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memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

DATE: 11/6

TO: Mrs. McCoy President, LWV of Minn.

FROM: Lesley G. Dunn, Staff Director, Legislative Action

SUBJECT: Congressional contact by National (~~Board member~~/Lobbying Corps member)

(A):

We would like you to notify the local League president(s) in your state's 7

Congressional district that Representative Berglund

of that district was contacted on 9-10

by F. Kreffer

. The subject of the discussion was DC Home Rule

L.A. says Cong. will support bill.

Additional remarks: _____

(B):

Your U.S. Senator _____ was interviewed on _____,

by _____. The subject of the discussion was _____

Additional remarks: _____

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STEVENS COUNTY

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW: 7th District Congressman - Robert Bergland
January 7, 1974
Morris, Minnesota

Congressman Robert Bergland, 7th District, Minnesota

1. Campaign Financing - There must be limitations as money influences. A public and private blend needed. He suggests limits of \$500, possibly \$1000 per group or individual. Income tax deductions have his support as well as the proposed \$2 automatic deduction. Prime time interviews and debates to inform the electorate on issues are badly needed. To change the law to get rid of the equal time clause on radio and TV is a most important feature of reform. It galls him to hire marketing analysis and advertising agency costing him \$40,000-50,000 to get elected - but it works!
2. Energy Crisis - The energy crisis and environmental preservation are in conflict and compromise is necessary. Changes are in progress, relaxing standards of air pollution for example. The energy crisis will have a profound effect on our lives; we will really be tested in next 4-5 years. He has no objections to strip mining in North Dakota. He has seen the area and thinks the land reclamation laws are fair.
3. Viet Nam - For the U.S. to get further involved, Congress must approve sending troops, expertise, planes and money. They have bridled the President. What role CIA has, he doesn't know and wonders how much of this is a threat to security of U.S. and how much is for political security of R. Nixon.
4. Impeachment - He supports the committee's efforts and voted for allocation to proceed. It will be at least March before a recommendation will come from the committee. The Congressman feels the issue should be settled; "Impeach or get off his back". He also said he thinks Nixon will resign by Easter, having been driven out by Republican politicians and big business.
5. Tax Reform - He approves definite reform with fewer loopholes. He explained the complexities; if you eliminate free interest on municipal bonds, real estate taxes will go up. This interaction is why it is so hard to get reform. Changes are certain on capital gains tax. The depletion tax on oil will be kept only if the money goes back into exploration. American corporations and multi-level companies in foreign countries should pay American income tax.

JAN 3 1973

Dear Liz -

I received your letter of Dec. 27.

Yes, we do have the opportunity to meet with our Congressman - at least I hope, we will be seeing him in February 20th or so. This is the time of our "Winter Shows" and he attends that activity. I shall bring this matter up before our board on Jan 8th and start making plans for it.

We have formed a "Women's" Coalition here in Crookston. AAUW, B P W and the League cooperate in many ways to make our plans and actions more effective. (Observer Corps attends various public board meetings and then reports to the above mentioned presidents & boards.

I am sure, that AAUW & B P W would be happy to work with us on this project, since their programs are similar to ours.

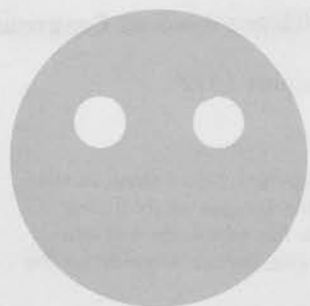
In order to save time and postage I am enclosing copies of the interview of our legislator.

One is missing, and should be arriving very soon - according to rep. William Kelly. I should expedite it immediately to the State office.

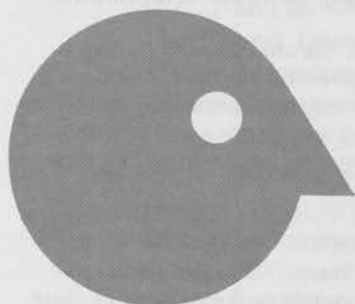
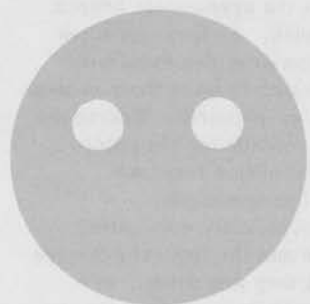
I shall also keep you posted on
- our plans + progress
the Febr. interview with Congr.
Berglund.

Nice to hear from
you -

Sincerely
Arl Saklatvala

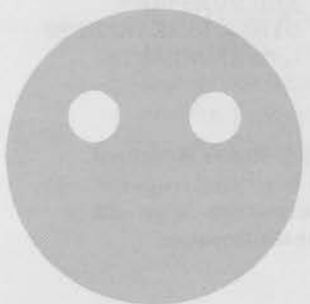
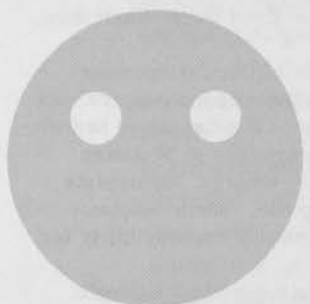


Ralph Nader Congress Project Citizens Look at Congress



Bob Bergland

Democratic Representative
from Minnesota



written by Brad Michaelson



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Dear Liz:

We are jointly sponsoring an interview with Mr. Bergland with Bemidji State College at the Student Union, North Conference Room on Monday April 10 from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

He is to be here anyway for an ecology deal, so we have him at that time. It isn't the time of day we would have chosen, but we hope to get some students out.

Be glad to see you if you can come.

Have had no interest from other Leagues in setting one up.

Virginia Armin

Virginia Armin

JAN 12 1972

Dear Sir,

Finally found the
notes from last May.

Just wrote to Bob
suggesting a spring
recess date.

Will also write
to Grothead suggesting
they do the same.

Virginia

The Benidji League of Women Voters met at an informal coffee party with Mr + Mrs. Bob Berglund on May 8th. Mr. Berglund is the 7th Congressional district representative to the U.S. Congress.

There were some very positive answers from Mr. Berglund in response to questions asked by League Members. He stated that the Committee and sub-Committee system in Congress should be changed and streamlined. A few changes have been made to date.

Riders on bills should be eliminated, according to Mr. Berglund, and felt that there are too many agencies dealing with same problems.

He declared himself to be a supporter of direct popular vote, Office of Economic Opportunity and immediate equalization of retired veterans pay. Also, definitely favored welfare reform, regionalism and a 3 China policy - including U.N. recognition of Red China.

The League was told of needed incentives for farmers. 80,000 adult farm families have an annual income of less than \$2000. The "small" farmer today ~~are~~ in critical need of help so to keep them in production of food for an ever growing population.

M TO: Virginia

E FROM: Liz Ebbott

M
O SUBJECT Congressional Interview

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55102

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE December 30, 1971

It's time again to arrange the League interview with Bob Bergland. We are suggesting that the other districts do it before January 18 when Congress reconvenes. You may want to do it right away, too, or maybe wait until Easter recess when the other Leagues in your district would have a better chance of attending. It might also be well to suggest setting it up maybe in Alexandria or Moorhead. You can feel free to ask the League presidents to find a place for it. Where ever it is, we will pay your transportation, 10¢ a mile, phone calls, etc. One problem about waiting until Easter vacation is that you start getting into campaigning time, but anyway, use your judgement.

You will be adding one new League - Stevens County. A list of presidents & their addresses for you to contact is enclosed. We are preparing a voting record list & it will be out as soon as our office can get it done.

Let me know how you make out; if I can be of any help. I'd like very much to attend when you get it set up, I've not met Mr. Bergland.

Happy New Year

Liz Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Mn 55110
61 - 426-3643

815 Bernidj Ave,
Bernidj, Minn
56601



Mrs. Ralph Abbott
League of Women Voters of
Greenesboro
555 Arabasta
St Paul, Greenesboro
55102

Oct. 8, 1971

Dear Jim,

I thought I'd better let you know that the notes for Bob Berglund's interview have disappeared.

The member I had taking them never "loses" anything - (more than I can admit -) but the mother has been seriously ill - and they are gone - the notes.

If and when she locates them - will send. I didn't take notes as I was chairing meeting.
Sincerely,
Virginia

LWV of Minnesota, 555 Wabasha St., St. Paul, Minn. 55102
May, 1969

The LWV of _____
responded to the Time for Action on _____
in the following manner:

The LWV of _____ did not
respond to the Time for Action on _____
because:

Please return to: Mrs. Perry Armin; 815 Bemidji Avenue;
Bemidji, Minnesota 55601

March 3, 1971

MAR 15 1971

Dear Liz,

I find it difficult to write a Time for Action Dist. 7 report from here, California.

Would you please send me a paper telling what the different topics were for last year, and I'll do it, on my return to Bernini.

Please send to Bernini address after March 10th, and it will be held for us.

Isabel Wattgast is



setting up a Berglund
meeting for April recess. I'll
work with it on my
return.

Sincerely,

Virginia Armin

I found this letter while
packing, so will send it or -
if not satisfactory, let me
know.

Interview with Representative Bob Bergland - DFL - 7th District
April 10, 1972

Environmental Quality:

The current local problem of where to locate the seepage area for Bemidji sewage was the major emphasis of the meeting. In the community there is little public confidence in the state PCA, since it is made up of vested interests such as large companies.

The seepage area selection, made by the city council, was done after only one area was studied with no contact with the home owners involved.

A delegation of 11 citizens, led by Sheriff Tom Tolman, appeared as pre-arranged by State Senator Gene Mammenga. Their property, southwest of Bemidji, has been chosen for the seepage area for Bemidji sewage. It is their contention that the federal government is pulling something sneaky, by having only one study, picking only one area, and asking no "by your leaves."

Mr. Bergland expressed interest in the problem, agreed that the City Council should insist on alternative sites, especially in the area where 70% of the land is non-tax supporting now. Some of this should be considered. Dr. James Ludwig, of the Environmental Studies Department, has suggested such an alternative site.

Mr. Bergland offered to take a copy of the report with him, and to contact the PCA in regard to this.

Human Resources:

Rep. Bergland stated that he favors busing as one way of equalizing education although it is treating a symptom instead of the cause. "Busing forces people to recognize problems existing in poverty areas. It is a clumsy means to reach a noble end."

To provide alternatives to busing, he suggested improving the quality by changing the tax base supporting education. He favors increasing state and federal aid as well as some form of revenue sharing. He suggested 20% federal monies to be shared. He feels property taxes need reevaluating as they are out of hand in many areas.

Rep. Bergland favors taking Education out of the Department of HEW and making it a separate department. Educational laws, rehabilitation, etc., should be pulled together with categorical aid being delegated locally when possible.

Welfare Reform:

He favors the guaranteed family income and the Family Assistance Plan with incentive earning at \$200.00 a month.

The interview was attended by 26, 1/3 college students, 1/3 League members and 1/3 other community members.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF LEAGUE INTEREST

92nd Congress - 1st Session

Robert Bergland - DFL - 7th District

Committee: Agriculture
Select Committee on Small Business

Y N NV

U.S. CONGRESS

- X --House rules including 21 day rule on bills in the Rules Committee (after 21 days the Speaker can remove the bill and bring it to the floor) Vote to close amendments...Defeated 134-254 (1/22/71 - #7)
- X --To remove the 21 day limit and keep the Rules Committee procedure as it had been...Passed 234-153 (1/22/71 - #9)
- X --House rules including the cutting of minority staffing of committees that had been approved in the 1970 law...Passed 226-156 (1/22/71 - #10)
- X --Assignment of Democrats to the House's standing committees...Passed 259-32 - 42 voting Present (2/4/71 - #13)

Supported the effort in the Democratic caucus to name a new chairman of the D.C. Committee

HUMAN RESOURCES

- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, to delete \$2 billion not budgeted...Defeated 128-262 (4/22/71 - #66)
- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, Passed 319-68 (4/22/71 - #67)
- X --Accelerated Public Works Act, Conference report...Passed 275-104 (6/15/71 - #134)
- X --Public Works and Economic Development Act and Appalachian Regional Development Act Extensions (\$1½ billion less than the vetoed bill) - Passed 375-27 (7/28/71 - #213)
- X --Emergency Employment Act, amendment providing for greater local control - Defeated 184-202 (6/2/71 - #114)
- X --Emergency Employment Act...Passed 245-141 (6/2/71 - #115)
- X --Education appropriations for fiscal year ending 6/30/72...Passed 355-7 (4/7/71 - #54)
- X --Amendment to add \$728.6 million...Defeated 188-191 (4/7/71 - #52)
- X --Amendment to remove section forbidding forced busing...Defeated 149-206 (4/7/71 - #53)
- X --Emergency School Aid Act (HR2266), to suspend the rules and pass...Defeated 135-222 (11/1/71 - #329)

Higher Education Act (HR7248)

- X --Amendment to exclude all male or all female undergraduate schools from "prohibition of sex discrimination" - Committee of the Whole. Passed 194-189 (11/4/71 - #349)

