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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

(U.N.A.A.)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT -- 1977/78

for the year ending 31st. March 1978

On behalf of the Executive Committee I herewith have pleasure in presenting the 28th. Annual Report of the activities of the South Australian Division of the United Nations Association of Australia for the year ending 31st. March 1978.

Frederick Francis Whitney: (1917 - 1977)

Members will already know of the death of our Executive Director Fred Whitney, in September last year. The Executive Committee has, on behalf of all members of the Division, passed on condolences to Barbara, John and David.

Fred, together with his wife Barbara, had given four years of dedicated service to our Association. His creativity and capacity for hard work had given the division a much needed boost; one only has to read the Annual Reports of the U.N.A.A. over the past few years to see Fred's contribution charted in such things as increased public exposure and awareness, greater involvement in education work, public relations activities and fund-raising. Fred brought to the U.N. A.A., both state and national, the dreams of the idealist and the practicality of a businessman.

Fred and Barbara worked as a team, both giving all their time to the division; the Association has been incredibly lucky that for the last four years we have had Fred and Barbara working for us for a single salary (equivalent to the bottom grade of clerk). By their contribution of time and energy they have not only furthered our aims they have also made in effect a very large donation (through our saving on the wages paid).

Fred will be sadly missed by us.

STAFFING:

As Barbara has now taken over many of the functions that Fred used to do, the Executive has resolved that Barbara should receive a full-time salary.

Therefore, it is not at this stage possible for the Division to appoint another paid member of staff. This has inevitably meant a greater burden has had to be placed on those volunteers who very generously contribute their time to the U.N.A.A. and also on members of the Executive. In the closing months of last year the Executive has turned its attention to ways in which executive meetings could be re-designed so as to cope with these extra commitments. While the matter is still under consideration it is important that the incoming Executive develop quickly a meeting format and a working spirit that will enable it to cope with the extra demands on it.

I have already mentioned the valuable contribution of volunteers to the U.N.A.A. but I would now like to name those people to whom such thanks go for their efforts over the past year: Isabel Hetherington, Norma Stevenson, Janice Roberts, Linda Kaesehagen, Ben Kaesehagen, Jean Arnold, Barbara Godson, Janet Golding, Jack Golding, Joan Oborn, Kath Fuller, Jill Spooner, Sue Bray, and Gwen and Hedley Pascoe.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Since the last Annual General Meeting the Executive has met ten times with an average attendance of thirteen people. Yet again members of the Executive have shown that they are willing, eager and competent to handle the many demands placed before them. It is inevitable that people who volunteer to serve on the executive are invariably people who are very active in many other spheres of life; this has been no less the case this past year than previously. I am grateful that the people who have served with me on the Executive this last year, busy as they all are, have yet found the time and enthusiasm to help the cause of the United Nations.

Last year's Executive saw two new faces among us (Joan Bennett and Lois Greet) while three people retired at the end of 1976/77, Beryl Pickhaver, Brian Sandow and Alex Castles. I would like to thank Beryl, Brian and Alex for their many years of service to the Division; they all made great contributions to our work and I hope that in the years ahead we will keep a close liason with them.

A new Executive will be elected for the coming year, there will inevitably be some changes while others will continue on. To those who have thought of running for office, let me say that the work, demanding though it is, is nevertheless interesting and stimulating. Over the past years the Executive has shown itself to be a good working group that efficiently deals with the business before it; Members have also, over the last couple of years, enjoyed the opportunity to meet together socially from time to time. So if you are keenly interested in international goodwill and a better world for all, and if you can attend one two-hour meeting per month as well as being present at our various functions, and if you can in addition contribute some hours of help each month to help the programme of the Association, then I urge you to stand for office.

