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PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

We, of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, urge the following positions be adopted as part of the Republican Party Platform of 1972:

All United States air, naval, and ground forces and materiel should be withdrawn immediately from the struggle in Indochina; immediate cessation of the bombings of Indochina, and a date set for total withdrawal, followed by actual withdrawal. Massive bombings have not succeeded in ending the war, nor has it restored the POW's to their families. Only a complete cessation of hostilities will achieve these goals. We also must stop any additional military or economic aid to the Thieu government. Further, the United States should end its support for repressive and racist governments in all parts of the world.

There must be a substantial reordering of national priorities, shifting from emphasis on military spending to that of spending to solve domestic problems, thereby significantly reducing the military budget.

The arms race must be reversed and plans for the conversion of war plants to peaceful uses instituted.

The platform should call for jobs for all who are willing and able to work, ending discrimination against racial minorities and women in employment opportunities. Also an adequate guaranteed annual income to assure that no one lacks the necessities of life.

Federal funds for community-controlled day care centers for all children.

Full control by women of their bodies -- no forced sterilization, no legal restrictions on abortions.

Equal, quality educational opportunities for all, using busing as an implement for accomplishing this goal where necessary.

Since the tax system is unfair and places too heavy a burden on the small taxpayer, we urge support for a fair and progressive tax structure and the elimination of tax loopholes and preferential subsidies. We also urge opposition to the Value Added Tax.

There should be a Comprehensive Health Care Plan included in the platform.

Full support of the United Nations; with allocation of 1% of our Gross National Product for aid to developing countries through United Nations agencies.

We ask the Republican Party to support the rights basic to a free society. The platform should call for the repeal of the draft, as well as for the granting of a general, complete and unconditional amnesty to all who have refused to serve or participate in the Vietnam War. We urge support of the constitutional rights of all people, including those in the armed forces, hospitals and prisons.

Finally, we also urge ending all invasions of privacy including wire-tapping, compilation of data banks and government surveillance of groups and individuals.