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## OF AUSTRALIA

south australian division



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30th MAY, 1984.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT - 1983/4

Re-assessment, re-adjustment and reorganization have all confronted South Australian Division of the United Nations Association of Australia during the past twelve months, as a result of two major events. The first of these was the retirement of Mrs. Barbara Whitney as executive director after ten years of dedicated service. The second of these events was the establishment of the UNICEF Committee of South Australia as a separate entity independent of the UNAA. This has had far-reaching implications for the finances of our association. With the relinquishment of the franchise for the sale of UNICEF greeting cards in South Australia, no longer do we gain the benefits of the commission from the card sales. Naturally, this situation has also had implications for our continued service of a salaried executive director.

Retirement of Mrs. Barbara Whitney.

On 2nd September, 1983, Mrs. Barbara Whitney retired as our full time salaried executive director/secretary. Of course, many will recall Barbara's late husband, Mr. Fred Whitney. With some personal sacrifice, he and Barbara came into the office in 1973 at a time of crisis for the organization. Through unstintingly diligent efforts, working as a team, they established a standard of operation which has given our association much of the prestige that it enjoys today. Barbara's ability to work with people, her typing and secretarial skills, and long hours of dedicated work, including public speaking and a television appearance, made her an excellent ambassador for the United Nations Association in South Australia.

Appointment of New Executive Director.

Our new executive director, Mr. Andrew Pierce, took up his appointment on 18th September, 1983, to be confronted with a situation of considerable change taking place in the structure of the organization. Regretfully, the curtailment of funding has forced the executive committee to the conclusion that the organization could no longer afford the salary of a permanent executive director, albeit in a half time capacity. This position has been terminated as of the 15th May, 1984. However, action is being taken to try to rectify the situation.

Government Grant.

For some years now the organization has enjoyed the support of the South Australian Government through the payment of an annual grant for which application is made each year. Since 1979 the sum received has remained at \$3,000. Its receipt has been critical to the survival of the association especially in more recent years when we have been into deficit financing in order to maintain our program and services at the level we feel they should be operating.

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In connection with our 1984 grant application, the executive has determined that a concerted effort should be made to increase the allocation to a figure sufficient to employ a permanent person in the office. This could bring with it other benefits regarding government support schemes.

#### Commonwealth Employment Program.

Through the Commonwealth Employment Program it may be possible for the association to employ further permanent staff. Meanwhile, we will need to satisfy two important requirements, in that we must provide some form of regular supervision and we must become incorporated. Incorporation procedures are under way, while the supervisory stipulation could be met by additional help from volunteers and favourable consideration from the State government.

#### Volunteer Staff.

Organizations such as UNICEF and the UNAA exist, indeed flourish, because of the hard work of their volunteer staff who willingly devote time to a cause they believe in. Indeed, volunteers form the backbone of these organizations. Now, more than ever, the South Australian Division is looking to its volunteers to ensure survival. It is important to note that a number of the volunteers also serve on the executive or other committees of the organization. Their contribution is of considerable significance.

#### The Executive.

This year has been a particularly challenging one for the executive committee with momentous decisions to be made. In 1983 South Australia had the responsibility of hosting the 33rd Federal Council and Conference of the United Nations Association of Australia. The need to call special executive meetings indicates the demands that have been placed on the executive during the course of the year. It certainly has been a busy and active one for the executive committee.

#### Federal Council and Conference.

The highlight of 1983 was the South Australian Division's hosting of the United Nations Association of Australia's Annual Council and Conference which was held at Aquinas College between 26th and 28th August. We were privileged to have the Premier of South Australia, the Hon. John Bannon, to deliver the United Nations Association Evatt Memorial Lecture. At the Conference Dinner a special presentation United Nations Peace Medals was made to two members of our executive committee. They were Mrs. Barbara Whitney, former executive director and a vice-president of the association, and Mr. Shan Hoskyns, immediate past president of the association, chairman of the disarmament committee and national director of the Letters for Peace Campaign.

