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# LWV maine voter

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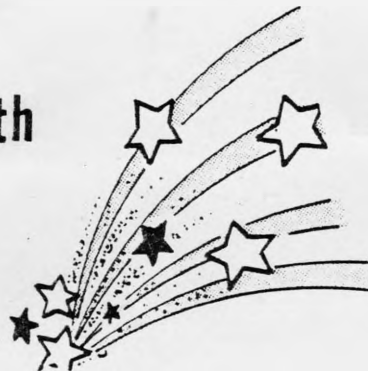
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## \* INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS \*

"To promote peace in an interdependent world,  
through cooperation with other nations and the  
strengthening of international organizations."

**development :** The League believes that long-term requirements for world peace, humanitarian obligations, and long-range national interests demand U.S. policies that help less developed countries reach self-sustaining economic growth. We believe that development assistance enhances the possibilities for world peace. We advocate separation of military from development aid, and we advocate increased use of multilateral channels.

**trade :** The League believes in a liberal U.S. trade policy, opposes protectionism and seeks to promote public understanding of the benefits of a liberal trading system. We believe that there should be trade adjustment assistance made available to domestic firms and workers injured by import competition.

**u n :** The League believes that U.N. remains the best existing instrument to promote world peace and to improve the social and economic health of the world's people. We strongly support U.S. participation in the UN system and favor U.S. policies that strengthen the UN's capacity to solve problems of global interdependence.

(The above statements were condensed from "Impact on Issues-1980-82", pp.22-29, LWV Pub.#386, and sent to Rep. Snowe, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.)

## "Our Expert"

Marianne Whitman      235 Oak Hill Road, Auburn, ME 04210

Marianne lived in Turkey from 1957-66 with husband, Arthur, and children. During this time she raised their children and worked with Turkish village women to develop and market village crafts. In 1966 they moved to Beirut. Marianne

was V.President of American Univer. of Beirut Women's Assoc. and publicity chair for the Women's International League. She also found time for courses in archaeology, ancient history, and ceramics. She says she "became immersed in the musical life of Beirut, playing chamber music at every opportunity." "Americans in the U.S. are always surprised to learn that chamber music evenings in Beirut included both Jews and Palestinians playing together amicably," Marianne relates.

In 1976 the Whitmans moved to New York and Marianne found the LWV. She worked on the Energy committee. November last the Whitmans moved again. This time to a farmhouse in Auburn. The Auburn-Lewiston League found her and we are pleased to have her on State Board as IR Chairperson. If you are interested in IR contact Marianne.

# Suggestions

- \* 1) Hold an international gourmet pot-luck supper in connection with UN Day (Oct. 24). Lewiston-Auburn is combining this with a membership meeting.
- \* 2) Sponsor "Trick or Treat for UNICEF".
- \* 3) Sell UNICEF cards (this also has the possibility of being a fundraiser if sales volume is over \$500).
- \* 4) Work with schools for international program on UN Day (PA and O-CT-V Leagues have done this).
- \* 5) Issue a proclamation for UN Day (Joan VanRheenen would be a resource person for this).
- \* 6) Sponsor a speaker on Arms Control/ National Security as background for our proposed Arms Control Workshop.
- \* 7) Sponsor or participate in a Great Decisions discussion group.
- \* 8) Find a local ethnic group to cooperate in putting on a program with the League to promote cultural understanding.
- \* 9) Find local citizens with interest in international relations to join the League.
- \* 10) Invite foreign students to participate in your meetings.
- \* 11) Consider the international aspect of any item which you study.

## A RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed at LWV of Maine Convention last May and sent to National League Headquarters:

"We, the delegates to the 1981 Maine State Convention, are deeply concerned that our foreign policy makes anti-communism the criterion on which we provide or withhold military support for regimes that deny their people human rights.

In conformance with the League's positions on promoting peace and international law, we recommend that national make a strong statement for the record on this subject."



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1. AMERICA'S DEFENSE - What price security?
2. WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S. - Frictions among friends
3. CENTRAL AMERICA - Fire in the 'front yard'?
4. THE PALESTINIANS - History, politics and conflict
5. PROTECTING THE WORLD'S RESOURCES - Is time running out?
6. JAPAN - Strategic ally, economic rival.
7. GLOBAL INFLATION - Is there a cure?
8. THE U.S.S.R. AND POLAND - Troubles in the worker's paradise.

The book is prepared by the Editors of the national non-partisan, nongovernmental Foreign Policy Association.

Order forms, books, supplemental materials and help in setting up a discussion group may be obtained by calling State Coordinator Arthur Whitman, 783-7865.