MEMBERSHIP:

As at 31st. March 1978 the total financial membership of the Division was as follows:

<u>73/74</u>	<u>74/75</u>	<u>75/76</u>	<u>76/77</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP.</u>	<u>77/78</u>
201	132	183	187	Individual	199
2	2	2	2	Life Members.	2
43	45	38	40	Corporate	35
5	5	3	6	Buisnesses	6
456	590	607	617	Schools	625

These figures reflect the important contribution that the Association is continuing to make in the field of education; not only do schools represent nearly 70% of our membership, they also constitute the fastest growing section. Individual membership, however, continues to fluctuate; the problem is not that we don't get new members (this year alone 31 people joined the Association for the first time) rather that our numbers gained do not always get as large as our numbers lost. Some have said that the days of large numbers of people joining groups are over. In the case of the Association that would be sad; membership of the U.N.A.A. provides an opportunity for individuals to identify their support for a better and fairer world for all. It gives them an inside view of the work of the U.N.O. which is not always available through the media and it provides information and ideas that each of us can individually act upon to help achieve the U.N.'s global aims. I hope that this coming year will find a greater number of people who will join our Association.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Last year was not an easy year for the office, great difficulties were experienced in both programming and implementing activities. Some activities were not able to proceed, breaking for the tradition of previous years e.g. Earth Fair and Australia Day Fair booths; nevertheless there were some impressive achievements UNICEF revenue figures managed to exceed figures for all previous year, and many schools participated in International Childrens' Day.

The Financial Report reveals that the Association made a surplus of \$680. but those figures hide both the tenuous existence of an Association such as ours and the continuing cost-cutting efforts of those in the office. I have already noted the hidden contribution that we have received in years past through the reduced salaries of Fred and Barbara; the many hours of volunteer labour also represent such a hidden contribution to our finances.

Efficient management has helped reduce the impact of inflation; for example though postal costs have risen 157% over the past five years our postal and freight bill has gone from \$667. in 1973/74 to only \$483. this year; even more impressive is the reduction in printing and stationery costs from \$687 in 73/74 to \$423. last year.

There are some disturbing financial problems ahead however. Firstly, improved management systems in the office will in the coming year bring fewer savings; investment in equipment will effect some savings but we will still be unable to cushion the effect of inflation as easily as in the past.

Secondly, the Federal Division has resolved to phase out grants to the State Divisions (using money given it by the Federal Government). In 76/77 we received \$1,000 in this way, last year \$668. , and in the coming year we will receive even less. This Division has been unhappy about this action but was unable to persuade other Divisions to not carry the recommendation of the Executive. It must be mentioned, of course, that the Federal Division hopes to use the money saved by funding more national activities; accordingly, our Division has been granted up to \$500. towards the costs of holding a national disarmament meeting later in the coming year.

Thirdly, our funding direct from the state Government has been falling in comparison with our total income and expenditure demands. In 73/74 monies received from the State Government and Federal Government (via Federal Division) was 33% of income; in 1976/77 it was 21.6%. The State Government has very generously increased our grant by \$1,000 to \$2,500 p.a. but unless further increases come this year, that will only offset the withdrawal of Federal money and allow nothing for increased costs or for an improved programme by the Division.

#### SPECIAL YEARS:

U.N. Year of Water (1977) This last year has been the Year of Water. An international Conference was held early in the year in Mar del Plata, Argentina. It was not possible for this Division to take an active part in promoting this theme and consequently our work was limited to educational materials (through school packs, newsletters etc.) issuing of press releases and sale of posters related to the theme.

U.N. Anti-Apartheid Year (1978) Distribution of literature from the office and the invitation for two black South Africans to be guest speakers at our A.G.M.

U.N. International Year of the Child (1979) Planning has already started for the International Year of the Child in 1979. Both State and Federal Governments are taking an active interest in this Year and the prospect is that a great deal may be achieved if proper planning is done. Our Division has been following developments with interest, with Barbara Whitney and Gene Wenham attending meetings.

Decade of Women: International Women's Year 1975 saw the declaration of the Decade of Women 1975 - 1985. Planning is proceeding for a World Conference of the U.N. Decade for Women to take place in Tehran in 1980, and the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women has been meeting regularly. In this state a local Status of Women Committee, under the chairpersonship of Gene Wenham, has been organising activities and liaising with the Federal Committee. Working on the World Plan of Action established in 1975 the Australian Status of Women Committees are working to achieve the 14 minimum objectives that the U.N. has set down for attainment by 1980. A leaflet containing these goals will be circulated to members later this year.

FEDERAL MATTERS:11th. Annual Conference and 27th. Annual Council:

The Federal meetings of the U.N.A.A. and of the UNICEF Committee of Australia were held in Sydney in August last year. Our Division was represented by Dr. Hugh Bray, Shan Hoskyns and myself.