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- X --same amendment, Passed the House 186-181 (11/4/71 - #360)
- X --Amendment to remove Ethnic Heritage Studies, Passed 200-159 (11/4/71 - #352)
- X --Amendment to postpone any U.S. District Court order forcing busing for racial balance until the U.S. Supreme Court has the opportunity to act on any appeal (Broomfield Amendment). Passed 235-125 (11/4/71 - #354)
- X --Amendment that the federal government can't force states to spend state or local funds on programs for which federal funds can't be used (busing for racial balance - Green Amendment). Passed 231-126 (11/4/71 - #355)
- X --Amendment to exempt from the prohibition of using funds for busing local schools carrying out plans pursuant to court orders. Defeated 146-216 (11/4/71 - #356)
- X --Point of order removing the amendment (Ashbrook Amendment) that prohibits using any federal funds for busing to overcome racial imbalance. Overruled 233-124 (11/4/71 - #357)
- X --Point of order removing Emergency School Aid Act (HR2266- Pucinski Amendment) as an amendment. Overruled 211-160 (11/4/71 - #359) (The amendment contains the antibusing provision)
- X --To consider the Family Assistance Bill (HR 1) under the rule allowing no amendments except whether or not to strike Title IV (family assistance)... Passed 200-172 (6/21/71 - #152)
- X --To strike out Title IV...Defeated 187-234 (6/22/71 - #156)
- X --Family Assistance Bill...Passed 288-132 (6/22/71 - #157)
- X --To forbid food stamps to households where a member is on strike...Defeated 172-225 (6/23/71 - #161)
Co-author, joint resolution to maintain food stamps at present level.
- X --School Lunch and Breakfast program - Passed 354-0 (10/18/71 - #303)
- X HUD Appropriations, conference report...Passed 362-30 (7/29/71 - #215)
- X --Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act - Erlenborn substitute to provide for court enforcement without cease and desist powers; to remove the broadened coverage; to remove combining OFCC with EEOC...Passed 202-197 (9/17/71- #262)
- X --To recommit - Defeated 130-270 (9/17/71 - #263)
- X --Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act - Passed 285-106 (9/17/71 - #264)
Co-author, letter to BIA Commissioner Bruce urging new regulations governing the use of contracted federal funds for Indian education. (Johnson O'Malley Act funds).
- X --Alaska Native Claims, conference report. Passed 307-60 (12/14/71 - #465)
- X --To disapprove of Reorganization Plan #1 of 1971 to create the Action Corps- combining the Peace Corps, VISTA, etc.)...Defeated 131-224 (5/26/71 - #108)
- X --Economic Opportunity Act extension. Passed 251-115 (9/30/71)
- X --Amendment to lower poverty level for day care provisions to conform to HR 1 level. Committee of the Whole. Defeated 187-189 (9/30/71 - #272)
- X --same amendment, Passed the House 191-180 (9/30/71 - #277)

Y N NV

- X --Amendment, Comprehensive Child Development Program, Passed 186-183 (9/30/71 - #276)
- X --Amendment to remove the Legal Services Corporation - Defeated 152-210 (9/30/71 - #275)
Co-author, National Legal Services Corporation
- X --Economic Opportunity Act Extension, 1971, conference report. Passed 210-186 (12/7/71 - #438)

FOREIGN POLICY

- X --To add \$11.6 million for dues in the International Labor Organization...Defeated 147-227 (6/24/71 - #163)
- X --Foreign Aid Appropriations Act...Passed 200-192 (8/3/71 - #235)
Co-author, resolution on establishing an Atlantic Union with goal of transforming present alliances into a federal union.
- X --Repassing original House version of the Foreign Aid Bill to take to conference with the Senate. Passed 269-115 (11/18/71 - #406)
- X --Foreign Aid Appropriations. Passed 214-179 (12/8/71 - #441)
- X --Amendment to restore \$50 million for U.S. contribution to the UN Development Program. Defeated 119-268 (12/8/71 - #440)
Signed petition strongly opposing the expulsion of the Republic of China from the UN (prior to the UN vote, 10/13/71)
Co-signer of a letter to Ambassador Bush that he will not support nor condone retaliation by the U.S. against the UN by withdrawing financial support.
- X Accepting the conference committee's Military Procurement Authorization Bill, Sect. 503 (removing the embargo on importing chrom ore from Rhodesia) Passed 252-101 (11/10/71 - #379)

VOTING RIGHTS

- X --Constitutional Amendment, 18 year old vote - Passed 401-19 (3/23/71 - #27)

OTHER ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST

- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 217-204 (3/18/71 - #31 - Teller vote)
- X --To strike further funding of SST - Passed 216-203 (3/18/71 - #25 -Recorded vote)
- X --Continued funding of SST - Passed 201-195 (5/12/71 - #89)
- X --\$155.8 million to terminate SST program...Defeated 118-158 (5/20/71 - #105)
- X --To create a select committee of the House to investigate energy resources... Defeated 128-218 (5/26/71 - #110)
- X --To forbid funds for testing any nuclear weapons in the Aleutian Islands... Defeated 108-275 (7/29/71 - #219)

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- X --To repeal 2 year extension of the draft...Defeated 62-331 (3/31/71 - #37)
- X --To extend the draft for 1 year...Defeated 198-200 (3/31/71 - #38)
- X --Conscientious objectors to serve 2 years instead of 3 and delete the automatic induction if they do unsatisfactory work...Defeated 132-242 (3/31/71 - #41)
- X --To prohibit involuntary assignment to SE Asia after 12/31/71 and involuntary extension of service of previous inductees...Defeated 122-260 (3/31/71 - #42)
- X --To prohibit using draftees in any undeclared war...Defeated 96-278 (3/31/71 - #43)
- X --To extend the draft 18 months instead of 24...Defeated 170-200 (3/31/71 - #44)
- X --The draft extension bill...Passed 293-99 (3/31/71 - #45)
- X --To table the Senate amendment to the draft bill that all U.S. military be withdrawn from Indochina in 9 months, subject to the release of the POWs... Passed 219-175 (6/28/71 - #167)
- X --Military Draft Bill, conference report...Passed 297-108 (8/4/71 - #238)
- X --To prohibit expenditure of new funds after 1/1/1972 to support U.S. military operations in Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos...Defeated 158-255 (6/17/71 - #144)
- X --To cut off military support to Indochina after 6/1/1972 subject to certain POW provisions...Defeated 147-237 (6/17/71 - #145)
- X --Defense Appropriations Amendment, to stop funding U.S. military in SE Asia after 6/1/72 with withdrawal of U.S. forces at a date certain, subject to the release of all American POWs. Defeated 163-238 (11/17/71 - #399)
- X --To table the Mansfield Amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill. Passed 130-101 (12/16/71 - #472)
- X --To table directing the Secretary of State to furnish certain information about U.S. operations in Laos...Passed 261-118 (7/7/71 - #178)
- X --To send back to committee contempt citation against Frank Stanton and CBS... Passed 226-181 (7/13/71 - #188)
- X --To authorize emergency loan guarantees to major business enterprises (Lockheed) ...Passed 192-189 (7/30/71 - #227)
- X --Women's Rights Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 208). Passed 354-24 (10/12/71 - #294)
- X --To accept the committee amendment to exempt women from the draft and to retain laws characterized as "reasonably promoting the health and safety of the people" (Wiggins Amendment). Defeated 87-265 (10/12/71 - #293)
- X Prayer in public buildings Amendment to the Constitution (H J Res 191). Defeated (lacked 2/3rds vote) 240-162 (11/8/71 - #366)
- X --Election Reform Bill, passed 373-23 (11/30/71 - #418)
- X --Amendment, to allow broadcasting stations to charge regular rates instead of lowest unit charge. Passed 219-150 (11/29/71 - #413)
- X --Amendment, to remove all federal elections from the equal time provision. Defeated 95-277 (11/29/71 - #414)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

555 WABASHA, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

MAR 15 1971

January 5, 1971

Mrs. Perry Armin
815 Bemidji Avenue
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

Dear Coordinator:

The Congressional session has finally ended. We've avoided the Trade Bill; there won't be a Constitutional Amendment for direct election of the President; Equal Employment Opportunity Act never got out of the House Rules Committee; funding for foreign assistance ended up in a compromise - not quite as bad as the House, but less than the very limited amount recommended by the Senate and the President.

A summary of what your Congressman did, how he voted, etc. will be mailed to you as soon as we can get it run off. There will also be a summary on the U.S. Senators.

To conclude the year, we will need a report of what action your Leagues have taken. Last year we tried a check list, and it didn't work too well. This year, why don't you summarize the information you have received in whatever way seems best - by League, by issue, in total, or whatever. The major issues that have had Times for Action:

Direct Election of the President - telegram, letters.
School desegregation
Equal Employment Opportunity Act - letter from League.
Voting Rights

* Sewage Facility construction funding
* Environmental Protection Agency - telegram.
Trade Act - 2 radio programs. Letter fr. League.

How are you coming making contact for the legislative interview? Let me know your plans and how I can help.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ebbott
Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman

* special treatment
from Henrietta Britton.
Radio programs.

mostly Bemidji - others haven't reported.

most in bulletin for letters from
individuals - don't know how many responded.



MINNESOTA C. D. 7

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE: Robert Bergland

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE: Odin Langen

THE DISTRICT: The 7th district is the largest, most rural district in the state. The district has been losing population at the rate of 2,000 per year for quite some time. For the entire decade of the '60's the 7th district has returned Republican Congressmen. But their margins of victory have always been small except for 1966 when Langen won with 63% of the vote. In 1963 Bergland, seeking to unseat Langen, lost by only 4046 votes out of a total of 161,000 cast. Bergland received more votes in his district that year than did the Democratic Presidential candidate, Hubert Humphrey.

THE CANDIDATES: Robert Bergland has deep roots in the farming community of Roseau, Minnesota. Reared on his parent's farm near the Canadian border, Bergland now operates his own 600 acre grain and grass seed farm. He and his wife, Helen, also a Roseau native, have seven children. After graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture and pursuing his farm interests for a while, Bergland worked statewide and then regionally for the U.S. Department of Agriculture ASCS Committee. He resigned from his Agriculture Dept. duties in 1968.

Bergland's political experience began with a race for the Minnesota State Senate in 1958, which he lost to incumbent Senator Sinclair. In 1968 as the DFL endorsed candidate for Congress in the 7th district he lost a very close race to the Republican incumbent, Odin Langen. An active party member, he was secretary to the Roseau CO-DFL (Democratic Farm and Labor Party) from 1955 until 1961.

Odin Langen is also a native farmer in the district and has spent 15 years with the national farm program. From 1951-58 he was a state legislator and was Vice-Chairman of the Minnesota House Education Committee. In 1958 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and serves at present on the House Appropriations Committee.

Langen has a 1969 ADA rating of 0, having voted against aid to education, voting rights, OEO and for the ABM. He has voted for the resolutions supporting Nixon's policy in Vietnam.

THE ISSUES: The incumbent, Odin Langen, is generally conservative on all issues and has a high seniority ranking on several committees. He supports Nixon on the war.

Bergland combines the best of rural provincialism with a mature and liberal concern for national problems. His concern for district centers around the fact that it has been consistently losing population in spite of the fact that it is probably a more desirable place to live than where 75% of the people in the country live. The problem of course is that there is no opportunity for employment and the solution according to Bergland is an increase in federally subsidized programs to bring more industry into rural areas.

On defense policy, Bergland would reduce military expenditures by \$20 billion. He would forbid the expansion of ABM and MIRV, reform the seniority system, support a guaranteed minimum income, and deal effectively with pollution. He considers himself a peace candidate and has indicated that he "may" support the House Resolution 1000.

THE CAMPAIGN: Bergland's headquarters will be in Moorhead, Minnesota. He expects that trade unions, the Farmers Union, and national farmers organizations will support him. He also expects help from student groups. Along with campaign literature which should be ready in July, a full radio, TV, and press campaign has been projected. He expects to have a voter identification campaign in each township and volunteer captains in each of the 900 precincts by October 15. The primary factor in Bergland's favor is the very narrow margin by which he lost in 1968 and the generally narrow margins by which Langen has always won. Aid and effort would be well spent in his campaign.

Bergland's headquarters are located at Box 866, Moorhead, Minnesota

Langen's headquarters are located at: P. O. Building
Brookston, Minnesota 56716

Langen, Bergland Change Tactics in Repeat Race

By **BERNIE SHELLUM**
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer
FERGUS FALLS, Minn. —

One afternoon last week he posted himself, as scheduled, outside a Fergus Falls meat packing plant only to just before election time. During the rest of his term, Langen shows no interest in us. These antics may fool

But his main message last week had nothing to do with issues, but rather with getting district DElers—notori-

In his final push, Bergland is getting a lot of help from Hubert Humphrey and State Sen. Wendell Ander

Langen is equally thorough in his publicity campaign, leaving little to

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Goleta, California
93017

Dear Liz:

As you can see I am
out of state, about as
far as I can get.

My husband is on leave
for winter quarter - we'll
be returning about March 23rd.

I just received your
note in regard to Bob
Berglund - am sending it
to Hazel Shimmie who
is replacing me on
national action while I'm
gone.

I'll do the report which
you requested soon, and

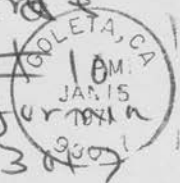
send it in.

Mrs. Benson is to be
here at Santa Barbara
next Thursday - I'm
looking forward to
attending the meeting.

Sincerely,

Virginia Ammi

6509 Sabado Tard
Golota, California
93007



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott

409 Birchwood Ave.

White Bear Lake, Minnesota
55110

January 19, 1971

TO: Liz Ebbott

FROM: Hazel Shimmin, Bemidji

Hazel

Apparently there's something you don't know. Virginia Armin called me sometime in December, I think, to say that she would be gone from Bemidji during the first three months of 1971 and to ask if I would be her substitute for National Times for Action while she was gone. I told her I would as an off-Board person because I do get my own National DPM so I'd have the information. (I'm on Beltrami County Republican Committee so didn't think I should be on LWV Board even temporarily and I really didn't think I'd have much to do since it's a new Congress and they'll spend their time fooling around.)

I'm sure she mentioned the 7th District work, but it didn't penetrate my brain too deeply. I was thinking more of just our own League. Yesterday I received the enclosed letter from Virginia along with your December 23 note to her. Virginia's husband has a leave from BSC for the winter quarter and I thought they were going to the University of Utah, but they must have gone to California.

The result of all this is, of course, that it's too late now to do anything before Mr. Bergland goes to Washington.

Virginia didn't give me any files of material so I don't know who the Times for Action chairmen are in the other Leagues of the district.

Perhaps you could write me if there's something I should do now. I'm sorry we didn't have this League contact with Mr. Bergland before he went to Washington so that he would know about the Leagues in his district back home. I think we'll find him more favorable to some of the League program than Mr. Langen was; at least he may be willing to vote funds for programs. He'll probably be against beef imports (just guessing).

31 below during the night here---some of our LWV members are going on a Welfare Open Door trip today. I hope I don't freeze.



League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

October, 1968

The LWV of Moorhead, Minnesota
responded to the Time for Action on Stennis Amendment
in the following manner:

asked the House-Senate Conference Coml
The LWV of to vote against passage did not
respond to the Time for Action on _____
because:

Please return to: Mrs. Perry Armin, 815 Bemidji Ave.
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

6509 Sabado Tarde
#10

Goleta, California
93017

January 15, 1971

Dear Hazel,

As often happens, the job
I described, has more
angles. I had forgotten
about the legislative
interviews. We were only
able to get Odin once
in several tries, but Bob
maybe easier as he's new
and eager.