On the Saturday the council met to conduct the association's business at the federal level, pass resolutions referred by the state divisions, and to meet the new director of the United Nations Information Centre in Sydney, Ms Maureen McDaniel. On the Sunday the conference took place. The participation of members and friends was very pleasing. Many who attended acknowledged that the conference that the South Australian Division had organized set an extremely high standard for future conferences. The Hon. Lynn Arnold, Minister for Education, and a former president of the South Australian Division, opened the conference and gave the keynote address on the United Nations and schools in which he suggested that "peace education" should be designed to permeate the total curriculum rather than being a separate subject. A feature of this session was the participation of two former AHMC (Australian Hammarskjold Memorial Interschool Conference) students, Rosemary Bruhn 1983 and Les Rowe, now a member of our executive, who participated in 1980. Themes in other sessions included "the media", "disarmament", the status of women" and "the world's children".

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## Committees.

The committee structure of the Association is vital for getting things done.

### 1. Education Committee.

An important responsibility of this committee is organizing senior school students in years 11 and 12 to attend the Australian Sammaraskjold Memorial Interschool Conference. A delegation of some ten young South Australians will be representing their State in Perth this year during the May holidays. This committee also supervises the delivery of special information packs to approximately 200 schools that are affiliated with our Association.

### 2. Disarmament Committee.

Continuing to serve as a national focus for the United Nations Association of Australia "Letters for Peace" Campaign, this committee has been very busy. It has welcomed to Adelaide some of the world's most notable peace campaigners. These include Mrs Helen and Bill Caldicott and General Michael Torbopoulos. Australia's Ambassador for Disarmament was also received soon after his appointment last year. Members of this committee played key roles in the very successful Adelaide Sunday Peace Walk. An important development this year has been the institution of regular "peace vigils" on the first Saturday of each month in Victoria Square.

### 3. Status of Women Committee

This committee carries through an important government commitment to women at both the State and national level. The most rewarding aspect of the year's activities was the successful passing of the Anti-Discrimination legislation through Federal Parliament despite some concerted opposition.

### 4. Activities Committee

A group known as the Activities Committee is largely responsible for the planning of the United Nations special observance days, organizing fund raising, and making the necessary arrangements for special visitors relating to United Nations programmes. During 1984 there has been the revival of lunchtime meetings for members and friends where topical issues in international affairs will be raised. The following list includes some of the highlights during the past twelve months.

United Nations Day: A symposium of international foods was organized with Elaine Butler from the Multicultural Education Centre and Genea Madik from Papua-New Guinea speaking appropriately on nutrition, especially as it related to children.

Human Rights Day: A panel of speakers including Mrs Barbara Weiss, QC, who represented SA C.A.L.F., Mr Bruce Farry, representative Amnesty International, and Mrs Val Power, from the Aboriginal Local Rights Movement, made special contributions to stimulate discussion.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Mr Vern Hoffman spoke of the operation of the apartheid system in South Africa and the loss of human dignity and the intimidation that was involved.

World Health Day: By way of a variation this year the association in co-operation with the United Trades and Labour Council organized a seminar which included interstate and international guest speakers, on the topic of asbestos. The seminar was conducted at Trades Hall and received strong support from the trade union movement.

ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: The secretary general of ESCAP, Mr. Shah Kibria visited Adelaide as a guest of the Australian Government in March this year and was given a special reception by members of the executive.

Summary.

The great changes that have taken place over the past year present a tremendous challenge to the in-coming executive committee. It is appropriate at this time to express deep appreciation to members of the executive who have been involved in making many difficult decisions and taking on many demanding tasks during the course of the year. During the coming year members, volunteers and office bearers will have serious challenges to face. This forthcoming year will be critical for the future of United Nations Association of Australia in South Australia but with so much good will and support that seems to be available the organization should continue to provide the high standard of service that the South Australian public has become accustomed to receive.

Ron Hall,  
PRESIDENT.

REPORT ON UNICEF 1983 - 1984.

The work of our committee and card operation has advanced enormously in the past two years and we plan to expand our horizons in the new headquarters at 78, Hindley Street, working alongside the United Nations Association Committee (S.A. Division) as an independent Agency.

Twenty-five volunteers work under the most able direction of Barbara Roth in the card operation and in the selling of cards at fetes, festivals and fairs, etc. Schools and kindergartens have been willing to be outlets for card selling, also.

Children's Week, including Universal Children's Day was under the auspices of UNICEF in 1983 in South Australia, where many activities took place in the hall and environs, the most worthwhile being a breakfast for children from nearby schools, when outback children through the school of the air were contacted.