## RESPONSE:

Laureen Andrews (national International Relations Dir.) assures us the League is indeed continually making a strong statement on the subject, but that its approach is from another perspective and it tries to accomplish the same ends in a more positive manner by reinforcing the League's positions on the use of multilateral channels, support of UN's programs, and the need for separation of military from development aid funds

# ARMS CONTROL / NATIONAL SECURITY

NOT INTERESTED??? Listen to former Ambassador George Keenan:

"Adequate words are lacking to express the full seriousness of our present situation. It is not just that we are for the moment on a collision course politically with the Soviet Union, and that we the process of rational communication between the two governments seems to have broken down completely; it is also the fact that the ultimate sanction behind the conflicting policies of these two government is a type and volume of weaponry which could not possibly be used without utter disaster for us all....

...I see this competitive build-up of armaments becoming a force in its own right, leading both parties, invariably and inexorably, to the war they no longer know how to avoid.

This is brewed out of many components-fears, resentments, national pride, personal pride...misreadings of the adversary's intentions...the tendency of national communities to idealize themselves and to dehumanize the opponent...the blinkered, narrow vision of the professional military planner, and his tendency to make war inevitable by assuming its inevitability...

Is it possible to break out of this charmed and vicious circle??  
(From address by the Hon. G. Kennan, 5/19/81, Washington, D.C.)

"A primary concern of this Administration is the need to strengthen national security, but League members caution against defining security in purely military terms. All over the world extreme poverty, hunger, and inequitable distribution of wealth lead to violence and political instability and make countries easy victims of revolution from within or domination from without. Development assistance that seeks long-term solutions for these conditions to world peace."  
(Testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. by Edith Segall, ILM Observer for LWV, 4/22/81)

WHAT CAN WE DO?

At our July Action Workshop in Lewiston, Arms Control was designated as a pressing international problem. The formation of a committee was proposed to plan a workshop with the view to developing a program item to be presented at the national convention with backup from both local Maine leagues and leagues in other states. Currently, Arms Control is not an item on the national program.

The committee to plan the workshop (or alternative program) expects to meet in late Sept. Please contact one of the following with your ideas and suggestions: Carol Brewster, Mary Davis, Emily Farley, Debbie Hibbard, Ruth Irwin, Doreen McLeod, Alvin & Ruth Moss, Ethel Schwabe, Selma Sternlieb, Arthur or Marianne Whitman.

Help is coming from the Westport, Conn. league under the guidance of Ann Lakhdhir which has for the past three years been working to get support for a LWV study of national security, arms control and military spending. Ann has already sent us some material and is willing to send us tapes of pertinent speeches as well as printed materials.

A study of the budget is the approach that the Washington, D.C. league is taking to the subject of arms control and national security. Other leagues proposed a study of U.S. foreign policy.

How do you think we should approach it???

A success is a person who decided to succeed -- and worked.  
A failure is a person who decided to succeed -- and did nothing.  
W. Ward

Next issue learn all about our Natural Resource program.

*SPECIAL*    *o o o*

TO: THE MAINE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
 FROM: Our Congressional Delegation

Representatives Emery and Snowe and Senators Cohen and Mitchell have kindly responded to our invitation to present "in a nutshell" their views on the three areas (Development, Trade, and the United Nations) in which the League has positions, on arms control, or what they consider the most pressing international problems.

We hope you will read them carefully, compare them with our League positions (fully stated in "Impact on Issues 1980-82," and summarized on page 2) and let them know your views.

SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL:

As a leader of the free world, the U.S. must work with its allies, and must work to negotiate with potential adversaries. We must maintain the forces we need to protect our national security and we must weigh our actions and words carefully. Our economy, both as the world's largest producer of goods and the world's richest market, has the potential to affect the prosperity of the free world, and much of the unfree. The influence of our trade policies reaches far beyond our shores. We must learn to understand that influence and use it wisely.

Equally important, as the defender of democratic institutions and democratic ideals, we must shape our policies abroad so as to give no comfort to the repression and no credence to the criminal governments which deny liberties to their people and use force to stay in power. We have a shared responsibility, in common with other free nations, to help relieve poverty and to aid victims of disasters, natural and manmade. But we have a more important responsibility: to enhance the conditions which favor freedom of economic growth and political choice in every nation of the world. Such a world could be the guarantor of our ultimate national security.

SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN:

Probably the most pressing international concern is that of increasing global interdependence. More and more, the U.S. and other nations must work together on behalf of their mutual interest. This is why several of us in the Senate and Administration officials have tried to impress on our Western European allies and Japan the need for them to join the U.S. in providing for real growth in defense spending. It is why I am also concerned about the strategic and foreign policy implications of the proposed Yamal Pipeline, which could cause European nations to feel an energy dependence on the Soviet Union which could affect their decision making in time of international crisis.