Perhaps you could talk
to Nabel to see if he

2.

could be contacted before
congress reconvenes. I have
lost track of the schedule
and was without mail for
3 weeks until yesterday.

Mrs. Benson is going to
be at the Faculty Club
here on Thursday for
a League tea, so am
looking forward to going.
We have an apt. in the
jammed Isle Vista.

Sincerely,
Virginia Annin

Bemidji Pioneer
1-26-71

Bergland--

7th District Farmers 'Victimized'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—
Farmers in Beltrami County
and the eight other counties in
the seventh district eligible for

Bergland said that in some
cases one farmer received full
payment while his neighbor
“operating under the same

Bergland met Jan. 15 with
Labor Department officials and
representatives from the offices
of Sen. Walter F. Mondale and



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2/13/71

To: Liz Ebbott ✓ cc to Virginia
From: Hazel Shimmin for Virginia Armin, Bemidji

Hazel
We have made a contact with Congressman Bergland, but not what you had in mind, Liz. But at least he knows we have a League in Bemidji and in the minute that I had a chance to talk with him, I mentioned the other Leagues in his 7th District. He didn't know about Alexandria, but apparently knew about the others.

Mr. Bergland came to Bemidji to participate on Feb. 12 in the BSC Ethics and Ecology Conference. We knew ~~he~~ was going to be here at 8:45 a.m. to be on "WChat-About" (Liz, that's our most popular radio program); then he was going up to the college and perhaps would be free from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Mabel wanted to make it a public meeting, which was all right with me, but because we couldn't get a meeting place, we dropped that idea. But, the DFL County Organization did get a place and held a meeting, open to the Public, but attended mostly by DFL and LWV members who ~~can't~~ get away from other activities at noon--about 5 of us. Mr. Bergland arrived at 12:30, which was predictable because of what was going on at the College; so I was glad that I hadn't tried to get League members here from away. It's just too far to go for a possible 30 minutes--and the poor man had to eat, too.

Mabel talked to him a minute, got his telephone number; I talked a minute and mentioned area Leagues--7th district I should say; and Henrietta talked to him a bit longer on Environmental matters, I'm sure. The husband of a Leaguer had talked with him up at the Conference and reported to us that Mr. Bergland supported less restrictions on trade, but whether they specifically mentioned beef imports, I don't know.

Anyway, my impression is that he will be a fine Congressman and that he will support much of our League program. Also that he will be more available to meet with people than Mr. Langen. Confidentially, even the County Committee couldn't always pin Mr. Langen down to a specified time for a meeting.

Virginia, I thought I wouldn't have anything to do even in our Local League because I thought Congress wouldn't get to anything before you'd be back. How wrong can one be? Yesterday my DFM brought a Time for Action on Welfare and we just barely got our position on Welfare. I typed a copy which I'll send you, and have talked to Mabel about it. She's going to use the radio program next week to give the news release on the Position and she and I are going to work on a letter to Mr. Bergland. Also talked of something for the bulletin in March.

I hope you and family, Virginia, are having a rewarding time away from Bemidji. Liz, should I wish you a happy vacation the last part of February or isn't a vacation the reason you'll be gone?

Virginia, one more note for you--a word from Liz, confirmed by Mr. Bergland, that Congress will be in ~~xxxx~~ recess from April 8 -19. You'll be back by then, I hope. I really shouldn't have said I'd do this because of my Republican connection. If you do want me to set up an interview with Mr. Bergland, I'll have to do it thru Mabel. Lots of people are not aware that I'm County Secretary, but enough are to make it a bit embarrassing. Friday at the meeting I wore my Green LWV pin very prominently displayed.

to me, not the LWV

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
January 22, 1971

Dear Hazel,

Thanks for your note and your willingness to be concerned. I first realized that Virginia would be gone from an item in the Bemidji board minutes, and then I too got a note from here.

The major thing you might do would be to try to get in touch with Mr. Bergland and see if you could arrange an interview. Irene, on behalf of the LWV of Minnesota, congratulated him and said that Mrs. Armin of Bemidji, our 7th district coordinator would be contacting him. I think it would be well to follow this up as soon as possible to let him know we care. You could word it as her substitute and if ask for an interview as soon as convenient (and then you might have to make the arrangements) or suggest an appointment in April when Virginia should be back. If you want to do the latter, that's fine, and there probably will be little else involved in being coordinator until she gets back. I, too, would be surprised if we had much lobbying to do before then.

If you want to go ahead with the interview, it will probably be a Friday or a weekend. Does he have an office in his district which would make it easier than going through Washington? Perhaps the LWV interview could be coordinated with some other event in town that would make the trip more worthwhile. I would like to be notified when the interview is set up and will try to come if at all possible (I'll be gone the last half of February). The other Leagues in your district should be told about the interview - Alexandria, Battle Lake, Cass Lake, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Moorhead. Perhaps they could come, but you will have to rely mostly on your Bemidji - Cass Lake people. It works well to have 10 - 20 people, some one in charge leading the questioning but with questions from the group. Some one should also have the responsibility to summarizing what was said to get back to me so that we can have the state office get it out to the other Leagues. You'd do a great job setting up and handling the interview, I know, if you want to and it works out with him. (Mabel has the president list for the other Leagues, or I can get you the information if you have trouble.)

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I talked with Joan Goddard yesterday, to see if she had any messages. She sends her thanks for the comments and said Hazel had done some correcting of information which she appreciated. There is one set of facts she would like to get if they exist. ICAP had figures by reservation of family income and percentage of housing substandard. They didn't send her these figures for Red Lake. Could you call the ICAP office and see if they have figures, if they will have them, or forget it or what? Joan would like to complete the chart in the booklet, if at all possible.

Joan hasn't talked times at all. I guess it's pretty well edited and they are beginning to talk about layout, number of pages, etc. It still has to be typed and sent out for reading again - to all the outside readers. Gee it would be great if it were done.

Sounds like you are having a great winter. We haven't gotten horribly cold for that long stretch that we usually have. If we never get it, it's fine with me.

Thanks for writing.

Yours,

Congressional Action of League Interest

91st Congress - 2nd Session - Through June 1970

Odin Langer - Congressman 7th District, Minnesota (Republican)
Committee: Appropriations
Agricultural Subcommittee
Legislative

Yes No Not Voting

Environment:

X
X
X
X

Water Pollution Control Act - Passed
Creating a Commission on Population Growth and
the American Future - Passed
Establishing a Congressional Joint Committee
on the Environment - Passed
Clean Air Act ~~Amendments~~ of 1970 - passed

Human Resources:

X
X
X
X
X
X
X
X

Appropriation Bill for fiscal 1970 (HEW, OEO, Labor)
To override veto (2/3rds needed) - failed
New version of fiscal 1970 appropriation bill
Amendment: To limit expenditures to 97% of the funds
available in the bill - failed
To Passage - appropriations bill
To instruct conferees to agree with the Senate
version of the bill
Elementary and Secondary Education Act - passed
Family Assistance Act
Amendment: To restrict definition of suitable employment
in denial of benefits in case of refusal of
manpower services, training or employment- passed
Family Assistance Act - passed
Suggested amendment ~~to~~ ^{under Area Redevelopment} ~~to~~ ^{prevent} removal of counties from qual. figs.
even though they no longer meet the criteria - passed.

Foreign Aid Appropriation:

X
X

Bill for fiscal 1970 - passed
Bill for fiscal 1971 - passed

Authorized legislation to impose restriction on milk imports.

Voting Rights Bill Extension - House Action in 1969

X
X

Amendment to make the major changes of: suspending
all literacy tests, eliminating US Atty Gen
Powers to register voters, a covered state no
longer having to get prior approval of voting
law changes - passed

Voting Rights Bill, as amended - passed

Other Legislative Action, not League Program:

Yes No Not Voting

Amendment
Social Security Bill: *^* To provide automatic adjustment of social security benefits to coincide with increased cost of living expenses - passed

X

X

X

Passage

Dept. of Defense Appropriations - fiscal year 1971 - passed

Appointed member of the U.S. Delegation of the Canada-U.S. Intergovernmental group

Authored report on the Department of Agricultural Appropriation Bill - *story heads in its passage*
Attended an agricultural attache meeting in Australia.

~~Of sustained points of order had inappropriate law removed from the foreign aid appropriation bill - opposing seating of Communist China in the UN (it had been in the bill for 14 years); prohibiting aid to Communist countries. Similar provisions were also removed - prohibiting prohibiting aid to nations trading with Cuba; dollar limits on aid commodity purchases outside of the US, etc. Most of these provisions remain in similar form in the Foreign Assistance Authorization Bill.~~

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**THINKING
MAN**



FROM THE **HEART**
OF
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YOUR WASHINGTON ADDRESS
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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THE GENTLEMAN FROM
MINNESOTA

Edwin Langen



It was in 1958 when the voters of the 7th District sent this promising young legislator to Congress. They have returned him time and time again because he kept his promise.



The Langen family gathers on the farm near Kennedy. Here are son Wayne and his wife Gerry (holding James Odin), his other son Lynden and wife, Dawn, with Meridee, Kenneth and Lois Pagnac (the Langens' daughter), Congressman and Mrs. Langen, and Wayne's three other children, David, Janna, and Barry. Not included in this picture is the sixth and newest grandchild, Dustin Todd Pagnac.

Congressman Odin Langen and the former Lillian Clauson of Kennedy, Minnesota have three children pictured above. The Langens have 6 grandchildren . . . five of them are pictured. The Langen Brothers farm near Kennedy has been the Congressman's home most of his life. He has taken his knowledge of farming and his background in education, religion and local and state government to Washington. His many years of outstanding service as a member of the Kennedy School Board, the State Legislature and the Congress of the United States have ranked him among the outstanding men in the state of Minnesota. If you would like to receive Congressman Langen's monthly Newsletter from Washington, drop a card in the mail. Your address in Washington is on the back of this pamphlet.

ODIN LANGEN

HERE'S HOW YOU TAKE PART

Every letter is carefully read and each is answered. Congressman Langen answers over 40,000 letters a year. A well organized communications system gets your thoughts and questions to the proper government agency promptly. Congressman Langen needs your ideas when he meets with the powerful committees or debates bills on the House floor. Your letter counts.



Your letter starts with the Congressman who directs it to a staff for research



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Langen studies the issues



He reports the facts to the people



His leadership is effective



He'll be there to represent you

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YOUR OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL INTERVIEW - April, 1969

Representative Odin Langen - Republican - Minnesota Seventh District

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May 14, 1970

The Honorable Odin Langen
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Langen:

The Minnesota delegation to the League of Women Voters national convention wishes to thank Mr. Pyle for joining us for breakfast May 5. We appreciate his comments explaining the difficult decisions to be made on appropriation priorities.

Our convention was a full one. From our deliberations will come the study and action issues for the next two years. We have decided to study environmental problems, alternatives to welfare, and evaluation of Congressional structures, procedures and practices. We will continue to support the several issues we have discussed with you in the past - education, employment, anti-discrimination legislation; funding anti-pollution programs; foreign assistance and trade legislation; electoral college reform; etc.

We are especially concerned to see that there will be some positive results coming from our D.C. Congressional representation drive. You will be interested to know that our members collected 29,906 signatures throughout the state, 1,215 from your district. We had excellent response from Bemidji, Cass Lake (356 signatures) Crookston, and Moorhead.

Almost universally our members found that the public had no idea that the District did not have a voice in Congress. The public was very willing to urge change when the situation was explained. We hope you will use your influence to urge action by the House Judiciary Committee in the very near future.

It was nice to meet your assistant in Washington. Our members will look forward to renewing the discussion with you in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

*cc: Bemidji
Cass Lake
Crookston
Moorhead
Mrs. Perry Armer
Dorene Jauschi
Elizabeth Ebbott*

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
National Action Chairman
LWF of Minnesota

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Our League is no longer active. Therefore there

have been no responses given to any times for

action. Sincerely - William W. Calman

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

In response^s to your letter of December 31st, I would like to let you know about our thinking in relation to Congressman Langen. He seems to be all scheduled in the western section of the state. We feel if we get him to Bemidji again it will have to be in good weather. I will mention to the coordinators in

Moorhead and Crookston to watch for his office times and try to see him.

I am going to use a different method in relation to the Time for Action reports. I can not do justice to the other Leagues so am sending one form to each, asking that they return to you. If you would please make the copies for the state I would appreciate it; They would then be more uniform. There were not enough forms for me to have a copy.

I asked them to make an x in the number column showing the number of contacts.

Hope this meets with your approval.

Virginia Aron

June 4, 1969

National Time for Action Contact People - 7th District

Alexandria

Mrs. John Wedum (Beth) -----President ----- 3-5254
722 Dougla, Alexandria 55308

Battle Lake

Mrs. Warren Hunter. --- Tenoray Pres --- 864-5103
Battle Lake, Minn.

Bemidji

Mrs. Charles Sattgast (Mabel) -----President----- 751-4044
700 Minnesota Ave., Bemidji 56601

Cass Lake

Mrs. Tom Grandy (Grachia) -----President ----- 335-8888
Cass Lake 56633

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Crookston

Mrs. Stanley Sahlstrom (Mil) ---President --- 281-2959
106 Golf Terrace, Crookston 56716

** Mrs. Chester Hjelmhaug (Grace) ---Action --- 945-5266
Erskine, Minnesota 56535

Fergus Falls

Mrs. E. L. Colman --- Tenoray Pres. --- 736-7868
312 N. Whitford.
Fergus Falls, 56537

Moorhead

Mrs. Paul Douve (Mardeth) -----President ----- 236-9294
721 4th St. S., Moorhead 56560

** Mrs. John McRae (Michelle) -----Action ***----- 236-6673
2024 4th St S., Moorhead 56560

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positions in favor of revising abortion
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NEWSPAPERS

Minneapolis Star
Minneapolis Tribune
St. Paul Dispatch
St. Paul Pioneer Press
Minneapolis Spokesman
Fergus Falls Daily Journal
Red Wing Daily Republican Eagle
Swift County Monitor

Other topics:

Vietnam Nam: We should not try and maintain all of our areas of expenditures at the same time that we are in the war. Whether or not we should be in the war is another matter. We are there, x When the war is over, that is the time to pick up the additional expenditures to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ keep us from economic collapse. We should not be spending on the non-essentials now. We could be doing much better if we had managed our money better. Inflation has eaten away terrible amounts.

