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1987-88

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (Incorporated)

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Sir Donald Dunstan, KBE, CB.

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<u>Honorary Book-keeper</u>	Mrs. J. Downes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OVERVIEW

The United Nations has a special day each year in December for Volunteers ; but we give thanks for our volunteers every day of the year --for the office staff, for our office-bearers and committee members, not forgetting our UNYA executive. We simply could not function without them, but I must report that too heavy a responsibility and workload is falling on a few shoulders. I am particularly concerned over what we expect from our UNYA members; apart from all their activities, we expect them to raise some thousands of dollars each year to fund their conference expenses.

It is time that all our members help us to find volunteers among their friends or members of their organisations. We need members for subcommittees for education; fundraising; membership; functions; promotion and publicity, as well as an office co-ordinator, an honorary secretary, and someone to run offcopies of our newsletter

ACTIVITIES

We have continued our practice of inviting other groups who share our concerns, to join with us to mark the special observances of UN

- World Health Day, 1987 Rotary joined us in planning a seminar on 'Immunisation'. Their 'Polio Plus' film was shown, and Prof. Anthony Radford spoke on WHO and UNICEF programs in this area.
- Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day
Mr Michael Radis, chairman of SAFRE spoke to a luncheon meeting on legislative measures that could be taken to control vulgar racism (= incitement to racial hatred)
- Namibia Day Ron Hall arranged a video-viewing evening in conjunction with C.A.R.E.
- World Environment Day We joined with the Conservation Council of South Australia in sponsoring a seminar on the Greenhouse Effect. Work on the topic is continuing.
- Universal Children's Day We are represented on the committee that organises Universal Children's Week in S.A. (which includes U.C.D.) The launch in 1987 was in a playground, with children building 'shelters'-a very suitable theme for IYSH.

United Nations Day Launch of the JUMPP display by Judith Barr

- Human Rights Day We celebrated with People for Nuclear Disarmament by launching balloons in a city park to mark the signing of the IMF Treaty. We also sponsored with SAFRE a seminar on Race Relations

As well as observing special days, we continue to work in areas such as

- World Disarmament Campaign , by circulating a petition
- Decade for Peace Register which will be set up in Adelaide under the UNAA Peace Program .

We are cooperating with Amnesty in collecting signatures for a petition on Human Rights, to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Declaration.

INVITATIONS are too numerous to list them all; they include

To the opening of the Bahai Exhibition on theme 'Peace is not only possible but inevitable' in Old Parliament House

To the opening of Mary Cassini's Three Minute Silence for Peace exhibition, also in Old Parliament House

To Australia Day Mass organised by the Catholic Women's League

To meetings of C.W.A.; Women's Agriculture Bureau; W.I.Z.O.; Aboriginal Deaths in Custody; Society of Friends; Ecumenical Peace service at Unley; Refugee Council of Australia consultation; Reception at Government House for presidents of organisations; Hunger Project presentation; First National Language Week launch

A display was set up in the Arndale Shopping centre for 1 week.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS We accept speaking engagements from schools, women's groups, service clubs, senior citizens groups. However, we need to seek more invitations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets regularly. We welcomed Neila Foggo, Hilde Hines, Trevor Peikert, Gus Saunders-Sexton. We accepted the resignations of Merry Ewing and Shan Hoskyns with regret. Shan has served the Association at both Divisional and Federal level over many years; as a former President; as convener from 1978 of the Disarmament subcommittee and as Federal convener of the Lettera for Peace Campaign. During IYP he organised the Light-up for Peace campaign. We thank him for all his work; we already miss him

FEDERAL CONFERENCE The South Australian Division was represented at the conference at Boat Harbour in Tasmania in August 1987 by Heather Southcott, Stewart Barnes, Jenny Boxer and Bev Hall. Heather Southcott was elected as Federal President and Jenny Boxer as a Federal Vice-President. (one of six).

GRANTS We acknowledge with thanks the following assistance;

- STATE Government Grant of \$3000 (since 1979) ; we would wish for more , but are grateful for continuing support,
- Norman Percy Cole Trust Fund; \$3500 to be used in our development education work with schools.

EQUIPMENT During the year, we have purchased a new photocopier, a filing cabinet and an answering machine. A gift of 6 comfortable office chairs, two typists chairs, a poster cabinet, a large desk and some library steps has made the office a more pleasant place.

UNICEF CARDS continue to be sold from the office

FINANCIAL MATTERS It is good to be able to report that our book-keeper, Mrs Jean Downes; our Treasurer, Geoff Purdie and our auditor are still with us at the end of the year. We are indeed fortunate to have such capable and responsible people to look after our financial affairs.

MEMBERSHIP remains stable; but we have great need of a person(s) to follow up non-renewals and run a membership drive.

BOOK SALES continue slowly; we encourage members to visit office.

VISITORS During the Year Our most distinguished visitor was Dr Rashmi Mayur from India who acts as a consultant to the UN in several areas of work. A luncheon was held in his honour. We assisted the Emissary Foundation to plan the best use of his time while he was in Adelaide.

REPRESENTATION OF UNAA (S.A.Div.) on outside bodies

Our role is moving increasingly towards working in cooperation with other groups by being part of their committees and by taking responsibility for activities involving a wider group of people.