The Evatt Memorial lecture was given by Neville Wran, Premier of New South Wales and was titled "Energy: National and International Responsibilities". I quote in part from his lecture:

"I suggest that for the remainder of this century no international forum, certainly not the United Nations..... can ignore this basic problem of World resources..... We Australians must recognise our wider responsibilities to our region and to civilisation....If we do not, the future of the technological civilisation whose riches we all share, for all its splendours, for all its miraculous achievements, is likely to be brief and hazardous."

The Annual Conference took the form of a Peace Workshop at which Adam Curle, Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford, and Dr. Kenneth Rivett spoke. The proceedings were broadcast over 5 U.V. late last year.

Hugh Bray retired as Federal Vice-President and I stood for his vacancy and was elected. As a result I have attended two Federal Executive meetings since August last year.

YEARS PROGRAMME:SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS DAYS:

- (1) April 7th. World Health Day. Dr. Ray Mylius addressed a luncheon, co-State Director of Family Medicine Programme of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, on the theme "Immunize and Protect Your Child".
- (2) Universal Children's Day: The Fourth Wednesday in October: A great many activities in a great many schools - refer to the UNICEF report.
- (3) Human Rights Day: December 10th. Amnesty International organised a lunch-time meeting in the Grenfell Plaza at which various speakers including myself addressed the lunch-time crowd.
- (4) United Nations Day: 24th. October. Dr. Bob Catley addressed an evening meeting at the Y.W.C.A. on the theme "Changes in the World Economic and Social Order".
- (5) Namibia Day: August 26th. Press release to all the media good coverage in the South Australian daily paper the Advertiser. One minute film spot on T.V.

In addition the Association was also involved in the following:

- (1) I was one of the speakers who spoke at a gathering in Rundle Mall on March 21st. International Day Against Apartheid.
- (2) The Association arranged for the printing of copies of "Apartheid, A Crime Against Humanity" and for it to be distributed to all Federal Members of Parliament.
- (3) Approaches were made to 5 U.V. with regard to the possibility of the U.N.A.A. running a regular programme. These discussions are still in progress. Barbara Whitney has been interviewed by this station and also Channel 2. This Day To-Night Programme who showed an interest in the Division and the work it carried out.
- (4) A musical evening at the Unitarian Meeting House was held in order to raise money to send the S.A. students to the A.H.M.I.C. conference in Perth.
- (5) International Woman's Day Luncheon, Gene Wenham was asked to be the chairperson at the luncheon held to commemorate this day when the Hon. Justice Elizabeth Evatt was the guest speaker.
- (6) Two social evenings organised when the students for the A.H.M.I.C. conference and their parents were able to informally meet the Executive members of the U.N.A.A. (S.A. Division) These were held at the McKellor Stewart Kindergarten, Kensington.

EDUCATION:

The Association has continued to play a very active role in the area of education. This work has taken various forms:

- (i) Celebration of special days (as on page 4.)
- (ii) Provision of guest speakers to schools. Though down on the previous years figures, there were still quite a few engagements filled particularly in connection with Universal Children's Day.
- (iii) The newsletter; There were 8 issues of the newsletter containing a total of 24 pages, (three per issue). The newsletter has continued to maintain a very high standard, thanks to the editorial work of Ron Hall. Now that the Division has a new duplicator the standard of art work is sure to improve in the coming year.
- (iv) Assistance to schools: Over the past year over 800 school packs were distributed each containing 30 pieces of literature. In addition the system of forwarding audio tapes to the Educational Technology Centre and films to the South Australian Film Corporation ensured good access by schools to these resources.
- (v) 15th. Australian Hammarskjold Memorial Interschools Conference. The conference this year was held in Perth and the theme was "Youth and the United Nations". Unfortunately, because of the cost of travel to Perth and because of the problems faced by the office in fund-raising we were only able to send five students from S.A. to Perth. They were:

Diana Gibbs	-	Scotch College.
Cathy King	-	Loreto Convent.
Andrew Kirk	-	Westminster.
Julie Latz	-	Methodist Ladies College.
Robyn Najjar	-	Unley High School.