If the war were suddenly over, there ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ might not be much extra money left over. There would be the defense system to maintain, the possibility of forces or bases to maintain, possible economic aid to give the country. There would be the decision of whether to deplete our military strength or to divert it to some other trouble spot. If money were available, his priorities would be education, welfare and a program to bring rural areas up to the urban ones. Any available money would no doubt vanish in the budget.

This report is compiled from a League interview in Moorhead conducted by Mrs. Earl Herring, State Board, and Mrs. Norbert Benzel. Moorhead president; a public ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ meeting ~~xxx~~ sponsored by the League in Bemidji; and a private meeting concerning Bemidji water problems.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

BEMIDJI - MINNESOTA 56601

700 Minnesota Ave.
April 12, 1969

Dear Mrs. Herring,

Enclosed is a copy of the Bemidji Daily Pioneer which gives a summary of Odin Langen's visit to Bemidji.

Before the evening meeting began, Henrietta Britton (in charge of item " Clean Water"), the Mayor of Bemidj, and I met with Mr. Langen to talk about the possibility of getting funds for a much needed tertiary treatment plant for Bemidji sewage. Not much was accomplished at the conference but we did succeed in impressing upon him the necessity for assistance and of the concern of a number of citizens in the city, as well as the League members.

About 50 people attended the evening meeting. Most of the people in attendance were interested citizens and only a few were there for personal reasons. This was the first time I had heard the Congressman and I was impressed with his ability to express himself and ability to handle his subjects. He began his talk by giving us an overall picture of the problems facing Congress and central to all of these problems was the idea that we are spending huge sums of money for all items. He gave 1961- 1968 comparisons of amounts spent for such items as education, health, housing and for the poor. The quoted increases were huge but no item was discussed at length; so there was no way of knowing what was or was not included in the figures. He spent a great deal of time impressing upon us the necessity of cutting costs and little time was spent on discussing needs or accomplishments for the money spent.

When question time came our local CAP director asked about the future of OEO and its programs. He assured us that little could be done in this first year of the administration until there had been time for evaluations. (Tonight's paper tells us that our local Job Corp, Lydick Lake, will be closed).

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In response from-a question from Virginia Armin about international trade, he replied that he is for trade but only a two way trade. He then gave an example of some wheat sales this past year. Neither Virginia nor I knew enough about international trade to understand his example, but we both gathered from his story that the U.S. underbid other countries in the sale of some wheat, but by means of a border tariff no rules were broken. In return some of the European countries were not concerned with International rules when they sold some products to us. I know this doesn't make sense to you but neither did it to us. Perhaps we did not understand. However, he did say that he is for the protection of the American farmer and is for the American Selling Price.

Later- The radio tells us that a Job Corp will be established in Minneapolis to take the place of those closed in Minnesota. We are told that much of the work of retraining the men at Lydick Lake is concerned with giving the fellows some of the basic education tools such as "readin, riting and rithmetic" along with actual labor with conservation in the area. This announcement has taken every one by complete surprise. After several telephone calls this morning about what the League should do, we have decided that our first move is to be a call on the Director of the project to discuss what the Corp has accomplished since it was established three years or so ago. Following this visit, we will plan our course of action.

Again, we invite you to attend our Annual Meeting the third of May, at the new Senior Citizens Center in the 600 block of American Ave. We begin our business meeting and coffee hour at 10:00 Oclock. This We will be served a simple lunch by the Senior Citizens at 12:30 and then have the program of fun and facts.

Sincerely,

Mabel Sattgast

Mrs. Charles Sattgast

My typists is learning, but she still has a long way to go to perfection.

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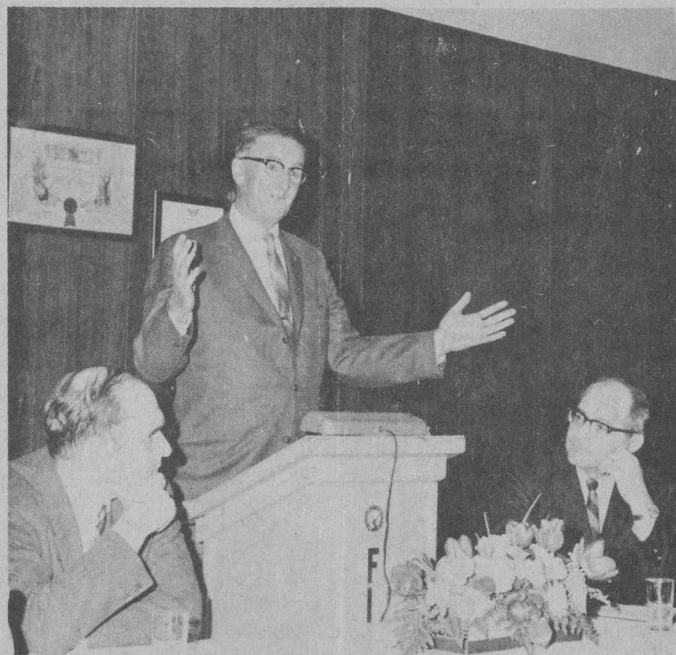
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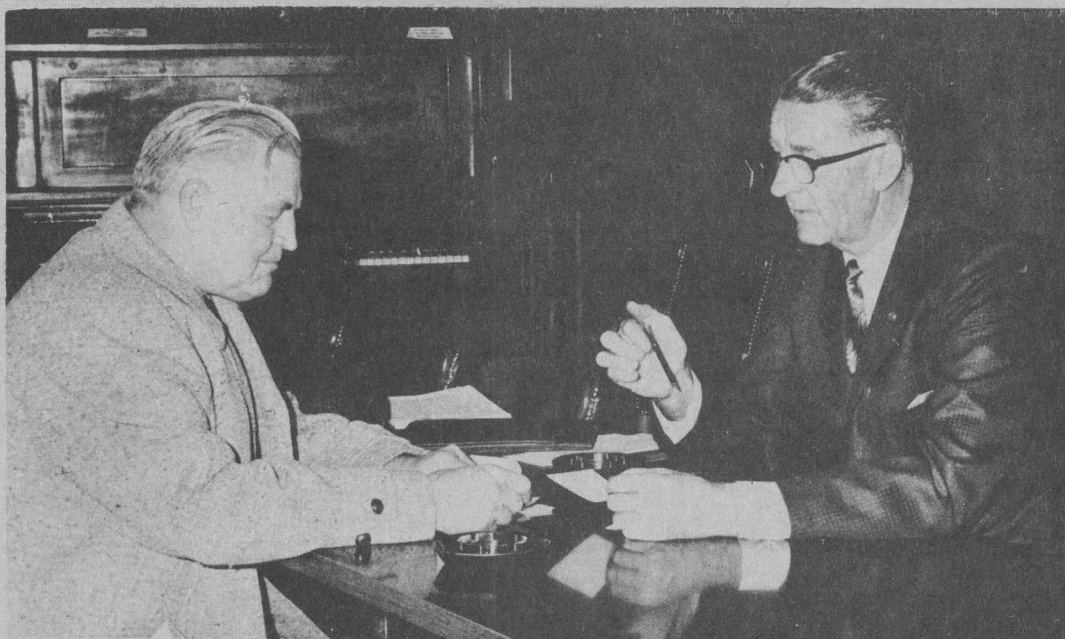
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LANGEN ANSWERS QUESTIONS . . . Rep. Odin Langen (7th Dist., Minn.) answers one of many questions posed him by the panel and audience Monday night at the Bemidji



Elks Club. Panel members (left to right) are Mrs. Ivan Rogers, Mrs. Perry Armin, Doyle Aultman, Norman Koslofsky and Dr. Robert Decker, moderator. (Pioneer Photo)



VISITS CONGRESSMAN . . . Office hours were held Monday afternoon in Bemidji by Rep. Odin Langen, during which time many individual citizens and delegations visited the congressman concerning prob-

lems of this area. Above, Carl Henrikson (left) discusses an event he is working on, scheduled for this summer, and has invited Langen to be present. (Pioneer Photo)

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Langen Tells Bemidji Audience Of Problems Facing Congress

By Jim McMahon —

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TO:

Liz Ebbott

cc to Mrs. Janski

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

FROM:

Ruth Herring

555 WABASHA

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

PHONE: 224-5445

SUBJECT

Odin Langen's interview

DATE

April 7, 1969

After your telephone call about Rep. Langen's meeting at Bemidji, and wondering if I could be there, I wrote to his administrative assistant, who is a personal friend of ours, and asked if I could see Mr. Langen anyplace around Moorhead. (Being I had a wedding tonight I would have hated to miss and also being I will be going to Bemidji soon for their annual meeting anyway). So I got a letter back from Odin Langen himself saying he would arrange an appointment for me sometime on Friday April 11 but his office would call me later as to the exact time. So I called Mrs. Sattgast to let her know we wouldn't be in Bemidji, and she said the pre-speech interview with him will be on the pollution of Lake Bemidji. So I asked her to send any tidbits of information he might say on our program to me before Friday, and she said she'd be delighted. So, how's Friday for you? Can you come up and we can have the halfhour of togetherness with the 8th District Represent. I also had the National Office send him a Report from the Hill, which he acknowledged receiving and said, "Thank you for providing this information." He ended with "Kindest personal regards". Can you top that? It would be fun having you with me on Friday. I'll meet you if you take commercial transportation, or welcome you with open arms if you drive. Otherwise I'll write up as best I can the entire interview. I've talked with him a couple times before and have never done anything except listen while he explains his positions or vote. Even when he explained how perfectly illogical it would be for D.C. to have its own governing body because there was such an unstable element living there. I just remember smiling weakly and mumbling something innane about disinfanchising the unstable element, but he explained it was best for them, and I gave up. So if you aren't coming, send me some ammunition and asprin.

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TO: Ruth Herring

FROM: State Office for Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

PHONE: 224-5445

DATE

4-8-69

Ruth - I called Liz Ebbott and read your note re Odin Langen's interview to her - she says fine, she will be there - please notify her as to the exact time so that she can make her plans - thank you.

Liz's home address is -

409 Birchwood Ave., White Bear Lake, Minn 55110.

Dear Liz:

Am rushing this off without paring it down. Will you do that please. I honestly don't think there is three sentences worth of meat in the whole bit. I can tell you I didn't get anything of value from his talk to the Chamber this morning. He certainly was cordial. We discussed our flood and other things and I'd bring him back to the questions, but I never felt like we had any meeting of the minds.

Just for your information, I thought you'd enjoy a technique this morning in answering questions. He had a half a dozen written questions from the audience. The procedure to each was the same:

First, compliment the questioner on the question.

Next, explain the question.

Third, explain the pros and cons of the question.

Next, explain any other implications of the question.
(This took most of the time.)

Last, thank the questioner.

It was fantastic. Afterwards, one fellow leaned over to me and said (We were probably the only democrats there).....
"Man, he really lays it right on the line, eh." Funny!!!

He was most successful....most enthusiastically received.
He never said anything. I was astounded.

Love,

Ruth

In attendance: Sharon Benzel (Mrs. Norbert), president, Moorhead League, and Ruth Herring (Mrs. Earl), State Board Member

1. In discussing possibility of money available if Viet Nam War over, the Congressman pointed out that if the war were suddenly over, there would not be the \$25-30 billion available, as there would be the defense system to maintain, the possibility of forces or bases to maintain, possibility of economic aid or other aid to give the country. The saving would be in the helicopters, tanks, the manufacturing of, the shipment of, and the maintenance of these types. Then, we would have to face the decision of depleting our military strength or diverting it to some other trouble spot, so there would possibly not be much money left over even if the war were to miraculously end. (During the above discussion, Sharon asked if he had priorities in mind for possible funds that might be available in that eventualities???? The congressman answered "Priorities? That is a good word. It is a word I have been talking about for years. I wish we had priorities years ago. There has been a lack of priorities. We should have diverted funds on this basis years ago, to meet the important needs of this country." (Yes, that was the total answer, as verbatim as I could get it down). (Private Note)
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Thank you for this opportunity of visiting with you.

Some questions we'd like to have you mull over with us:

1. What could the United States do with the money if all of a sudden the Viet Nam war were to be settled?
2. If all of our internal problems which require funding such as core of the cities, education, poverty, increase in demands, how much longer can we pay for both these internal problems and the Viet Nam War?
3. Is it a fact that you have more American Indians in your district than any other Congressmen? What can we do about our Indian problem? Who should be responsible for the relief necessary.....federal, state, or local government?
4. What about our clean waters....can we afford to continue the pollution by our industries and our cities....would financing the sewage disposal plants on a federal basis be a solution?
5. I know the Job Corps is currently in a state of flux....any new developments you can report to us?
6. How is our financing of international development programs progressing?
7. Are there any new proposals on federal educational programs?
8. Are you receiving the League materials and do you find them of interest or value?

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TO:

Liz Ebbatt

FROM:

Ruth Herring

SUBJECT

Langen Intro.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE

4/13/69

Enclosing my copy of the Langen Interview with Sharon Benzels comments on it. You'll see many modifications. It was good that she went along. She's a good republican even though not an admirer of our congressman. I'm fighting water up here & doubt if I'll see you Tuesday.
Ruth

April 11, 1969

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— Referred to a talk to RE Quaker he cited these figures (Did not mention inflation in relation to sales or production)

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The money available would no doubt vanish in the budget. Priorities in order are education, welfare(?) and a program to bring rural areas up to the urban ones. (I think he only included ed. & welfare for our benefit)

Example given was the no car production of WWII

There is an urgent need for local concerns.

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has grown to the point where they had to be reconsidered. The international monetary problem is acute.

It is too bad that the many aspects are so vast that it is almost impossible for one to keep on top(?) of the problem.

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Allies trade with No. Vietnam

Point was that as these countries develop potential in area of food production they still lack the means to distribute as well as buyers with money.

