money comes in, we earn it at small pay, and I am told Leaguers find out something about the election process, so I guess it has that merit. Personally I would like to see that army recruited for some other purpose. (Description by VS chairman attached)
(continued on separate sheet)
5. What are your special public relations goals for the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Fund Drive?
Through the state and metro 50th Anniversary committees, a series of PR events has been outlined. They have tried to have an event to dramatize each month. They are trying to implement the advice given us in Chicago to make the League more visible. (see attached)
How do you plan to implement them?
6. What advice or tools are you now seeking to help solve public relations problems you face?

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PUBLIC RELATIONS (Continued)

PART II - INTRA-LEAGUE PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Do you have a State PR Committee? In a limited sense

Board Committee or off-Board members or both? A Board committee which confers only. Off Board people are recruited for specific jobs.

How are responsibilities divided?

Is it a planning or working committee?

2. What do you consider your most successful cooperative effort this year with other State Board portfolios (e.g. Voters Service, Program, Legislative, Membership)? Legislature 1969 radio programs were successful. Pre-legislative conference on Indian Affairs. PR aspects of state action workshops, like speeches, voters service suggestions, etc., program particularly in trade and water, news releases in a number of areas.

3. Have you had public relations workshops for local League Public Relations chairmen?

Yes, at the Leadership workshops, the formal Board training programs. Also state action workshops were heavily oriented toward PR and the community.

Have local League Public Relations chairmen been involved in (or invited to) other workshops -- e.g., Voters Service, Legislative, Action campaigns, 50th Anniversary?

All of the above.

4. How do you maintain communications with your local counterparts?

Memos? Some

Post-board reports? Usually

Idea-exchange F.Y.I.s?

Other? Phone calls, letters, conferences during other workshops, etc.

5. Have you been able to aid in setting up cooperative working plans for local Leagues which share media and/or legislators?

This is a subject which is invariably discussed at the leadership workshops and comes up when we talk about voters service or legislative actinn. For legislative interviews we laid out ground rules. I think we are successful. At least, we don't seem to have conflicts between Leagues.

6. How are you handling the sharing (and coordination) of public relations ideas and plans among the local Leagues for the 50th Anniversary Drive and Celebration?

The biggest effort was our coordinating budget building day, December 5, 1968. Procedures are laid out monthly through 50th anniversary committee communications to all local Leagues through our post Board meeting report.

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PUBLICATIONS

1. What publications (not mimeographed) has the state League produced in 1968-69?
Please give details of production costs. (Please use other side of page if necessary.)

	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>How Produced</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Approximate No.</u> <u>of Free Copies</u> <u>Distributed</u>
<u>Program:</u>	6200	F & I Minn Legis.-	printed	12¢ea	25¢ ea	500
	6000	FPS Some Prop.	"	.073¢ ea	2/25¢	450
		Tax Flaws & Options				
<u>Voters</u>	50,000	Your Vote Make a	"	1.1¢	2¢ ea	1250
<u>Service:</u>		Difference				
	60,000	Amendment Broadside	"	.006 ea	1¢ ea	350
<u>Other:</u>	11,380	LWV Facts - 50th Anniv.	"	3.3¢ ea	5¢ ea	700
	4,000	Maps of Capitol	"	.047¢	1¢	1100

Has your League sent 3 copies to the National office? (If not, please attach.)

Yes

2. How has your State League promoted publications?

a) to League members? Through State Board Memo.

b) to the community? Mailing lists

Library Association:

3. Do you have any success stories you would like to pass along?

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STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(This section is designed to find out how you organize your legislative work, both for action on League Program and for general education of members and public on matters of the Legislature, its operations and procedures. The report of State Program work itself will be made under that section.)

ORGANIZATION Please describe. Is the state chairman a director with this as her sole assignment? If not, what is her other assignment? Is there a state committee? Board or non-Board composition? how selected? how frequently does it meet? what does it do when Legislature is not in session?

What, if any, local League parallel operation is there?

LOBBYING How does the State Board determine which legislation it will seek, support or oppose? How are Times for Action and statements to the Legislature handled by the State Board? by local Leagues when received? Is any effort made to inform the public? Describe. Describe any legislative successes and failure from April 1, 1968 to date (include work before interim committees, if any).

COSTS How realistically are the expenses for this portfolio provided for in the budget? What kind of services would you provide or utilize if more money were available? Do you have access to legislative reporting from sources other than newspapers or your own reports?

LEGISLATIVE WORK (Continued)

SERVICES Newsletter: Do you publish a regular newsletter* giving information on legislation and its progress? If so, how often? (If done by Memo, indicate how.) Does it include legislation of LWV interest only? If not, what other? how selected? Describe distribution. Is it free? If by subscription, to whom and how priced? Are free subscriptions sent to news media or others? If so, to whom?