These students had a worthwhile time in Perth and gave interesting reports to a meeting of parents and executive members held on their return. The problem of fund-raising for AHMIC Conferences will need serious attention in the coming year. Each conference requires this Division to find between \$400.-\$700. It is important that in future years adequate forward planning is done so that we are not left with a last minute rush that only enables us to send five or six students out of our entitlement of eight.

I would like to thank Gene Wenham and (Ron Hall) for their help in assisting me on the selection panel that chose those to go to Perth.

CONCLUSION:

This last year has been a hard one for the Division and we have not been able to achieve all that we set out to do. We have had to conserve our resources and be cautious about what we tried to do. I hope that in the year ahead we will again be able to launch boldly forth with that same creative daring that we have had over the three years prior to the one just concluded.

Nevertheless I am grateful for what we have achieved over the past 12 months, given the serious problems we had; and I would like to thank all members of the Association, volunteers and executive members for their efforts.

To close I would like to quote Trygve Lie, first Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation, who said on 12th. April 1948:

There is nothing wrong with the United Nations Charter except the failure to live up to it.

There is nothing wrong with the machinery of the United Nations except the failure to use it.

Let us use the U.N.A.A. (the people's arm of the United Nations) to make the Charter workable.

LYNN M. F. ARNOLD.

President, S.A. Division, U.N.A.A.

UNICEF - SOUTH AUSTRALIA suffered a major blow with the death in September of a much loved Director, Fred Whitney, after a long sad illness. Fred devoted a great deal of time and energy on behalf of the cause of UNICEF. He had many plans for the future. Hopefully someone will emerge, as enthusiastic and sincere, to carry on his work.

During the year, the usual UNICEF events were held - though in some cases in a low key.

At the October Holiday Week-end UNICEF enjoyed once again the hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. David Thomson at their nursery at Summertown. This event was arranged at very short notice and it is to be regretted that the results were not so good as might have been possible. Proceeds from the week-end amounted to \$693.00. Should UNICEF be granted the same privilege again this year, arrangements are already in hand to ensure a successful outcome.

Once again Universal Children's Day was celebrated with great success, with more schools than previously taking part, resulting in very welcome donations to UNICEF. Whilst donations from large schools are greatly appreciated, it is also gratifying to receive smaller sums from small groups of children. Fund raising is very important to UNICEF, but just as important is the awareness of the needs of children of other countries.

No further action has been taken with regard to the UNICEF COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA but it is hoped that something can be done about this before the end of 1978.

The UNICEF Greeting Card Operation was carried out as before, but the outcome was a little disappointing. Proceeds from the sale of Cards and Diaries amounted to \$20,634.05. There was intense activity for the two weeks prior to Christmas, but the season had been slow in starting. Our stalwart helpers did a marvellous job. It is not intended to name any in person, but UNICEF is greatly indebted to all who helped at this difficult time.

Throughout the year there has been a steady demand from schools for educational supplies, posters, etc. Again it is hoped that stocks of these can be replenished.

UNICEF's primary object is to help the children who are in the greatest need. Thanks are due to all who have helped in this aim and hope is expressed that this help will continue.

Isabel Hetherington.

UNICEF Committee of South Australia.



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st. MARCH

1978

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL ACCOUNTINCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.781976/771977/78Subscriptions

704	Individual	597.00
281	Corporate	166.00
2328	Associate Corporate	2620.00

33133383.00

506	Donations		115.00
2936	Publications	- sold	2378.87
1631		- bought	2110.01

1305268.86

235	Interest -- Bank	200.85
3504	Commission -- UNICEF	3628.99
1000	Federal Subsidy	668.00
1500	State Government Grant	2500.00
202	Functions (Note 4)	67.61

\$ 1156510832.31

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL ACCOUNT

Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31.3.78

<u>1976/77</u>		<u>1977/78</u>
7182	Salaries	6300.60
822	Rent	1468.00
456	Printing and Stationery	423.11
346	Travelling	102.00
215	Repairs and Replacements	162.20
304	Insurance	277.44
324	Telephone	343.41
465	Postage 0	143.33
360	Freight	340.07
36	Electricity	17.30
15	Subscriptions	-- --
312	Newsletter	365.33
118	Depreciation	120.00
94	General Office Expenses	89.02
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11049		10151.81