Dear Mrs. Ebbott,

We tried in cooperation with our Chamber of Commerce to get Odin Langen to Bemidji during the break, but he was too scheduled to get here. He promised us for the next time. Think he had a Moorhead meeting.

Am sending reminder notes to the Time for Action people to get the letters out on Nuclear Non Treaty. I have had no cards to date telling of any action from any of them.

Virginia Armin

Bernie Pearson

Nov. 1968

Langen Says Export Food Market Should Be Expanded

“The key to future world export markets for American agricultural products lies in maintaining and improving the quality of foods of all kinds,”

tribute to the stabilization of the rural economy.”

Congressman Langen noted that world production of many crops is increasing, creating



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Mississippi from Cairo. When it comes, it will represent the most powerful single weapon in the economy for containing transport cost increases. An increase of one third in available depth for barges and towboats will revolutionize the economics of barging.

Fourth, the barge industry is giving more and more attention to improved coordination between river and ocean services. Ships are being built which are nothing more than huge barge ferries. They will be able to connect the highly developed waterways of the U.S. with the river-oriented interior markets of Europe and the Far East. A barge load of manufactured products from Pittsburgh may once more find New Orleans the best port for reaching world markets as they did in the early 19th century.

Fifth, the barge lines are working to create a new and more friendly climate of cooperation with the railroad industry. They enjoy highly cooperative relationships with truck lines and are now seeking to improve coordination of services with railroads. Recent studies of proposed rail-water movements show an indicated saving of from 10 to 25 per cent in overall transport costs by matching the most efficient rail service to efficient barge service.

We have been encouraged by the publication of two new rail-barge joint rates on corn from Iowa origins. The first was with the Chicago and North Western Railroad. This tariff was later joined in by the Norfolk and Western Railroad. We believe we can demonstrate that in some circumstances a railroad can make equal or higher earnings by connecting with a barge line than another railroad. Certainly, great improvement in utilization of rail equipment can be achieved. It is only about nine months since we started our campaign to persuade railroads to become "willing partners" of barge lines. The response so far has been friendly and we are hopeful that the joining of mutual business interests will be productive of substantial savings in the public interest.

Inland river barge lines handle about nine per cent of inter-city freight. For wide areas of the economy they have become the determining factor in the setting of rates. Water transport is a standard against which the rates of land modes are measured. The barge level of efficiency—ever-improving—is a powerful influence which stimulates efficiency throughout the transport industry.

A friend of mine at the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh some years ago had an interesting dream which he did not live long enough to see develop. I repeat it here because it might still come true if we could find another local Arthur Longini to promote it. It was simply that the Ohio River leads directly from the great agricultural heartland of the midwest and that cheap grain could be brought to Pittsburgh by barge to create a milling industry. Arthur used to say that the people in the Pittsburgh area paid the second highest price in the country for fresh meat and that the hills and valleys of western Pennsylvania could support great herds of cattle for local consumption. He did not mention whiskey distilling but I suppose that might have been in his mind too and would have brought us back in full circle to 1794.

Such an issue of course required barge and rail cooperation—barge for cheap transportation and a "willing partner" in those mechanized trans-Allegheny wagons—the railroads for grain products. There was a snag—there always is. Buffalo, although further from the teeming millions on the Atlantic seaboard than Pittsburgh had lower rates—if I remember 37¢ a cwt versus 49¢ from Pittsburgh. Buffalo argued they should keep that margin because they had the New York state barge canal and no one had had the foresight to build a canal from Pittsburgh east, though some valiant efforts were made in the last century. However, that case was fought out and Pittsburgh won. There is now

a parity of rates between Pittsburgh and Buffalo. But in the meantime Arthur Longini died and the mill he had in hand to start the ball rolling couldn't wait and located in Harrisburg.

My point is not that we should go out and steal today's traffic. But that the mills are moving east—closer to market. The new capacity that will be built anyway over the next 10 years might just as well—should in common sense—be built in Pittsburgh. But some body or some local group has to get competitive about it and get to work on it. So what if it takes 10 years. Once established the mills will be here a hundred years.

It is the vision to see a milling industry where one never was which makes a community great: the capacity to stand back from any one mode of transportation far enough to see the proper role of each and to be able to put them together in one cooperative pattern. One sees more and more Arthur Longinis and through them the influence of transportation on the efficient performance of the economy is growing more important rather than less as the years go by.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. EDNA F. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 1968

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, 12 years ago today the world witnessed an event which may be regarded as both a triumph and a tragedy. The Hungarian Revolution of October 23, 1956, was a triumph of the human spirit in man's age-old struggle for individual freedom and dignity. It was a triumph because thousands of courageous Hungarians exhibited a willingness to risk death in order to free themselves from a regime they could no longer tolerate by silent consent. They made known their fierce protest of rule by terror and by secret police. They proved that the Iron Curtain was not invincible. Its inherent weaknesses were dramatically revealed to the outside world. Nonetheless, the Hungarian Revolution was a tragedy because the forces of despotism were able by overwhelming military might to crush this popular revolt against oppression and subservience to a foreign power. The Hungarian people—men, women, and children—fought bravely against great odds while a brief hope flickered that their revolution might succeed. Many, armed only with personal courage, engaged in hand-to-hand combat in what proved to be a hopeless cause against heavily armored Soviet troops. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives I went to Europe on April 18, 1957, and in June 1957 issued a report, H. Rept. 531, "Policy Toward the Satellite Nations," in which we declared:

The Hungarian revolution which broke out October 23 was catastrophic in nature and caught the free world totally unprepared. The nature of its rapid development likewise came as a surprise. Its tragic finale left a feeling of bitter disappointment and regret that the governments of the free world were not ready to take effective action. Conversely, it appeared that the Soviet Union is determined to go to any and all lengths to maintain her

empire of enslaved peoples by the most brutal forms of armed subjugation and repression, when permitted to do so. It also appeared that when the Soviets felt their own vital interests were involved, as in the case of Hungary, they were willing flagrantly to flout the public opinion of the peoples of the free world who, it should be added, were far more willing for dramatic action than their governments. . . . The failure of the free world and of the United Nations under the leadership of the United States to take the positive action expected and impliedly promised in Hungary constitutes, in the judgment of the study mission, the lost opportunity of our generation.

This set the precedent that the United States could not or would not intervene in any uprising in Eastern Europe; thus our Government's policy during the Czechoslovakian Revolution was understandable.

In the case of Hungary, the Soviet Government at first justified the entry of Russian troops into that nation in October 1956 by stating that the Hungarian Government had requested its assistance in establishing order. However, on November 1, the President of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic cabled the Council's protest to the entry of Soviet troops on Hungarian soil to the U.N. Secretary General. He further informed the Secretary General that Hungary was repudiating its membership in the Warsaw Pact Treaty and declared Hungary to be a neutral nation. The Soviet Union feigned an initial withdrawal of its troops at the end of October. But by November 3, when it became evident that the revolution was succeeding, it launched a lightning military attack against Hungary. Masses of Russian troops, accompanied by thousands of tanks, poured into the country and then ruthlessly destroyed the Hungarian Revolution in cold blood.

Many Hungarians who were fortunate enough to flee their country immediately following the suppression of the revolution came to the United States and have made outstanding contributions to our Nation in varied walks of life. Those who remained in Hungary have been the victims of an even more repressive rule than that which preceded the revolution. We can be certain, however, that the dreams and ideals which made the Hungarian uprising possible can never be extinguished. They live on in the hearts of the Hungarian people and shall one day come to fruition.

SESSION SUMMARY, 1968

HON. ODIN LANGEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 14, 1968

Mr. LANGEN. Mr. Speaker, it is my custom to regularly keep my constituents as informed as possible on legislation and events here in Washington which affect their lives or are of special interest to them. At the close of this session of the 90th Congress, I have attempted to summarize briefly my observations of the session and in this extension of re-

marks, I would like to share these with my colleagues:

SESSION SUMMARY, 1968—VOLUME X, No. 8

DEAR FRIEND: This is my last newsletter for the 90th Congress, since we have now adjourned.

Congress met this year in an atmosphere of mounting crises. At home, inflation eroded the value of the dollar, crime and racial unrest posed grave internal threats, and the nation was divided bitterly over foreign policy. Abroad, the war in Vietnam ground on, our European alliances were in a state of disarray, and the dollar was threatened by a chronic deficit in the balance of payments. As Congress packed up to go home, most of these problems remained with us.

CRIME

While the population increased 10% in the last 7 years, crime increased 88%. No community is immune to the increase. Congress moved to combat the growing crime menace. An omnibus anti-crime bill was enacted, providing bloc grants to the States to assist their local communities' law-enforcement efforts. These grants will be utilized to develop law-enforcement programs to deal effectively with crime and violence. My riot control bill was also enacted as part of the omnibus measure. It extends Federal jurisdiction to cases involving the disruption of interstate commerce by acts of disobedience.

TAXES AND INFLATION

When the legislative package calling for a 10% surcharge on the income tax and a \$6-Billion reduction in federal spending was before the House earlier this year, many argued there should be a sharp reduction in federal spending rather than a tax increase. The entire package became law, however, and taxpayers are now paying the surtax. However, there is doubt that the government will reduce spending by the \$6-Billion required by law. Many Departments and Agencies have already been exempt from the law's provisions. Spending for the fiscal year that ended last June 30 exceeded income by over \$25-Billion and another huge deficit is expected this current year unless realistic efforts are made to balance our budgets. The resulting inflation from deficit spending hurts the pocketbooks of all Americans, especially those on fixed incomes such as Senior Citizens.

It was my honor this past month to have been the recipient of the "Watchdog of the Treasury" award, presented to me by John C. Mason, President of National Associated Businessmen, Inc., for my economy voting record for the 90th Congress, 1967-68.

Mr. Mason said: "Your outstanding economy voting record indicates to your constituents and to our membership that you have a keen realization of the problems of fiscal responsibility."

Made up primarily of small business firms, the NAB is a non-partisan organization with headquarters in Washington. Its goals include fiscal responsibility in government and the elimination of the Federal Government from competition with private business.

AGRICULTURE

During 1968 there was a minimum of new, major farm legislation. The existing Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 was extended for one year after divided opinions were compromised.

A number of other actions affect our farm population. The landmark housing act includes provisions for expanding rural housing as well as urban. Successful efforts were made to provide more needed credit to farmers, and we obtained temporary funding for the Farmers Home Administration's Emergency Credit Revolving Fund when many farmers were in desperate need.

Public Law 480, the Food for Peace pro-

gram, was extended, and Congress voted to modernize the Grains Standards Act and update the Commodity Exchange Act.

My bill to control unfair trade practices affecting producers of agricultural products and associations of such producers was also adopted by Congress.

My efforts to get the Agriculture Department to take actions under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act were somewhat successful, especially in the area of mounting dairy imports. And we saw some needed changes in policy relative to Commodity Credit sales on the open market.

I am continuing my efforts to gain enactment of my Fair Farm Price Achievement Act to give our wheat and feed grains farmers full parity, and my Countryside Development proposal to bolster the economy of Rural America.

THE CONSUMER

Congress enacted a number of laws aimed at protecting the American consumer. A truth in lending bill was passed that provides for full disclosure of interest rates in dollars and cents as well as percentages on loans and revolving charge accounts. Congress also voted to establish a Commission to investigate rising automobile insurance costs. Other consumer legislation included the Pipe Line Safety Act and inspection programs for meat and poultry.

VIETNAM

Congress had no meaningful opportunity to express itself on the war except to vote on funds necessary to wage the battles and supply the men in Vietnam. Congress supplied over \$72-Billion to the Defense Department for the next fiscal year.

The peace negotiations have been going on since May 13, and it is still hoped that they will produce constructive results. Meanwhile, the war continues, with over 200,000 American casualties.

A \$1.6-Billion foreign aid appropriation was approved by Congress. This is the lowest foreign aid appropriation in the history of the program.

VETERANS

Disabled veterans and railroad retirees will receive increased benefits due to Congressional action this year. Also, Government employees and military personnel received the second step of a three-stage pay bill. Veterans were also voted improved educational, medical and rehabilitation services. For the first time, widows of veterans were voted educational benefits, enabling them to pursue their education efforts.

My bill to liberalize the classroom instruction requirement for veterans who wish to enroll in Farm Cooperative Training was incorporated into a measure that passed Congress. It now permits a student to enter on a ¾ time (9 clock hours per week) or a ½ time basis (6 clock hours). This should enable many more farmers to participate in the program while engaged in farming.

My proposal to amend the income limitations provisions applicable to veterans and widows of veterans receiving disability pensions became law. The purpose is to prevent decreases in pensions when Social Security benefits are increased.

EDUCATION

A vocational education bill was enacted. It provides 90 per cent Federal assistance for planning and construction of area vocational educational schools. It also encourages training in relevant fields so that assured job placement becomes a reality.

The Higher Education Assistance programs were extended, consolidated and refined to meet increasing student needs. It includes provisions of special services for disadvantaged students, enabling them to overcome their previous educational deficiencies.

The National School Lunch program was bolstered to improve distribution of adequate lunches to the more than 4½-million school children who do not now receive adequate lunches.

The Manpower Training program was extended and improved by devising new methods for delivery of training services. Vocational rehabilitation services were extended and improved, which should enable handicapped individuals to receive better training.

MRS. LANGEN'S CORNER

Lillian returned to the District a couple of weeks before Congress adjourned, while I commuted back and forth. She is happy to be home and is enjoying the opportunity of traveling throughout Northwestern Minnesota and greeting so many of you. As you know, Lillian has always been a great promoter of Minnesota, and she has joined me in the promotion of a new venture for our State. In order to attract new attention to Minnesota and its products and opportunities, the Minnesota State Society of Washington, D.C., has announced plans to hold a Minnesota Quality of Life Festival this coming March in the Nation's Capital. The Festival will provide an international showcase for Minnesota agriculture, commerce, science, culture, education, industry, medicine, recreation, theology, and transportation. Incidentally, a nationwide Quality of Life survey conducted last year determined that Minnesota is second only to California in its contributions to our nation—contributions ranging from culture to industry to medicine. The Festival in March will call world-wide attention to our State. If you're a businessman, your products could be exhibited. If you're active in civic organizations, perhaps your club can do much to help the Minnesota State Society tell the Minnesota story. For further information, write to Minnesota Quality of Life Festival, 1040 Shoreham Building, Washington, D.C., 20005. Lillian and I are delighted to support this activity.