Workshops: Were any state or regional legislative workshops held? Describe. Who was invited? Describe.

Go-See Tours: Describe timing, arrangements, what was seen, and who attended; any League (local or state) tours held. Include notes on costs, time, special features. Comment on usefulness.

CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS Were interviews with legislators held? How are local League prepared for these? Is any report made to the state Leagues? How successful were they? What percent of the legislators were seen? Do you provide any information to the legislators? What? Do you provide services to legislators? If so, what? Do you approach legislators from areas with no Leagues? How?

Please attach copies of newsletters, reports, materials prepared for workshops or for public distribution (press releases).

* Include special newsletters for constitutional conventions or special purposes.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ORGANIZATION The state legislative chairman is a director. Ordinarily she has no other assignment. We have called it the "State Action" portfolio so that the responsibility for program action at other times than during the legislative session is implied. This year our state action chairman resigned from the Board in September. The public relations chairman was transferred to this job, and she has continued to perform certain PR duties as well. The legislative committee is made up of state Board program people, plus the president and state action chairman. Non-Board people are involved during the session. They also observe commission meetings and committees during the interim. This year we assigned a Board resource person to cover each program area. We recruited assistants through a lobby orientation workshop. Those who had no particular experience are being used as observers; some of the more seasoned members are actually doing some lobbying.

We encourage local Leagues to set up action procedures, preparing members for calls to action, etc. This is done through workshops held during October.

LOBBYING The legislative committee of the Board meets to attempt to predict what we will encounter during the session. This is prepared for the Board and the direction that action will take is determined by the Board, this year in October. We attempt to remain flexible so that we can take advantage of the flow of events as the legislature proceeds. Statements to legislative committees are made by the President whenever possible. Statements are prepared by the resource person and edited by the action chairman and president. It is a cooperative effort. Day to day decisions are made by the Board resource person, action chairman and president, based on board directive from the Board and subject to review by the Board. Times for Action are sent out from the state office to all local Leagues. The kind of action may relate specifically to members of one committee, in which case it is a limited call, or it may be general. Local Leagues respond in various ways, depending upon the enthusiasm with which they organized. Some have telephone pyramids. We expect each President to respond in the name of the Local League and for members to participate as individuals. We have heartwarming support from our local Leagues. As far as contact with the public is concerned, this takes different forms. Local Leagues were encouraged at the fall action workshops to analyze their communities so that they would know what organizations had parallel positions and could be informed of appropriate moments for action. When we cooperate with other organizations, as for example in human rights and water resources, we may be directly involved in sending out times for action to groups other than the League. We have kept Indian leaders informed of committee hearings by long distance phone calls and letters. We have met once with a group interested in renters' rights. We may help them to learn more about the legislative process and how to be effective as well as conceivably supporting the bills they have introduced.

It is too soon in this session to say that we have any absolute successes. We have testified relating to the metropolitan council, tax exempt property, consolidation of school districts, party designation for legislators, mandatory voter registration, etc. A number of bills we are interested in have been introduced and are progressing through committees. It is impossible to tell at this point what will be realized in legislation. Legislators have called us for research information and support in the areas of easing the constitutional amending process, flood plain zoning, state grants-in-aid for sewerage treatment plant works, and a number of election law reforms.

COSTS We budget fairly realistically for this portfolio. We are able to pay mileage and babysitting expenses for lobbyists and observers. We budget for a legislative service worth about \$400, but it is our good luck that this is donated by the owner of the service to the LWV. This is our most valuable resource. We couldn't operate without it.

SERVICES

Newsletter: We have an irregular letter, which will come out six times during the session and once afterwards. It concentrates on legislation of League interest. If there is other legislation carried, it is usually closely related—for example, we did a little piece on school election laws along with election laws. We take subscriptions from League members and others. Complimentary copies are sent to every legislator. We supply legislators in areas with no Leagues from the state office. Capitol Letter is also sent to political leaders, civic leaders, and a long list of news media people, including the editors of newspapers in every county seat. Our total circulation is 2,251. We charge \$1.00 per subscription, but this figure is unrealistically low. We had intended to charge \$1.50. (Copies attached)

Workshops: Four state action workshops were held in October, two outstate and two in the metropolitan area. Presidents of local Leagues, state program chairman, legislative chairmen, PR chairmen were encouraged to come, although we welcomed broader attendance if local Leagues wished. Workshops were conducted by two state program people, state PR chairman, and at the time, we did not have an action chairman. (PR chairman later assumed this portfolio.) The content was as follows:

1. Prospects, including the League program concerns, a forecast of the outcome of the election and the makeup of the legislature and interests of the executive, and the way in which the community could be prepared. This last included a kit of speeches for a speakers bureau, forms to be used to analyze the community, and the promotion of a series of 18 radio programs on the 1969 legislature done by the Leagues and University of Minnesota radio station KUOM, which we could make available for outstate distribution at nominal cost.
2. Small group discussions which included job descriptions for legislative chairmen, an outline for a unit meeting on legislative issues, how to organize for times of action, etc., and two program discussions relating to financing government and the organization of state government.
3. In the afternoon, we did an update on activities and prospects in two program fields which we expected would be emphasized during the legislative session—financing government and water. We reported interim activities in these program concerns. (Materials attached.)

