Nuclear freeze referendums OK'd in eight states

By Chuck Jagoda

Tuesday's vote on a proposed nuclear freeze was the largest referendum in the history of the United States. Voters approved the local resolutions in eight states, the District of Columbia, and 29 cities and counties across the country by an average margin of 60 percent to 40

But the referendum was defeated in Arizona by a vote of 41 percent in favor



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and 59 percent opposed, with 96 percent of the vote reporting.

It also lost in Stone County, Ark., (40 percent for, 60 percent against). In Mesa County, Colo., voters disapproved the measure 47 percent for, 53 percent against, with 84 percent of the vote in.

Voters in Kearney supported the freeze with a final vote of 50.4 percent in favor and 49.6 percent against.

Tuesday's "vote on the freeze sends a clear and unprecedented mandate to the U.S. government to propose to the Soviet Union an immediate, mutual and verifiable freeze on the nuclear arms race,"

leaders of the National Nuclear Weapons release. Freeze Campaign said in a news release issued Wednesday. The release was provided by the campaign's national clearinghouse in St. Louis, Mo.

"The freeze referendums confirmed what national opinion polls consistently show: a large majority of the American people - in most cases, 60 percent to 70 percent - favor a U.S.-Soviet freeze as a first step toward a mutual reduction of the nuclear arsenals," the release said.

Brian Coyne, state coordinator of Nebraska's freeze campaign, said that while all the referenda are not the same, each calls for an "immediate, bilateral, mutually verifiable freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons."

According to the Lincoln Journal, the Kearney ordinance requires the city clerk to write President Reagan, the U.S. secreatries of state and defense and all members of Congress and the Nebraska Legislature, notifying them of the vote.

"Support for the freeze cut across traditional conservative-liberal lines. For example, Suffolk County, N.Y., a solidly Republican area, approved the referendum by a margin of 2-to-1," Randall Forsberg, chairman of the national campaign's advisory board, and Randall Kehler, national coordinator, said in the news

Coyne said that the present freeze movement is a direct development of the 1950s grassroots "ban-the-bomb" movement. Fears of "strontium 90" coming through the atmosphere into milk for babies regenerated the movement in the early 60s, he said. It has resurfaced this year because of the government's new five-year defense plan.

In answer to the argument that nuclear policy should be left up to experts, Coyne said, "We've let the experts handle it for 37 years - since Hiroshima and Nagasaki - and look where it's gotten us: 50,000 nuclear weapons in the world and an additional 20,000 predicted within the next 10 years."

Coyne said that in large measure the present nuclear weapons situation exists because of "the iron triangle. The defense contractors, the Pentagon and the Congressional committees all get money from defense contracts. It's a basic rule of thumb from a political science point of view, every institution wants more."

The national freeze campaign plans to build "on this decisive victory" and "mount a massive grassroots effort to persuade Congress and the administration to carry out the wishes of the majority of American people.

"The campaign will focus attention on the passage of freeze resolutions by both houses of Congress early in the new session."



Police Report

The following calls and complaints were received by UNL police from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. Wednesday.

9:53 a.m. - Hubcaps reported stolen from a car parked near 21st and Vine streets.

10:42 a.m. - Reported theft of miscellaneous items from a car parked in Area 3 by New Hampshire street. Car stereo damaged.

11:26 a.m. - A print was reported stolen from the Nebraska Union.

12:32 p.m. - Stereo reported stolen from a car parked in Area 3 by New Hampshire street.

12:42 p.m. - A man collapsed in the Nebraska Union. He was taken to Health Central.

1:36 p.m. – Lost parking permit reported in Area 1 at 17th and R streets.

2:35 p.m. - Wallet reported lost or stolen at Love Library.

2:41 p.m. - Person arrested for threatening a UNL parking officer at the Selleck Quadrangle metered

4:31 p.m. - A fight reported at parking Area 15 near 10th and R streets. No injuries reported.

4:42 p.m. - Security alarm accidentally tripped at the College of Dentistry.

4:48 p.m. - Stolen car reported from Area 22 at

10th and V streets. Car found later in the same lot.

5:02 p.m. - Wallet reported lost or stolen at the East Union.

5:03 p.m. - Cash reported stolen from a third floor room at Abel Hall.

5:40 p.m. - Wallet reported lost or stolen from Mabel Lee Hall.

6:45 p.m. - Football ticket reported lost or stolen from Memorial Stadium.

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Students seeking aid for the spring semester should fill out a 1982-83 Financial Aid Form (FAF) if they have not already done so, said Don Aripoli, director of the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids. The forms are available in Administration Building 113.

An applicant also must fill out a second semester aid application, which will be available through November. The priority deadlire to submit these forms is Dec. 1, said Douglas Severs, assistant director of Scholarships and Financial Aids.

Students who already have been awarded aid need not reapply, unless they would like their situation to be re-evaluated.

Congress overrode cuts in student aid proposed by President Reagan, so the funds available for the remainder of the 1982-83 academic year are about the same as in recent years, Aripoli said.

"How far we can stretch it is contingent on how many students apply," he said. Aid available includes work-study and the National Direct Student Loan program.

Severs said funds that are not used in the fall are allocated to second semester applicants. This is why funds for second semester generally are limited, he

Students who want to apply for a Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) for second semester also can find the application forms in Administration Building 113. Eligibility for a loan is determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Because it takes two to three months to process a GSL application, they should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than Feb. 1 for second semester, Severs said.



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