Many persons have asked me about the Electoral College, and the possibility of the House of Representatives deciding a Presidential election.

The Constitution says that each State be represented in the Electoral College by electors equal in number to the State's representation in Congress. Each set of electors votes for the Presidential candidate with the majority of votes in their State, and they do not assemble in one place for the voting. There is but one round of balloting. If no candidate receives a majority of the electoral votes, the House of Representatives elects the President and the Senate elects the Vice President. This can happen if a third-party candidate carries enough States to make it impossible for the other candidates to get a majority. If the election goes to the House, each State has but one vote, regardless of its size. Thus, it's possible for 26 States representing 30-million people to elect a President, outvoting 24 States with 148-million people. If neither the Electoral College or the House agrees on a majority, a grave Constitutional crisis could ensue. It's never happened, but it could, which is a strong argument in favor of revising our electoral system. Twice in our history, however, the House has elected the President. In 1801 Jefferson was selected over Aaron Burr, and in 1825, John Quincy Adams was elected, although Andrew Jackson had more Electoral College votes but lacked the majority. But never has the House failed to agree.

And on that note, I bid you Godspeed at the conclusion of my 10th year as your Congressman.

Sincerely,

ODIN LANGEN.

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

We have connected with
Rep. Odin Langen. He will
be at the Elks Club in
Bemidji on April 7th-
7:30 p.m. Am notifying
other groups in district.

Virginia Armin

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

March 27, 1969

Mrs. Perry Armin
815 Bemidji Ave.
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

Dear Virginia;

We're so pleased that you have made contact with Representative Odin Langen. Unfortunately I will be out of the state April 7. I had very much wanted to come. Ruth Herring (Mrs. Earl) state Board member from Moorhead (109-14th Ave. So.) is in the 7th District and will do her best to attend ~~it~~. Is the gathering at the Elks Club in Bemidji at 7:30 p.m. April 7 a League sponsored public meeting or is it a League interview or both? You could send a few more details to Ruth which might make it easier for her to plan her evening.

If you have an opportunity for a League interview, National Board Report, January 1969, page 6 gives a good summary of current League program and two issues of "Report from the Hill" out this year so far, give a current update. Mabel Sattgast will have these as president.

Representative Langen is on the Appropriations Committee and will be dealing with the funding of OEO, foreign aid, funds for sewage treatment facilities construction, etc. He voted against replenishing the International Development ~~Association~~ funds (soft window of the World Bank) about 3 weeks ago. It passed the House.

Good luck. Certainly hope I can make it next time. We'd like a summary of his comments on things of League interest, especially if it is the official League interview. The state League office will handle running it off and sending it to the other Leagues.

Yours,

L. Sattgast



ODIN LANGEN
7TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE:
APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE
LEGISLATIVE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 8, 1968

409 CANNON OFFICE BUILDING
TELEPHONE: CAPITOL 4-3121
EXTENSION 2165

HOME: KENNEDY, MINN.

GALE R. MITCHELL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota
555 Wabasha
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

I have made particular note of your well expressed concerns relative to the Tax Adjustment Act as recently adopted by the Senate.

There are varied considerations presently in progress relative to House action which have been somewhat interrupted by unexpected activities in Washington these past few days.

I wish that the entire matter was as simple and clear-cut as your letter implies. However, your concerns will be kept in mind and will be most helpful during any and all considerations that follow.

I am sure that we share a common concern for the best interests of agriculture and the economic future of this country.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,


ODIN LANGEN
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

CONGRESSMAN ODIN LANGEN - Republican - Seventh District

Committees: House Appropriations

Congressional Action - 1968:

Key: X: for
0: against
NV: not voting

Human Resources — Education, Employment, Housing, Civil Rights

1. Funds for Department of Labor; Health, Education, and Welfare;
Related Agencies:
 - X To cut \$100 million from OEO (defeated 220-181)
 - 0 Increase in teacher corps funds (passed 228-172)
 - X To put a ceiling on expenditures (passed 275-126)
2. Conference Report, Supplemental Appropriation Bill:
 - X To support conference version cutting Head Start from \$25 million to \$5 million (passed 265-106)
- 0 3. Housing Bill
- 0 4. Conference Report, funds for Housing and Urban Development
5. Preventing discrimination in housing; Civil Rights Act - 1968:
 - 0 To prevent the House version from going to conference with the Senate (passed 229-195)
 - X To accept the Senate version (passed 250-171)
- NV 6. To establish a commission on Negro history
- X 7. Busing — vote that no funds can be used to force busing, abolish schools, force attendance at any particular school against the choice of the parents (defeated 175-167)

Water and Natural Resources:

- X 1. Water Pollution Control Act — to accelerate construction of facilities, to control pollution from vessels over 45 feet, research and demonstration projects on oil discharge, acid mine waters, and lake pollution (passed 277-00).
2. Co-author of bill creating the Voyageurs National Park.
- X 3. Scenic Rivers Bill

Foreign Aid and Development:

- X 1. \$412 million subscription to the Inter-American Development Bank
- 2. Foreign Aid Authorization:
 - X To cut \$165 million from various sections (passed 268-150)
 - 0 Passage of the House version (passed 228-184)
 - 0 Conference Report (passed 196-150)
- 0 3. Foreign Aid Appropriations (passed 173-139)
- NV Conference Report

Other Issues of Interest:

Farm legislation:

- X To put a \$20,000 ceiling on payments (passed)
- X Vote on the bill
- X Vote on conference report deleting limit (189-172)
- X School Lunch Bill
- Food Stamp Bill:
 - 0 To extend the program 4 years without dollar limit (passed)
 - 0 Passage of the bill
 - X Prohibiting strikers and students from participating (defeated 187-158)
 - X Passage of conference report
(Requesting food stamp program - Norman County)
- X Tax Increase
- TV debate among major candidates
 - NV To permit separate, equivalent appearances (defeated 204-112)
 - NV Passage of the bill
- NV Gun Control

Bills Introduced and other special activities

Authored:

Country-side Development Commission

Bill to allow imports in relation to growth in domestic consumption

Fair Farm Price Achievement Act

Resolution on joint committee to study crime



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

BEMIDJI - MINNESOTA 56601

October 15, 1968

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake
Minn. 55110

Dear Mrs. Ebbott,

As you know it is not easy to find someone to consent to being responsible for Time for Action calls and doubly hard to find someone who has the time and interest to act as Coordinator for a district. However, Our local Time for Action Chairman, Mrs. Perry Armin (Virginia) has agreed to act as Coordinator of the District provided that I stand ready to act for her in an emergency. This I have consented to do.

Virginia has been a member of the League for only a year and of course could not be fully familiar with the various League Positions but she is one who will learn. She has valuable help in her home because her husband is a member of the history department on the campus and encourages her to take a part on League Work. She will need help but she is a ~~strong~~ potentially strong League person and one that we can depend upon.

Virginia has just recently adopted a darling baby boy (her second adoption) and just now she is all wrapped up with interest in bottles, diapers etc. but I am sure she will also take time for Time for Action and you can add her name as Coordinator of the district.

Please do visit us some time.

Sincerely,

Mabel

Mrs. Charles Sattgast

*P. S.
Virginia's address is:
845 Bemidji Ave
Bemidji Minn.*

Bemidji ✓
Moorhead

Alexandria ✓

Fergus Falls ✓

Battle Lake ✓

Crackston ✓

Cass Lake ✓

7th -

Langen
Kittson County - family -
NW corner

Mrs. John Smarr

421 9th St. S.

Moorhead, Minn.
moved to Calif -

Miss Hazel Shuman
600 Bemidji Ave.
Bemidji, Minn. 56601

~~concord try -~~
Mrs. Ada Booth
Birmingham Dr.
Bemidji

Mrs. Gustav Dinga
1203 6th St. South
Moorhead, Minn.

Mrs. Perry Armin (Virginia)
815 Bemidji Ave
Bemidji, Minn. 56601

VIP SURVEY

RECRUITING TIPS

How to Recruit Republican Workers by Really Trying!

The VIP Survey is essentially a job of man-power—or, more accurately, man and woman-power. If it is to be completed successfully, it will require the efforts of many Republicans—both Leaders and Blockworkers—dedicated, enthusiastic, and willing to spend the time necessary to do the job within the period assigned.

The Survey provides a meaningful party job for many Republicans not now active. From this initial activity can come years of active party service from people who heretofore have been sitting on the sidelines. These Republicans are waiting to be asked to work. But there's the rub . . . they won't come forward on their own. They have to be found . . . and told of the need. And asked! By you! In person!

WHERE DO YOU FIND WORKERS? Just look around you. VIP Leaders and Blockworkers come from all walks of life, and from many sources. Here are several ideas to start with. You will be able to think of others.

- Precinct Caucus attendance sheets . . . contain the names of newly-aroused Republicans attending their first caucus. They are prime prospects for Survey work.
- Old survey records . . . will often provide names of Republicans who once told a blockworker that they were willing to help. Ask them to help now!
- Contributors . . . will often follow their dollars into action for a Republican victory.
- Auxiliary groups . . . can be a good source of workers who will pitch in to help on the Survey.
- Members of a Candidate Volunteer Committee . . . are experienced political hands who have already discovered how nice it would be to have an accurate Survey done. Enlist them in regular party work.
- Retired people . . . are an invaluable source of both Leaders and Blockworkers. They have experience and skill which they are eager to put to use for the Republican Party.
- Salesmen . . . are usually gregarious by nature, and anxious to extend their acquaintanceship. They can be particularly good party workers.
- Farmers . . . recognize the need for active Republican support and involvement. Look especially to those who have served as leaders in the Farm Bureau, County Fair work, 4-H, Future Farmers, etc.
- Leaders in civic and church activities . . . such as Red Cross, United Fund, PTA, Service Clubs, church drives, etc. are very likely to be Republican inclined. Ask them to become active.
- Graduates of Practical Politics courses . . . check with your Chamber of Commerce for names of individuals who have taken this course.

- Newcomers . . . are given a chance to make new friends through Republican activity. Don't overlook them.
- Letters-to-the-Editor . . . watch the newspapers for pro-Republican letters; contact the authors to enlist their active support.
- Past party officers . . . don't hesitate to ask a former County, District, or State Party officer to become either a VIP Leader or Blockworker. They are experienced and understand the party's need for help. Don't let them "fade away!"

HOW DO YOU ASK PEOPLE TO HELP? First of all, see them in person. Take along another worker if possible. Not only will you be able to do a better selling job on your need for their help, but more importantly, by your personal call, they will feel this is truly a significant role you are asking them to accept. An impersonal telephone call is never as convincing as a friendly but earnest face.

Secondly, never understate their duties. There is no sense in promising a prospective worker "there's nothing to it" when you are planning a campaign for victory. There is something to it. You're asking him to give his time, as much as it takes to get the Survey completed, and he may as well know it from the beginning. At the same time, point out that VIP is designed so that no one person is over-burdened. Each worker can expect to accomplish his job easily within the allotted time.

If individual recruiting efforts don't produce the desired results, try the group approach. Get as many prospects together as possible and present the problem. When they fully understand what you're asking of them, ask the question "Now, who would be unwilling to help?" You will be surprised at the results!

As you begin your recruiting efforts, keep in mind all that is at stake this year. Our party's cause is our nation's cause and deserves the strongest support we can give it. If recruiting success is not immediate, don't give up. Discouragement is a luxury we can little afford!

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
October 16, 1967

Mrs. Gustov Dinga
1203 6th Street South,
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dinga;

We were pleased to hear via Mrs. Jacobs that you would accept the job of 7th District Congressional Coordinator. We are happy you are taking on the job and are sure you will do a good job. The state League office will be sending you a sheet of procedures to be followed in replying to a National Time for Action. These procedures outline what we have in mind for the job of Congressional District Coordinator. If you have any questions or suggestions about the job, please write.

At this time, we are writing the Leagues in your district explaining the procedures. A copy of this letter will be sent to you along with copies of brief fact sheets on McCarthy and Mondale, and some expense voucher sheets. The state League will reimburse you for your expenses for postage, etc. We are also asking the National League to put you on the special Time for Action mailing.

Unless you hear differently from them, the following presidents will be your League contacts:

		Phone
Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXX Mrs. Joyce Anderson 1011 Cedar Alexandria, Minn 55308	763-4538
Battle Lake	Mrs. Charles Merten Battle Lake, Minn. 55614	864-5103
Bemidji	<i>Mrs. Perry Armin (Vigilant)</i> <i>815 Bemidji Ave</i> Mrs. Charles Sattgast 700 Minnesota Ave. Bemidji, Minn. 56601	751-4044
Cass Lake	Mrs. Lyle Chisholm Cass Lake, Minn. 56633	335-6778
Crookston	Mrs. E.C. Viste 614 Stephens Drive Crookston, Minn. 56716	281-5992
Fergus Falls	Mrs. E.L. Colman 312 North Whitford Fergus Falls, Minn. 56537	Re-6-7868

Mrs. George
Wenino
716 Mt. Fair E
Fergus Falls,
Minn.

Moorhead

Mrs. John McRae
~~Mrs. Norbert Benzel~~ 2024 - 45th So.
601 11th Street South Moorhead, Minn. 56560
233-0874

We are sending out procedure sheets, sheets on McCarthy and Mondale, and some Time for Action response cards to these women. You will receive the cards as they take action.

The Coordinator's job will have three parts. Most important is to get the Leagues in the habit of responding to Times for Action. You are supposed to hear from all 7 Leagues within a week of the time you receive your mailing from national. If you don't hear, you will have to use your judgement on what to do about it. If the issue isn't already settled in Congress, a prodding note is probably best. We can't afford phone calls unless there is a real urgency. Our goal is to get the minimum of an official League letter from each League in the state on the Times for Action.