The situation in the Middle East is an especially sensitive one. I am pleased that President Reagan has met with both Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in recent weeks. The administration's decision to sell AWACS and F-15 enhancements to Saudi Arabia is of concern. The transfer of technology could increase the potential for conflict... I do not feel the sale is in the best interests of the U.S. or the Middle East, and I will oppose it as it has been proposed.



Hunger and poverty represent two threats to world peace. Stability and economic and social progress in developing nations are directly related to our own security and economic well-being. Our nation not only has the agricultural and industrial might to relieve suffering, it also has a duty as a world leader to try to wage peace through foreign aid. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Hunger Elimination and Global Security Act, legislation designed to improve the effectiveness of aid programs to developing nations.

I have also cosponsored a successful "Sense of the Senate" resolution supporting efforts to reopen nuclear arms control talks. It is my hope that we can persuade the Soviet Union to engage in substantial reductions in nuclear arms so that we will not be forced into an ever-escalating spiral in the arms race. Until we have such an agreement from the Soviets, the U.S. must continue to insure that it takes the steps necessary to strengthen the national arsenal.

U.S. participation in the U.N. is important. The U.N. serves the useful purpose of providing a forum in which most of the nations of the world can discuss common problems. It is not without its problems, but the U.S. must work within the U.N. framework to see that our interests and those of our allies are protected. My colleague, Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, when he served as ambassador to the U.N., showed the importance of a strong, dynamic U.S. voice within that institution.

The State of Maine has a Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission which works at strengthening relations, encouraging understanding, cooperation, and the pursuit of common goals.

#### CONGRESSMAN DAVID EMERY:

International Trade: Perhaps the most nettlesome foreign trade issue at this time is the vast inequity between the import arrangements maintained by the US, versus those of our trading partners. Countries such as Japan maintain prohibitive import barriers against U.S., while flooding our country with lower-priced goods, thereby threatening domestic markets. We should attempt to achieve agreements on voluntary restraints, but, in the absence of such restraints, serious consideration should be given to erecting more formidable import barriers.

United Nations: has the potential to be a valuable force for international order, but its influence has diminished in the recent years, in the face of Soviet, Israeli, and Third World disregard for U.N. initiatives. If this organization is to maintain its credibility and effectiveness, nations cannot pick and choose which orders and resolutions they will obey, and those they will disregard. Soviet use of the U.N. as an intelligence base also undermines its credibility, and this practice must cease.

Arms Race and Nuclear Proliferation: The superpower arms race threatens the future of mankind, but I sincerely believe it is now entirely up to the Soviet Union to demonstrate a true commitment to arms reductions before meaningful progress can take place. I cannot accept the suggestion of unilateral arms restraint under any circumstances. Equally threatening is the growing nuclear family in the Third World, India, Pakistan, Israel, So. Africa, Brazil, and other countries are moving very quickly toward nuclear weapons capability. The U.S. must take the initiative in attempting to stem this tide, but assistance from nuclear allies will be crucial, and I am not

optimistic that nations such as France will show the needed restraint in this area.

#### REP. OLYMPIA SNOWE:

International Trade: It would be a mistake to return to the protectionist period of pre-World War II. International trade is an important factor in promoting the growth of our domestic economy. U.S. exports grew from \$10.8 billion in 1950 to \$221 billion in 1980; this has created millions of jobs for American workers. Nonetheless, I believe that free trade must be fair trade, and we must be ready to ensure that American workers do not lose jobs because of unfairly subsidized foreign products.

Development Assistance: As a world power we cannot shirk our responsibility to assist the developing nations of the world. Our development assistance is consistent with our traditional humanitarian concerns, but such assistance is also in the national interest. Much of this assistance money is used to purchase goods and services in the U.S. that means jobs and income for Americans. For example, U.S. exports to developing countries have tripled in the past five years. These countries now buy 38% of U.S. manufactured exports, and over 2 million American jobs now depend on exports to the Third World.

United Nations: While I often disagree with the actions of the U.N., there has to be a forum for open, frank discussion of the important issues facing the world community. Lack of communication can lead to misunderstanding, and possible confrontation. The U.N. offers us the opportunity to make our views known, and listen to the views of others.

Arms Control: The U.S. and its allies certainly have to make an arms control agreement with the Soviets a top priority. But it is essential that arms control go hand in hand with a coherent allied security policy. We have to maintain our strategic and conventional capabilities, or it is clear that the Soviets won't seriously negotiate. Any agreement must be balanced and verifiable to truly enhance security for both sides.