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st. MARCH 1978

11565	Total Income	10832.31
11049	Total Expenditure	10151.81
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516		680.50



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONUNICEF ACCOUNTSTATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.78

1976/77

INCOME

18800	Sales Proceeds - cards etc.	20634.05
4088	Donations	2939.57
213	Interest - Bank	303.59
65	Miscellaneous	- -

23166

\$ 23877.21

EXPENDITURE

	<u>Remittances to Central Office:</u>	
15135	Cards etc.	15161.89
3679	Donations	2939.57
	<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
335	Postages and Freight	323.94
92	Promotion Expenses	7.10
-	Wall Calendars	1106.09
95	Office Expenses	39.73
-		165.00
3504	Commissions Paid	3628.99

22840

\$ 23372.31

325

Excess of Income over Expenditure

\$ 504.90

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. MARCH 19781976/771977/78CURRENT ASSETS

372	Cash at Bank	713.02
25	Cash in Hand	7.92
1705	Accounts Receivable.	1336.50

2002

\$ 2057.44

LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES.

.449

Accounts Payable

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1553

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

\$ 2057.44

Represented by:-

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

1228	Balance as at 1.4.77	1552.54
325	Add Excess of income over expenditure	504.90

1553

\$ 2057.44

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.78

HUMAN RIGHTS YEAR ACCOUNT.

Balance in Bank 1.4.77	96.31
Receipts -- Bank Interest	3.60
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Balance at Bank 31.3.78	\$ 99.91
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E.M. ROACH BEQUEST

The Savings Bank of South Australia - Deposit Stock	900.00
Balance at Bank 1.4.77	343.79
Receipts -- Bank Interest	88.40
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Balance at Bank 31.3.78	432.19
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Balance of Fund 31.3.78	\$ 1332.19
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H.E. HOOPER LEGACY

Balance at Bank 1.4.77	263.90
Receipts -- Bank Interest	11.00
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Balance at Bank 31.3.78	\$ 274.90
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J.H. VAUGHAN LEGACY

Balance at Bank 1.4.77	1309.43
Receipts -- Bank Interest	53.81
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	1363.24
Payments -- General Account	907.12
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Balance at Bank 31.3.78	456.12
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Signature.....  
P.J.G. SUTTON. F.C.A. A.C.I.S.  
Honorary Treasurer.

Signature.....  
B.M. WHITNEY.  
General Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books of account, deeds and vouchers of the United Nations Association of Australia (South Australian Division) and from this examination, together with the explanations received, report that, in my opinion, the above Statements of Receipts and Payments for the Six Funds for the year ended 31st. March 1978 together with the Balance Sheet of the General Funds as at 31st. March 1978, give a true and fair view of the financial position of U.N.A.A. (S.A. Division)

Signature.....  
LEO JOHN GORE Honorary Auditor.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONEXPLANATORY NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT31st. MARCH 1978

<u>1976/77</u>		<u>1977/78</u>
	Note 1.	
	<u>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.</u>	
2180	S.A. Education Department	2400.00
449	UNICEF	
	Federal Subsidy	167.00
	Disarmament Conference Income.	20.00
<u>2629</u>		<u>\$ 2587.00</u>
	Note 2.	
	<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.</u>	
12	Donations Remittable	5.00
180	Travelling Expenses	--
--	Salaries	140.00
13	Printing and Stationery	61.66
5	Electricity	3.82
5	Freight	59.30
--	Publications	233.82
--	Disarmament Conference Expense	142.72
<u>215</u>		<u>\$ 646.32</u>
	Note 3.	
	<u>INCOME CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.</u>	
336	Proceeds from Australia Day Fair.	--
	Note 4.	
	<u>FUNCTIONS.</u>	
191	Inter-Schools Conference	--
30	Habitat Luncheons	--
258	A.H.M.I. Conference	(88.22)
26	Annual General Meeting	(21.70)
(352)	Federal Conference and A.G.M.	--
49	World Health Luncheon	(22.50)
--	U.N. Day Luncheon	16.70
--	Disarmament Conference	48.11
<u>202</u>		<u>(67.61)</u>