The job of summarizing League activity from time to time and letting everyone know will depend on how much the Leagues do and how good they are about letting you know. The third part of your job is to help them share information about Representative Langen. It would probably be useful to work up a basic information sheet on Langen similar to those on McCarthy and Mondale. You can get much of the information by writing his office, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. You can identify yourself as having recently assumed the duties of legislative coordinator for the 7 Leagues in his district and you would like to relay some basic information on such as his Washington address, his home address, does he have a Minnesota office, his biography, current committee assignments, legislation he has introduced, etc. This material can be combined with his voting record (your League president has this) and perhaps some pertinent newspaper comments, excerpts from his newsletter (you could send along the addresses of your League contacts and ask that they be put on his mailing list), etc. This will be very useful information for your Leagues. As you collect this material, if you want to send it along to me, I'll see to it that the office types it up and sends it back out to your Leagues.

If as you get into the job it seems advisable to get the Leagues together in the 7th District to explain the procedure, I'd be happy to attend. Encourage your Leagues to meet with Langen. Setting up an interview with Langen and your League contact person, perhaps as a luncheon when he is back home, is a further possibility you might want to look into.

Please keep us informed and feel free to bring up any problems that arise. Best of luck and many thanks for taking on the job.

Sincerely yours,

L. Ebbott

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

CONGRESSMAN ODIN LANGEN - Republican -- 7th District Representative

Washington Address:
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Home Address:
Kennedy
Minnesota

Biography (from Minnesota's Legislative Manual, 1965-66)

Born January 5, 1913 in Minneapolis; graduate, Kennedy High School; two years' study, Dunwoody Industrial Institute; married Lillian Clausen of Kennedy; one daughter, Lois; two sons, Wayne and Lynden; active farmer; fifteen years with the national farm program, Kittson County; served as chairman of Production and Marketing Administration; past president, Kennedy School Board and Parent-Teacher Association; past chairman, Red River Farmers Club and Red River Town Board; member of Masons and Lions; State Representative from 67th District, 1951-58; committee work in agriculture, education, state taxation; vice-chairman, House Education Comm.; Minority Leader of House, 1957-58. Elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1958; re-elected 1960, 1962, 1964, and 1966.

Current Committees:

House Appropriation Committee

1967 Legislative activity in areas of League interest:

Economic Opportunity Act (EOA)

Voted against taking up EOA.

Voted against the EOA conference report.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

Voted to allot funds for Title III (innovative educational services) to the state rather than having them controlled by the U.S. Office of Education.

Voted against the ESEA as amended.

Foreign Aid

Voted against increased authorization for the Inter-American Development Bank.

Voted against the Foreign Assistance Act of 1967.

Voted to recommit the foreign assistance appropriation to committee.

Voted against foreign aid appropriation.

Voted to recommit foreign aid appropriation - conference report - to committee.

Voted against foreign aid appropriation.

District of Columbia - LWV does not have a position on the following votes.

Voted against the reorganization of D.C. city government.

Voted for an elected board of education for D.C.

Other votes of interest - LWV has no position on the following votes.

Voted to allow a 30% population variation in Congressional Districts until 1972 instead of a 10% variation.

Voted for the conference report on the redistricting bill which provides for no standards.

Voted for the bill requiring Communist organizations to register.

Voted for the Subversive Control Act conference report.

Voted against the rat control bill; the rent supplement bill; the model cities bill.



U. S. POSTAGE

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Name & Address

has the responsibility for
National Times for Action
for Battle Lake League.

She (or a substitute)

☐ can

☒ cannot

meet for lunch at
the Legislative
Workshop Oct. 1



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott
409 Birchwood Ave.
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

Name & Address

Mrs George Wenino
716 Mt. Faith E
Fergus Falls, Minn

has the responsibility for
National Times for Action
for Fergus Falls League.

She (or a substitute)

☐ can
☒ cannot

met for lunch at
the Legislative
Workshop Oct. 1

Hellen Coleman



Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbott

409 Birchwood Ave.

WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINN. 55110

(Name & Address)

~~Mrs. Cat~~

Mrs. John McRae

2024 - 4 St. So.

Moorhead, Minn. 56560

She (or a substitute)



can



cannot

meet for lunch at
the legislative
workshop Oct. 1

has the responsibility for
National Time for Action
for Moorhead League
(not for the district
only local league)

Lary ~~an~~ -

Member House Appropriations

9/26 Elected Bd of Ed - DC - For

4/27 Congressional District size 30% variation until 1972 then 10%.
Passed 289-63 For

5/28 Amendment to E.L. 2 Ed Act, Title III to be collected by state
dept. of ed - Accepted 230-185 For

7/20 Port control - Rejected 176-207 Against

8/24 Inter Am Development Bank increased authorization Passed 275-122
Against

8/9 - Resolution to disapprove D.C. plan. Rejected 160-244
For

10/29 - HUD -

Against rent supplement; For recommitting to Committee

Against model cities.

Against - conference report, For recommitting

Against - recommitting Congressional redistricting.

For - conference report - - -

11/4 - Voted against taking up Antiquities bill (passed 262-39)

11/5 Voted to reduce quota on ^{extra} long-staple cotton.

11/9 - Phil City lobbyist from the North Side, Nyle, "We got
to where; he was more concerned with balancing the budget &
trade a strong pitch for using existing federal agencies
instead of D.E.O.

11/12 ~~Against considering E.O.A.~~

Against Foreign Assistance Act of 1967

11/17 - To recommit foreign assistance approp. to com. (Defeated 135-177) - For
Foreign aid approp (passed 167-143) - Against

11/21 - To register Communist organizations (passed 269-164) - For

12/8 - EO Act amend - conference report (passed 247-149) - Against

Subversive Control Act - conference report (passed 276-114) - For

Recommit conference report - approp. foreign affairs (passed 196-185) - For

12/15 - Foreign aid approp (passed 198-158) - Against

E.L. Secondary Ed amend (passed 286-73) - Against

12/17 - Wife suffers slight stroke -

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Kindergarten - A.M. 9:00 - 11:30
 P.M. 1:00 - 3:30
 First grade..... 9:00 - 2:55
 Second and Third grades..... 9:00 - 3:30
 Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade 9:00 - 3:45
 Special Classes.....9:00 - 2:55

LUNCH SCHEDULE:

		<u>Classes resume</u>
First grades	11:30	12:10
Second and Third grade	11:45	12:30
Fourth grade	12:00	12:45
Fifth grade	12:10	12:45
Sixth grade	12:15	12:45

As you can see, some grades have a very short lunch period. This is unavoidable due to the large number of children we have. We want the cafeteria to be a pleasant place for the children but, at times, we must insist on less visiting and more "hustle" so the next group may be seated. Please discuss this with your child.

BICYCLE RIDING:

Since the majority of Willow students are bused, we do not have much of a bike problem. However, those children living close by the school may ride their bikes providing they have a bike permit which can be obtained in the office. Mr. Mason, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education has issued the following policy:

"Bicycles may be used upon the disgression of the principal.
 Bicycle riding by students below the fourth grade is discouraged.
 Improper use of bicycles will result in suspension of the privilege of riding a bicycle to school. The school will not take any responsibility for loss and/or damage of bicycles."

LOST AND FOUND:

The school has been open for only one week and several shoes, a few jackets, and some scarves have appeared in the lost and found. It would help if clothing were marked with your child's name.

SCHOOL FORMS:

Several forms have been sent home. We hope you can complete these and return them to school at your earliest convenience.

SCHOOL BUSES:

Only students who have been issued a bus pass are allowed to ride a bus. Children are not permitted to switch buses. Children are not to get off the bus at a different location unless they have presented a written request signed by his parents to the office.

OUR PARKING LOT:

As most of you know, we only have one entry to the parking lot. Buses must enter the lot and turn around at the small end. If cars are parked at the North end, bus drivers have considerable difficulty maneuvering their bus around. Therefore, do not park your cars there.

April 3, 1968

The Honorable Odin Langen
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Langen:

Unreported among the many amendments attached to the Senate passed Tax Adjustment Act of 1968 is a provision for import quotas on textile articles of natural or man-made fibers. The League of Women Voters has for many years favored trade liberalization policies and has strongly opposed protectionist legislation such as this quota amendment.

We appreciate your concern with the problems of agriculture which are of prime importance to your constituents. However we feel that applying import quotas will not help agriculture in the long run. Agriculture exports, especially wheat, soybeans, and feed grains, were estimated to contribute over \$250 million to Minnesotans in 1966. U.S. farm exports far exceed imports. The 1965 statistics show \$3.6 billion of commercial farm exports (no government assistance) compared with \$2.3 billion of competitive farm imports. With the exception of India and Pakistan, the ten top agricultural importing nations are industrial nations - Japan, the Common Market countries, Canada and United Kingdom. These countries must export to be able to afford to buy Minnesota's wheat, soybeans and feed grains.

The present issue is a textile quota bill. If this passes, it will be more difficult to halt the many quota bills awaiting consideration. Once the United States starts building restrictive walls, there seems little doubt that equivalent restrictions will be imposed by our trading partners. One can only hope that this country has learned its lesson from the Smoot-Hawley experience. If we have not learned from history, our own short sighted moves may trigger off a disastrous old-fashioned trade war.

We urge you to use both your position on the House Appropriations Committee and your vote on the floor to oppose this quota provision and any such future legislation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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Enrico to send out to League presidents in:

Bemidji
Moorhead
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Brettle Lake
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Cass Lake.

Did you notice your Time for Action mailing, February 23rd on Foreign Economic Aid? Representative Langer is one of the key representatives on the House Committee on Appropriations. It is very important that your League do all it can to let him know of your concern for the U.S. foreign aid program.

Representative Langer has shown very little interest in the past for this type of legislation. While your efforts may not change his mind, they may modify his position and would be helpful in letting him know he has constituents that do feel the U.S. has a commitment to help the underdeveloped countries. The Time for Action mailing includes excellent background on the bill that you will want to use. The following are a few additional arguments:

...The \$2.5 billion request will not harm our balance of payments' problem. So many of these funds are used to US purchases that there is less than \$170 million in cash outflow. This is more than offset by the \$200 million repayment on previous loans.

...Last session there was too deep a cut to keep current programs going long. They are living on funds in the "pipeline" and the full request must be met to replenish the pipeline.

...We have a moral obligation to try to help these less fortunate to learn to produce for themselves, to build their own viable countries. Unless nations are able to hope for betterment, the world will see constant turmoil. The US will be put into the position of trying to keep stability through force at a much higher cost to this country.

...etc. It's sure you have many better reasons of your own.

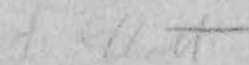
I urge you to do all you can to influence Representative
Langon at this crucial step of the bill's progress. These
letters ~~are~~ being sent out through your coordinator:

Mrs. Gustav Dinga

1203 6th Street, Moorhead, Minn. 56560

Please let her know by your cards what action you have taken.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional District
Coordinator

1967

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
December 20, 1967

Mrs. Gustav Dings
1203 S. 6th Street
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Eunice,

I was pleased to get your letter. It has taken most of this Congressional session to get organized, but I think we are now in good shape to really use our system next year. It sounds like you have a good beginning already.

Irene Janski has written you about setting up an interview with Langen. We were sorry to hear about his wife's stroke and because of it he may not be available, which would be understandable. The Minneapolis paper said that they still planned to get back to Kennedy, Minn. by Christmas. If you are able to arrange anything, you can set it up as you wish. There should be at least two Leaguers and you could invite all of your contact people throughout your district. I'd be happy to come if it is at all possible.

I'm trying to tidy up some odds and ends before Christmas. Enclosed is a reprint of some backgrounding on National CRs that we sent out last month in the Minnesota State Board Memo. I had hoped to work up a summary sheet of my file on Langen for your information, but I'm not going to get this done until after Christmas. Some sort of a summary sheet of voting record, etc. should be useful for those having an interview with him and this type of material should also be sent out to your Leagues. (Maybe this could all get combined with a basic background sheet.) Anyway, I'm sure this will all keep until after Christmas --- unless all of a sudden you find you have an interview with him.

A very Merry Christmas! Thank you for the good beginnings you have made of the job. I'll be in touch with you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Coordinator

1203 South 6th Street
Moorhead, Minnesota 56560
November 28, 1969

Mrs. Ralph D. Ebbett
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Ebbett,

Sorry I haven't written sooner. When Sharon Bengel asked me to accept the position - I assumed it was local Time for Action chairman. Anyway, when all of your letters arrived I was in the middle of my Voters' Service work - plus a few other jobs outside of League and decided all else would have to wait. But anyway - here I am - happy to be 1st District Congressional Coordinator and ready to get to work.

A short report:

1. On the budget - As this is a completely new venture for me, I don't feel qualified to comment - except you seem to have covered all areas that expense could occur.
2. Today, I finally received my first "Time for Action" from Washington. So I guess I'm in business.
3. Have so far received responses from ^{only} three League Cross Lake, Fergus Falls and Bemidji. So there is work to be done.

Sincerely,

Laurie Droja
1st District Congressional Coordinator

December 7, 1967

Mrs. Gustav Dinga
1203 S. 6th Street
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Eunice,

Now that the first of the year is approaching, it is time for the annual interviews with members of Congress.

As coordinator for the seventh district, it will be your responsibility to arrange an interview with Congressman Langan. The enclosed sheets from national give all the information I think you will need to arrange a pleasant and productive interview. The holiday season quite often provides an opportunity for these interviews so I would suggest you contact Mr. Langan soon.

We try to have a state Board member at as many of the interviews as possible. Since you have Ruth Herring close by, we would like her to attend the interview also. Please let her know as soon as the interview is arranged.

Thank you for helping us in this important task, and please remember to send a copy of the interview report to the state office as well as to the national office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O. J. Janski
President

*Same to: 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd Districts
Copy to involved Bd. member*

cc. Mrs Dinga
Pres: Alexandria
Moorhead
Fergus Falls
Battle Lake
Crookston
Lake Lake

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
October 19, 1967

Mrs. Charles Sattgast, President
League of Women Voters of Bemidji
700 Minnesota Avenue
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

Dear Mrs. Sattgast:

For some time now, League contacts with our national Congressmen and responses to national Time for Action mailings have been rather spotty. Perhaps by rethinking our procedures, we can make League's voice more effective.

