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NEWS RELEASE

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR
NATIONAL ISSUES FORUM

DAYTON, Ohio, September 12, 1983 -- Six local organizations have joined forces to bring the National Issues Forum to Dayton. Sponsored by the Domestic Policy Association, the National Issues Forum is a nationwide, community-based series of open discussions designed to focus grassroots attention on major domestic policy issues. The six local sponsors are Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, the University of Dayton, the Junior League, the League of Women Voters, and the Dayton Council on World Affairs.

The National Issues Forum was held on a limited basis last year and not in the Dayton area. This is the first year for the nationwide effort and the first year for the local sessions. Topics for this year's discussions are: Priorities for the Nation's Schools, The Deficit and the Federal Budget Process, and Nuclear Arms and National Security. The goal for each discussion session will be to find a common ground among all the participants -- to look at all sides of a topic to find what points everyone can agree on and what trade-offs are necessary to obtain certain things. After each session, the opinions and ideas expressed will be fed back to national policy makers.

The Domestic Policy Association is an educational organization and does not have a set of opinions on the issues being discussed. All the local sponsors are members of the Association and are interested in generating grassroot opinions in the Miami Valley about national domestic policy.

People across the country will be discussing the same three topics at approximately the same time so that policy makers will receive a cross-section of the country's ideas.

Each topic is addressed in a 36-page book based on impartial background information. The books may be purchased for one dollar upon registering for the sessions. There is no registration fee for the sessions themselves.

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The discussions will start with a ten-minute slide presentation highlighting ideas in the book and will have a facilitator to start the open discussion.

Four sessions will be held on each subject area to accommodate as many local residents as possible. All University of Dayton (UD) sessions will meet in Kennedy Union 222; Junior League (JL) and League of Women Voters (LWV) sessions will meet at the Wright Library in Oakwood; Sinclair Community College (SCC) sessions will meet in the Alumni Room 7342; and Wright State University (WSU) sessions will meet in University Center 155B.

Priorities for the Nation's Schools will look at such questions as "Are our schools accomplishing their goals? What should the primary objectives of our schools be? and Should we go 'back to the basics'?" and will meet: September 20 at 7:30 p.m. (UD); September 27 at 7:30 p.m. (JL & LWV); September 28 at 7:30 p.m. (SCC); September 29 at 7 p.m. (WSU).

The Deficit and the Federal Budget Process will address such topics as "Why do we have a \$150 billion deficit? What difference does it make? and "Can we afford to cut defense spending?" and will meet: October 12 at 7:30 p.m. (SCC); October 13 at 7:30 p.m. (UD); October 17 at 7 p.m. (WSU); October 18 at 7:30 p.m. (JL & LWV).

Nuclear Arms and National Security will examine such questions as "Should outer space be used as a launching point for missiles? What method of missile deployment is most practical and defensible? and Is it wise to advocate unilateral disarmament?" and will meet: November 14 at 7:30 p.m. (UD); November 15 at 7:30 p.m. (JL & LWV); November 16 at 7 p.m. (SCC); November 17 at 7:30 p.m. (WSU).

For more information, registration, and a copy of the issue book, contact Nora Duffy, NIF coordinator, at 229-2347.

DAYTON NIF SCHEDULE — FALL 1983

Sponsor	Date	Time	Place
Topic: Priorities for the Nation's Schools			
University of Dayton	September 20	7:30 p.m.	Kennedy Union 222
Junior League and League of Women Voters	September 27	7:30 p.m.	Wright Library/Oakwood
Sinclair Community College	September 28	7:30 p.m.	Alumni Room 7342
Wright State University	September 29	7:00 p.m.	University Center 155B
Topic: The Deficit and the Federal Budget Process			
Sinclair Community College	October 12	7:30 p.m.	Alumni Room 7342
University of Dayton	October 13	7:30 p.m.	Kennedy Union 222
Wright State University	October 17	7:00 p.m.	University Center 155B
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