Educational work has continued with the distribution of Kits, Talks at schools and the mounting of a comprehensive exhibition of United Nations Agencies. This was first shown at the Constitutional Museum and subsequently at various education centres and the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

The launching of the book "The State of the World's Children" made an impact in our State through the media and we received a letter of support from the Premier.

It would be impossible to accomplish the work for UNICEF without the many volunteers and we owe a great debt to them all. We are conscious of the fact that there are mountains of work to be done for the children of the world, and as we do our part we hope to keep before us the ideal proclaimed by Walter de la Mare:

"Only the very rarest kind of best in everything can be good enough for children".

E.K. Richards,  
President,  
UNICEF Committee of South Australia Inc.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1984

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1984

	1984 \$		1983 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions	2304		2143
Donations	354		422
Publications - Sales	6346	6089	
less			
Purchases	4623	4307	
	1723		1782
State Government Grant	3000		3000
Sundry income	41		435
Bank interest	1047		1341
Commission	7500		6710
Functions (nett)	57		-
	<u>16026</u>		<u>15833</u>

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1984

	1984 \$	1983 \$
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries	10624	10639
Rent, rates and taxes	4661	3589
Printing and stationery	977	653
Travelling expenses	226	189
Repairs and maintenance	102	209
Insurance	495	126
Newsletters	680	346
Postage and freight	654	1129
Telephone	857	794
Light and power	276	202
Subscriptions and general expenses	391	390
Depreciation	157	185
Removal expenses	134	-
Provision for long service leave	136	693
	<u>20370</u>	<u>19144</u>

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income	16026	15833
less Expenditure	20370	19144
	<u>(4344)</u>	<u>(3311)</u>
Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1983	13997	17308
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1984	<u>9653</u>	<u>13997</u>



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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## UNICEF ACCOUNT

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1984

	1984 \$	1983 \$
INCOME		
Sales	65469	51128
Donations	2510	2890
Bank interest	2227	1996
Sundry income	14	-
	<u>70220</u>	<u>56014</u>
less		
EXPENDITURE		
Remittances to Central office	55015	44011
Postage and freight	1309	2006
Promotion expenses	330	418
Travelling expenses (net)	1395	46
Printing and stationery	556	479
Subscriptions and general expenses	225	274
Import taxes	2508	2070
Commission paid	7500	6710
Purchases	852	-
Functions (net)	33	-
	<u>69723</u>	<u>56014</u>
SURPLUS	497	-
add		
Accumulated surplus 1 April 1983	1000	1000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS 31 MARCH 1984	<u>1497</u>	<u>1000</u>

## UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## UNICEF ACCOUNT

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1984

	1984 \$	1983 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>1497</u>	<u>1000</u>
Represented by :-		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Savings Bank of S A	950	416
Cash on hand	-	250
Accounts receivable	913	1507
Deposit stock - Savings Bank of S A	57010	46815
	<u>58873</u>	<u>48988</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable (Note 1)	57376	47988
NET ASSETS	<u>1497</u>	<u>1000</u>

Note 1	Accounts payable	
	Import taxes payable	2361
	Remittances due to Head Office	55015
		<u>57376</u>

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1984

NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 : Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and accordingly Balance Sheet values do not necessarily reflect realisable values or changes in the purchasing power of money.

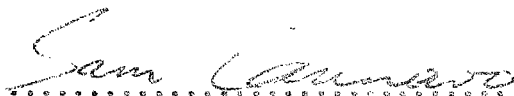
The Income and Expenditure concept has been applied with the exception that no account has been taken of members' subscriptions in advance or in arrears.

Note 2 : Accounts receivable

Reimbursement due from Head Office for costs of staging Federal Conference	<u>\$ 1060</u>
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Note 3 : Furniture and equipment

Depreciated value 1 April 1983	\$ 1048
less depreciation at 15% per annum	<u>\$ 157</u>
Depreciated value 31 March 1984	<u>\$ 891</u>



Sam Cannavo

Honorary Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account 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 Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 1984, together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1984, give a true and fair view of the financial position of the United Nations Association of Australia (South Australian Division) and the trading results for the year ended on that date.

Signature .....	BRYAN M. ASHWIN
	Honorary Auditor.