As you know from the Local League Handbook, "a local League shall respond to a Time for Action sent by the national Board or report to the national Board the reasons for not taking action." All Leagues are required to respond officially, and additional efforts should be made to get letters from individual League members as well as the community. Your League has done good work in the past. To make your job easier and more meaningful in the future, we are using Congressional District Coordinators. Yours for the 7th District is: Mrs. Gustav Dinga, 1203 6th Street So., Moorhead, Minnesota 56560.

On the enclosed "Procedures in Response to a National Time for Action," we have outlined a communication schedule. Your League will need to designate one person as your contact. We are assuming that you, as President, will take this responsibility unless you let Mrs. Dinga know otherwise. Some Leagues use a national item person, some have an action chairman, but the important thing is that someone has the responsibility and is prepared to act when a Time for Action arrives. Your action depends upon many factors such as how much time you have, how informed your members are (and how much time you have to inform them), your channels into the community, etc. However, the first step is your League's official response. To insure that this gets done, we are asking you to send a carbon of your letter to Mrs. Dinga within 5 days of the time you get the Time for Action mailing. For many Leagues, it is a great problem making so many carbons. If it is easier, just jot on one of the enclosed Time for Action response cards that you've done it and send that off to Mrs. Dinga. If she doesn't hear from you within 7 days, she will contact you to remind you.

To encourage greater action and to give some well deserved pats on the back for jobs well done, Mrs. Dinga would also like to hear about extra efforts you make. Send a Time for Action card listing what you've done; send along newspaper clippings, etc. These will be a separate mailing because there won't be time to do it all within the 5-day limit. Mrs. Dinga from time to time will summarize and let you know what the 7th District has been up to.

There is also the vital job of being informed about your Congressmen. We are enclosing some background information about Senators McCarthy and Mondale. You can write Representative Langen and the Senators' offices and ask to be put on their newsletter lists. Be alert for newspaper clippings; evaluate their letters to you;

October 19, 1967

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

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TO: Mrs. Charles Sattgast

FROM: Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE 10/19/67

We were sorry that Hazel couldn't take the job. Moorhead did find a volunteer and we hope she works out well.

Cass Lake, Minnesota
October 26, 1967

The Honorable Odin Langen
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Langen ;

As you know, the League of Women Voters of the United States has been working to secure self government and representation in Congress for the residents of the District of Columbia since 1924.

We, the members of the League of Women Voters of Cass Lake, Minnesota, concur whole heartedly with the members all over the United States that these basic rights are long overdue.

We are pleased to learn that the House Judiciary Committee has approved HJR 396 which would provide full representation in Congress for the resident of the District of Columbia by constitutional amendment. We urge you to give this measure your full support when it reaches the floor of the House.

Sincerely,

Ruth Chisholm

(Mrs. L. W.)

Ruth Chisholm, Pres.
League of Women Voters
of Cass Lake, Minn.
56633

*We feel that sending three carbon
copies in to State and National in
addition to a copy to the Coordinator
involve useless expenditure of time
and money (postage) -*

*want to answer her -
remind her of the card
for the Coordinator*

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409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
November 7, 1967

Mrs. L.W. Chisholm
League of Women Voters of Cass Lake,
Cass Lake, Minn. 56633

Dear Ruth;

We are very pleased with your League's response to Times for Action, and we hope you will continue writing such excellent letters. We at the state office are interested in receiving copies of your letters, but it is far more important that Representative Langen hears from you than that we do. We realize that making and sending so many carbons can sometimes be a burden.

To simplify reporting, we have set up a 7th District Congressional Coordinator:

Mrs. Gustav Dinga
1203 6th Street South
Moorhead, Minn. 56560

Recently you were sent a procedure sheet and some orange time for action response cards. In the future, if you prefer, you can just send one of those cards to Mrs. Dinga telling her what you have done. We will keep in touch through Mrs. Dinga.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1200 17TH STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

November 1, 1967

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Mrs. L. W. Chisholm, President
League of Women Voters of Cass Lake
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633

Dear Mrs. Chisholm:

Thank you for sending us a copy of your letter to Representative Langen on the Constitutional Amendments for Representation for the District of Columbia.

While there is no requirement that Leagues send copies of their congressional letters to the national office, the national Board finds these letters very valuable. Each member of the national Board is on one of the Program Committees -- Foreign Policy, Development of Human Resources, and the Water and CR Committee. If these Committees are to give the kind of guidance necessary for each program item, they must keep in touch with the local Leagues. The Committees have found that League letters are an important source of information on League activity and thinking on national programs. In addition, we keep files in the national office on all congressmen, which are used by the national Board and staff before the League testifies before a Congressional Committee.

We do think it is a good way to keep in touch with what the Leagues are doing. We really believe each local League response to a Time for Action is worth the postage expense. We do know it is time consuming, but we do hope you will find the time, if possible.

Sincerely

Dorothy J. Sortor
Congressional Secretary

DJS:nhm

cc: Mrs. Cloutier

Presidents: Bemidji, Alexandria, Moorhead,
Fergus Falls, Battle Lake, Crookston,
Cass Lake. * - enclose memo below -

(If you know Mrs. Ding's 1st name,
please use that instead throughout the letter.)

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110
October 5, 1967

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Mrs. Robert Condon, President
League of Women Voters of Albert Lea
825 Newton
Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007

Dear Mrs. Condon:

For some time now, League contacts with our national Congressmen and responses to national Time for Action mailings have been rather spotty. Perhaps by rethinking our procedures, we can make League's voice more effective.

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Mrs. Gustav Dinga, 1203 6th St. South,
Moorhead, Minn.

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October 5, 1967

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Mrs. Dirga

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

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MEMO

TO:

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FROM:

Liz Ebbott

SUBJECT

7th District -

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

PHONE: 373-2959

DATE

① This letter goes to the presidents of the ~~#~~7 League in the 7th - along with:

- ✓ 1 - Procedure in Response to a National T. for A.
- ✓ 2 - McCarthy sheet
- ✓ 3 - Mondale sheet

✓ 4 - T for A response card (5 or so) - Make like the others except: Mrs. Gustav Dinga
1203 6th St. South
Moorhead, Minn.

(some 50 or so) -

② - Send a carbon of the letter to Mrs. Dinga along with -
- Expose voter sheet -
- Procedure in Response to a Nat. T for A -
- Fast sheets - Mondale, McCarthy -

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

STATE ORGANIZATION SERVICE
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455
PHONE: 373-2959

DATE

③ - Have the National office change the T for A
mailing from Mrs. Joph Smurr
421 9th St. S
Moorhead, Minn.
to Mrs. Dinga

④ - ~~At Some~~ When you are mailing something to me,
Could you send along a couple of "graduation" sheet.
Thanks

Liz.

10-1-67

Dear Liz,

Nice to hear from you (Mrs. Sattgast had told me I might be) but I'm saying "No" to your request. I haven't lost my enthusiasm for LUV, but I've lost my energy. But the time I get thru my working day, I've been finding that I can't push myself to do things that I even really want to do. What you outlined sounds interesting, and our Congressman Longen certainly needs to be told things, but I just know I don't feel up to taking on the work.

Mabel, Ada, and Olive have all told me what an excellent meeting the one at the Thunderbird Motel was. I do hope to get to the meeting at Fergus Falls.

I just hate to turn down a League opportunity, but I know it's best.

Sincerely,

Hazel Shimmier



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MOORHEAD

Moorhead, Minnesota

October 6, 1967

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman
409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Dear Mrs. Ebbott:

This letter is to inform you Mrs. John Smurr has left our locality, and has been replaced as "Time For Action" chairman by Mrs. Gustov Dinga, 1203 6th St. South, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gerald B. Jacobs
Secretary

409 Birchwood Ave.
White Bear Lake, Minn. 55110
September 29, 1967

Miss Hazel Shimmin
600 Bemidji Ave.
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601

Dear Hazel;

For some time now League contacts with our national Congressmen and responses to national Time for Action mailings have been rather spotty. We are hoping to improve this by designating one person in each congressional district as a Congressional Coordinator. Her job is to inform herself about her Congressman and to keep in contact with the Leagues in her district. Our previous Coordinator for the 7th District, Mrs. Smurr from Moorhead, has left the state so we are now looking for a successor. I talked with Mrs. Sattgast about the job on Tuesday and she suggested that you might have the time. We certainly couldn't find any one in your district better qualified.

Enclosed is a procedure sheet that describes what we have in mind. The Coordinator's job will have three parts. Most important, in the beginning, is to get the Leagues in the habit of responding to Times for Action. The Coordinator should hear from all her Leagues (5 in the 7th District) within a week of the time she receives her mailing from national. If she doesn't, depending upon the time limitation, she will contact the delinquents and remind them. Our goal is to get the minimum of an official League letter from each League in the state on the Times for Action. The other functions are to summarize from time to time her Leagues' national action activities and to assist in sharing information about the Congressman. The state League will provide a national Time for Action mailing and will reimburse expenses.

We need a good person for this job in the 7th District. We hope you will do it. If you are interested, let me know. We will contact the Leagues in the district, explain the program, get the names of their contact person. If it is felt desirable, we will be happy to meet with the Leagues in the 7th and explain the process. We would appreciate your thoughts on this. Many thanks.

Very truly yours,

Mrs

To:

Mrs. Herring -

From:

Liz Elliott

SUBJECT

7th Congressional District Coordinator

DATE

Sept. 13, 1967

DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE

Sorry to be so formal - I can't remember your 1st name. I'd like to ask a favor before Board meeting. Would you mind calling Mrs. John Snarr, 421 9th St. S., Moorhead & see if she is interested in being coordinator - I wrote her in July & haven't heard. We really should be getting the district set up. You could let me know at the meeting. Thanks

SIGNED

Liz.

REPLY

DATE OF REPLY

REPLY TO

DEPARTMENT

SIGNED

DETACH AND FILE FOR FOLLOW-UP

409 Birchwood Avenue
White Bear Lake
Minnesota 55110
July 28, 1967

Mrs. John Smurr
421 9th Street South
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Smurr:

While we are all appreciating our summer vacations, Congressional deliberation continues as does the need for League's voice on the issues. The problem of making Minnesota's League voice an effective one has recently become my responsibility on the state Board. The process and degree of a local League response to a national Time for Action has been of concern to the state Board for some time. All Leagues are required to respond officially and additional efforts should be made to get responses from individual members as well as the community. We are not now reaching this goal. I believe we can all benefit from evaluating our procedures.

Last year you generously volunteered to become 7th Congressional District coordinator to help in getting local action and to function in a communicating, liaison capacity. Thank you very much for the fine job you have done. We do hope you will be willing to continue in the coming year. (If you should be unable to, could you suggest a replacement?)

We are now making contact with each district. The enclosed sheet contains discussion questions on Time for Actions and suggested possible procedures. By drawing on the experiences of coordinators and their contacts within the local League, we hope to arrive at some simple, workable suggestions. We need the benefit of your knowledge of the 7th District and would appreciate your comments.

Most Leagues have had a change in leadership and it will be necessary to make new contacts. Would it be useful to set up a meeting of the local presidents and/or those who will be concerned with national Time for Action responses in your district? We will be happy to contact the Leagues concerned and to attend the meeting. Please let me know your thoughts on where we should be going next with the coordinator program. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph Ebbott
Congressional Action Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Norbert Benzel

Jan. 29, 1966

Dear Mrs. Daniel.

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Mrs. C. W. Smurr,
421 9th St. S., Moorhead,
has volunteered to be the
coordinator for the "Times
for Action" for our 7th District,
and you may have a meeting
at her home at any time.

However, our 7th District is
very large, and with our snow
and cold weather up here,
you may have difficulty
getting anyone to Moorhead.
We are having an area work-
shop on Taxes here on March
24. Perhaps you could work.

out a meeting at that time,
if it is not too far in the
future.

Mrs. Smure will be happy
to cooperate with whatever you
decide to do.

Sincerely,
Betty J. Kendrick
President, Monthead
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Mrs. Frank J. Kendrick

914 Roosevelt
Bernidji, Minnesota

March 19, 1966

Dear Mrs Daniel:

MAR 21 1966

I'm sorry, we still haven't a definite person to be our representation on the Time for Action Committee. Hazel Shimmis will attend the workshop and will sit in on the luncheon meeting for me if I'm unable to attend. (I may take this myself; I will be State Action Chairman next term)

We think the Time for Action Committees a good idea! We're sure they will prove to be successful and help articulate a League's thoughts towards the Legislatures.

Sincerely,
Archie Olson Pres.
Bernidji L.W.U.

February 4, 1966

Mrs. Frank Kendrick, President
League of Women Voters of Moorhead
1412 S. 3rd Street
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Kendrick,

Thank you for your prompt and cordial reply to our request for a coordinator of Times for Action in the seventh district.

We are delighted that Mrs. Smurr will accept this responsibility.

Your suggestion about having the meeting at the time the Workshop is held in Moorhead seems an eminently sensible one. As soon as the Workshop plans are definite, I will write to you and Mrs. Smurr to arrange this meeting.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman

March 10, 1966

Mrs. Richard Temple, President
League of Women Voters of Alexandria
Country Club Heights
Alexandria, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Temple,

As you know from the Local League Handbook, "a local League shall respond to a Time for Action sent by the national Board or report to the national Board the reasons for not taking action." Now that Congress is again in session, we may expect to be receiving Times for Action at any time.

Some of the local Leagues in Minnesota have been remiss in responding to Times for Action. The state Board thinks it might be wise to have a coordinator in each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts who would have a committee composed of representatives from each League in her district. It would be the responsibility of this committee to see that the local Leagues respond to Times for Action.

Mrs. John Smurr from the League of Women Voters of Moorhead has accepted the responsibility of being the coordinator for the seventh district. She will help local Leagues exchange ideas, coordinate information about congressmen and make responding to Times for Action easier for local Leagues.

We are hoping that a representative from each of the Leagues in this district can meet with Mrs. Smurr and members of the state Board during lunch at the Moorhead workshop on March 24. We know it may be difficult for you to have the person who will handle this assignment at the workshop. If she cannot be there, perhaps you or someone else attending the workshop can sit in on the meeting and take back the information for your committee representative. Please let us know if your League can have a someone at this meeting, and who she will be.

Thank you for your cooperation in this enterprise.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Daniel
National Program Chairman