Most Pressing International Problem: The major difficulty in conducting foreign policy in this decade is the complexity of the problems we face. One of the foremost problems is our relationship with the Soviet Union. It is clear we must continue to combat Soviet expansionism and trouble-making in all parts of the globe. We also face perplexing situation in Southern Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central America and elsewhere that do not neatly fit into the super power struggle scenario. They are very much local problems also, and must be addressed with that in mind. Thus, our foreign policy must be flexible enough to take these factors into account. We cannot ignore our interdependence with our allies; we need to work with them on the economic, energy, and resource problems we will all face in the coming decade. At the same time nations in the third world do not share our prosperity, and we must contribute to their struggle to feed, clothe, and house their citizens. It will be a challenging decade for the U.S.

1981 is the International Year for Disabled Persons.
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# league of women voters


## Around The State



Portland Area League's meeting on Acid Rain was very successful. The weather was cooperative-- it rained!! Their program included a slide presentation from the DEP on Acid Rain. Discussion was lead by Matt Scott, Chief Biologist of DEP and Div. Dir. of Lakes and Biological Studies; and Tom Gordon, Northern Lakes Management Assoc. Mr. Scott provided technical information and Mr. Gordon told of the political realities of dealing with acid rain problem. Claudette said, "It was very interesting and there was great interaction between the guests and members."

Claudette invited her committee to her house for supper with Matt Scott. This added the personal touch for the people involved.

PR was good with articles in the local papers and Claudette got to do her first radio interview!!



Bangor-Brewer Area's Membership meeting was a great success! We had wine and cheese at President Leiba Frankel's house. Many city councilors, school committee people, and state legislators were in attendance. Plus many new people interested in LWV! Mayor Paul Zendzian (LWV member) said a few words on the importance of citizen participation, and School Committee Member Dawn Price told of her 1st year as an elected official.

The next day letters were sent with a membership card inviting everyone to join. These letters were handwritten. We have had many people promise membership and people were very supportive of all of our efforts.

Leiba, Marilyn and Christina are working very hard to make Government month a success. So far--so good!!

### REPORT:

#### DEMOGRAPH 1981

Questionnaire Response: 130  
(out of possible 438)

LEAGUE	# of response	%
B-BA	6	13
B	11	25
KV	14	37
L/A	19	85
MDI	6	25
O/OT/V	8	16
PAL	39	23
E MAL Unit	11	92
MALS	16	48

### EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM:

Employed? No 53 Yes 50

### ELECTED OFFICAL?

No 109 Yes 21

### Appointed Offical?

No 88 Yes 37

### ACTIVE IN POLTICS?

No 93 Yes 37

### NATIVE STATE:

22% are Maine natives

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# VOTE

## NOV. 3

"SHALL AN ACT TO CREATE A  
MAINE ENERGY COMMISSION BE-  
COME LAW?"

This is what you will see on the ballot Nov. 3. Do you know what this law does? As a League member the public expects you do.

First a little background on the Public Utility Commission(PUC). The purpose of the PUC, as established in 1914 is "to protect the public by ensuring that utilities operatin in the State of Maine render adequate and reliable service to the public at rates which are reasonable and just" while returning a fair rate of return to the stockholder. It is a quasi-judicial body which sits as a forum on cases involving rates, service, financing, and other activities of the utilities that it regulates.

It is divided into 7 organizational units employing about 78 staff members who are responsible for providing public advocacy in each case brought before commission. The commissioners are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities, and confirmation by the legislature for a term of 7 years. They devote full time to their jobs.

The proposed law that voters will be voting on would take the current PUC and the Office of Energy Resources and merge them into one. the Maine Energy Commission(MEC), which would perform planning and regulating functions simular to the current duties of the existing agencies.

Some of the major changes would be that the commissioners would be elected for 4 year overlapping terms, 1 member from each of Maine's two districts and a chairperson elected at large. By electing commissioners the commission would not fall under the administration of the Governor or thus creating a satellite agency.

The proponents feel that there are safeguards in a system like this, in that every 2 years a new com-

mission would be elected offering opportunities for public debate on energy policy.

The MEC would have the responsibility for creating a 2 year energy budget(plan). The term budget as used in the context of the proposed law refers to a "plan for the allocation of resources".

Th plan is to include: 1. A projection of 5, 10, 15 year electric and natural gas demand. 2. A plan for securing sufficient energy supplies with maximum utilization of renewable resources. 3. A plan for encouraging conservation. 4. Evaluation of impact of new facilities on the environment, health and safety of poplation, and costs to the ratepayer.

The plan would go into effect unless vetoed by 2/3 of each House of the Legislature. The commission would use this plan in regulating the utilities. An additional regulatory power that the law would provide is to rule on an electric company's intent to purchase shares in a generating facility in/out of the state and on any long term purchase/sale of energy in/out of the state.

The proposed legislation also makes available to MEC an Energy Development Fund obtained from general obligation bonds, revenue bonds issued by the commission, grants, gifts, loans, and appropriations to finance energy projects.

Your local V.S. chair has copy of the bill LD 522 and can give you additional information.

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