On December 10, 1968, we held a pre-legislative conference on Indian Affairs, which was one of the most successful workshops to date. We did this in cooperation with the Minneapolis LWV. There was large and enthusiastic Indian participation. Panelists were almost exclusively Indians. Legislators were invited. One of the stated purposes of the meeting was to acquaint legislators with the peculiar difficulties of Minnesota's Indian citizens. (Report attached) The Indian Community Action Program headquartered at Bemidji State College reimbursed us for the transportation costs of Indian panelists from the reservation areas. It was a grand effort which put us in the hole, especially our buffet style lunch which lent a party atmosphere, but it was worth it.

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Go-see tours: We are holding a series of Government in Action workshops. (Program attached) This is a follow-up on six programs which were initiated by the last session of the legislature. The day consists of a presentation by a department or commission chairman, comments by legislators, reports of League lobbyists and tours of the capitol by the two political parties. These are described by many Leaguers as the most useful thing the state League does.

This year, an exciting new development is the "Youth Day at the Legislature" which is described in detail in the Voters Service report.

CONTACT WITH LEGISLATORS: Local Leagues interviewed their legislators. About half of the legislators were covered in this way. (Form attached) They were prepared for this at the state action workshops. Leagues are encouraged to have lunch with their legislators when they come in to attend Government in Action workshops, to provide meetings for legislators to address during the session or to have legislative report meetings for legislators following the session. Some do. We write to all legislators following the election and send them material including our legislative outlook bulletin and some program pieces of current interest. We contact legislators from areas with no Leagues through these mailings, primarily.

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Financing Government in Minnesota: Evaluation of revenue sources with consideration of state and local needs, emphasizing property tax reform.

By April 1, 1968, we had just reached consensus on property taxes under this item. We support property tax reform through equitable assessments, fewer classifications, and more restrictive criteria for determining exemptions. We also advocate less dependence on the property tax as a source of revenue.

Further direction for this item was asked of State Council delegates on April 16. Delegates expressed a desire to act on the basis of this consensus. They also asked for more information on exemptions and were interested in fiscal disparities and school financing. Considering our total workload and the approaching legislative session, delegates requested more information to add depth but not breadth to what we had already studied. New studies under this item would have to be postponed and the emphasis this year would be on action.

On the basis of this, the June Outlook for Work promised a Facts and Issues-type publication with more information about exemptions and the property tax in general. This was intended simply to help members act more knowledgeably on our already determined consensus. It was promised by September 30 - in time for the Legislative Workshops. The Outlook for Work also suggested that by late fall or early winter we might be able to send local Leagues a mimeographed piece with current figures on exempt property. By the time this information was available from the Department of Taxation, most Leagues had already had their meetings so no attempt was made to supply this extra information to local Leagues.

A ten member committee (8 members from previous years and 2 new ones) met for the first time on June 4. After discussion of proposed content of a publication, topics were divided among the members. Each member's first draft was discussed at the next meeting on July 9 and their corrections and additions were sent in by July 25. The item chairman and editor went over it, organizing and pulling it together. This second draft was then discussed at the third committee meeting on August 8. The item chairman and editor went over it again and sent it to committee members and outside readers (a legislator, a Tax Department deputy commissioner, a county assessor, and a University professor) on August 16. Readers' comments were due by August 26. After a final revision the manuscript went to the printer on August 30. The 8-page publication, Some Property Tax Flaws and Options, including the League position, sections on classifications and exemptions, effects of the property tax, and alternative property taxes was ready before the end of September.

A series of regional Legislative Workshops were held on October 1, 3, 8, and 10 -- two in the metropolitan area, one in Duluth, and one in Willmar. These included a general preview of anticipated

legislative action on League positions. In the area of finances, Leagues were informed of the activities of the interim subcommittees of the House Tax Committee. The state Board's request for guidelines on our consensus position regarding classifications was explained to local League item chairmen, suggestions were offered for their unit meetings (including the suggestion that they contact their local assessor for figures on exempt property in their own communities), and questions were answered.

Leagues were told they did not have to have a special unit meeting on this item. It could be included in a meeting preparing for the legislative session. We expected legislative action on exempt property and assessments. We also asked local Leagues to consider 3 questions on classifications to help the state Board interpret our consensus position which simply says there should be fewer classes of property for taxing purposes.

Most Leagues included this topic in their January meetings. Some were in December, some in February, and some not til later. From the 30 reports (representing 65% of our membership) received so far, it appears that Leaguers still believe Minnesota has too many classifications but they had trouble deciding just how to change them. Apparently they think some types of property deserve special tax treatment but perhaps other methods of providing it are preferable and should be considered. They did not suggest any new classes.

Beginning in January 1968 the Subcommittee on Exempt Property of the House Tax Committee held monthly meetings and heard testimony from assessors, public officials, and many owners of each type of tax exempt property. Most of these meetings were attended by League observers and a statement was made at the final hearing on August 2 giving the League's position on exempt property and offering our support for measures to accomplish our goals.

Six statutes which would make certain currently exempt property taxable and a constitutional amendment giving the legislature authority to define the exempt categories listed in the constitution except "churches, houses of worship, and property solely used for educational purposes by academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries of learning" have been introduced in the House. The League is supporting these bills. A call for action went out to local Leagues with a special request for letters to House Tax Committee members. A formal statement was given in support of the constitutional amendment. At the time of this writing, three bills have been passed by the House and are now in the Senate Tax Committee. The constitutional amendment was passed by the House Tax Committee and has now gone to the Rules Committee. The outlook for most of these bills is still good. The constitutional amendment will probably have trouble because of so many other likely amendments (many supported by LWV) and the reluctance of legislators to place more than two on the ballot at one time.

Three bills concerning assessors have been introduced in the Senate. The League will also support these bills.

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It is too soon to tell what the outcome will be. Party designation is dead again, I'll wager. A move to bring it out of committee in the Senate and onto the floor lost. This is considered to be a challenge to the committee system, although the elections and reapportionment committee has been appointed particularly to defeat this bill. The only significance in mentioning it at all is that for the first time, the solid face of the conservative caucus broke a little and eight conservatives voted to pull it out. Some party people said the League could take credit for this I don't know. It may be the beginnings of crumbling rural power.

In other areas, our testimony is appreciated, and bills are moving, but it is too soon to say.

ELECTION LAWS (continued)

1. Last year was a non-legislative year, and therefore, the item was relatively dormant.
4. We are actively working on these parts of our positions at the legislature:
 - a. Party designation for legislators. We are meeting with leaders from both parties, party designation being part of the platforms of both parties. We are gathering new information in cooperation with them--such as how many candidates were party endorsed in the last legislative election, where, if not, why not, whether party funds went into the campaigns, whether party workers were used, party literature, etc., whether public opinion is changing, etc.
 - b. Centralized responsibility in the state government for achieving uniform election procedures and for training election officials. There are a number of bills in this area in the legislature now--as regulating the activities of poll challengers, training of election judges.
 - c. Extension of voter registration. This is an active legislative concern. In this and other voter matters, our active help is solicited, as well as our advice. A legislator asked us to research the methods used to register voters for school elections, for example.
 - d. Joint election of governor and lieutenant governor. The short ballot. Another active concern this session. A number of amendments to accomplish this are being proposed.

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Housing exemptions removed from state position (room in home, and half of duplex in which owner lives) State position now supports no discrimination in housing.

Time for Action on anti-discrimination legislation

- Letter to editors on updating of housing position

1. Legislature now in session

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This is of importance only as a lobbying concern. We know not much will be accomplished here because it is largely regulated by rules, and the measures to provide for financial disclosures, etc., lost when they were not incorporated in the rules. There are a couple of bills to accomplish this through statute. However, they have only liberal authors in a conservative House and Senate, and we have been stressing other parts of our program. There is no chance of any progress this session.

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2. Development of the item since April 1, 1968, including preparation of materials for local Leagues, work of state resource committee, subject matter workshops or conferences, and any other techniques.

This item is in a state of flux because our organization of government item has incorporated much of it, and we are reaching new positions. We are rethinking the whole thing.

3. Positions reached since April 1, 1968.

Relating to the legislature, we have an extensive new position which will be found separately discussed under organization of state government.

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Legislative interests include post auditor, length of session, easing the amending process, and the creation of an interim commission to prepare for the new reapportionment. If any of these matters become ballot issues, we will be in a position to act enthusiastically. We have abandoned the idea of a constitutional convention, and we had the intention of improving the document through amendment. Now the positions we hold are more substantive matters which are only incidentally constitutional reforms. We have asked local Leagues whether we should not parcel out these positions to election laws or governmental organization and do away with constitutional revision as a concept and goal.