- MULTICULTURAL FORUM - Among the forty-eight 'eminent South Australians' are two members of our executive -both in the category of community leaders -Heather Southcott and Janet Wood.
- Development Education group - working with young people in schools and also with adults in areas such as racism
- Concerned Citizens for Mozambique - the plight of children in Mozambique and the fact that their only hope is for peace was highlighted in a UNICEF report -"Children of the Front Line".
- One World Collective - the group responsible for leasing the first floor where our office is located. Despite our common problem of lack of money, and the changes in tenants, we work well together. Our 'floor parties', especially the Christmas one help us to get to know each other better. We welcomed the Volunteer Centre as one of our new tenants as well as the Welfare Rights Centre.
- Children's Week committee - Stewart Barnes represents us .
- International Women's Day Luncheon Committee ; 30th birthday
- Time For Peace October 24th to November 11th ; a time for children to focus on peace and human rights issues. Originally an internal education department program, the wider community is now involved in planning a program involving children in schools and their families.
- Greenhouse Sub-committee of the Conservation Council of S.A. Greenhouse 88 local committee
- People for Nuclear Disarmament -celebration when INF treaty was signed
- Volunteers Day - O.S.B. display in local banks
- Three Minute Silence committee to plan exhibition
- 'Shelter'- ongoing work on public housing

LIBRARY Kath Fuller and her helpers provide information throughout the year; not an easy task when you think of some of the requests!

SCHOOL PACKS Kath shoulders this responsibility, which is becoming much more onerous because of the difficulty of getting free multiple copies of information on UN and its agencies. Much of the information has to be reproduced.

IOOF PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Once again we record our appreciation of the generosity of Ian Witton and his committee in making it possible for one of our UNYA members to take part in a monthlong visit to USA and U.N. Julie Herraman was the successful S.A. student in 1987. We also acknowledge the interest and time spent with our prospective delegates.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in 1987 was held for the first time at lunch-time on a Sunday, with the result of increased attendance. Our guest speaker was Wayne Anthoney who told us of an International Conference for Clowns for Peace held in Costa Rica.

THANKS Separate reports follow for some of our committees; I thank all who have accepted responsibilities in those areas. Finally I wish to record my personal thanks to all who have given me and the Association their support during the year.

PEACE & DISARMAMENT

PEACE & DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

This committee has met on only a few occasions during the year. Members have been very busy on other peace related organisations and we look forward to interest being shown by others who may wish to join us.

Nevertheless we can report, with some pride, on the following activities:

LETTERS FOR PEACE

Although this is a National UNAA project the originator and co-ordinator is Shan Hoskyns, whose enthusiasm and drive continues to make Letters for Peace an excellent way of letting world leaders know our views on vital peace and disarmament issues.

PEACE CHILD

This is a play, a children's musical celebration of peace (to quote from the brochure), first performed in 1981. Study guides, cassettes etc are available through UNAA, Victoria. Heather Southcott is continuing her efforts to have 'Peace Child' introduced to, and hopefully produced by, schools in South Australia. David Trebilcock is also actively promoting it.

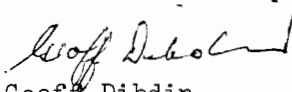
PEACE NETWORK

Inherited from International Year of Peace Network Co-ordinator David Trebilcock, the Peace Network has continued under the co-ordination of this committee.

Bi-monthly meetings have been held to share news and views and to plan activities such as:

- i. A proposed Conflict Resolution Course for South Australia. A considerable amount of interest was shown in this proposal in the initial stages and meetings were held with persons experienced in this field. The problems associated with writing and running our own course were discussed and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that we should direct interested groups towards existing courses.
This project has been temporarily shelved but not forgotten.
- ii. A bi-monthly Newsletter and Peace Network Calendar of Events commenced in July 1987 with the much appreciated assistance of Ed Irons from the Marion Peace Group. Five (5) issues have been posted so far to a mailing list of 80 interested persons and groups. A sixth special issue was recently forwarded to let Network members know about the visit of members of the Soviet Peace Committee (see below).
- iii. A special meeting on May 16th was organised jointly with People for Nuclear Disarmament, to meet members of the visiting Soviet Peace Committee. Approx. 40 people attended and learned firsthand of peace activities held in the USSR, including the education of children to the concept that we are 'one world' and that we all have to learn to accept different cultures and social systems.

The backbone of this committee continues to be Heather Southcott, Stewart Barnes and Shan Hoskyns and I thank them and the other members sincerely for their continuing and valued support.


Geoff Dibdin
Co-ordinator.

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UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ASSOCIATION ----U.N.Y.A.(S.A.)

The past year for UNYA has been, as usual ,a very busy year. It appears with the passing of each year that UNYA finds itself with more and more to do, and, as is pleasing to note, a stronger membership of dedicated young people.

Our selection of delegates to the United Nations Youth Conference has finally drawn to a close after eight months. During this time, prospective delegates were involved in essay writing and a selection camp, numerous model UN assemblies and, of course, endless fund-raising events. These fundraisers have included Trash'n'treasures, chocolate sales, an extremely successful fashion parade, a folk dance and an upcoming quiz night.

Perhaps our most successful venture for the year has been a Day Conference for Secondary School Students held in March. This conference, which was sponsored by the I.O.O.F. ,attracted students from approximately 35 schools, including country schools. The enthusiasm from participating students was particularly encouraging to us.

After some minor but necessary constitutional changes , UNYA's A.G.M. will now be held following our return from the youth Conference in Canberra (from July 10th -17th.)

One of our delegates to Canberra, Andrew McClelland will be travelling to the U.S.A. on an I.O.O.F. Peace Pilgrimage scholarship which will conclude with a week in New York visiting the U.N.

We have many more plans for UNYA in the coming year, including a possible UN public speaking contest , and regional model UN assemblies for school students.

Our hard-working executive has had yet another hectic year and its experience, its high level of cooperation, its dedication and indeed the hard work of all members has been reflected in the success of UNYA in 1987/88. We continue to work towards the evolution of the national body of UNYA later in the year.

My thanks go, of course, to Jon Nicholl, Julie Herraman, Jo Mills, Katherine Moore, Ben Allen, Ben Boxer, Karen Koh, Krista Fox and all other UNYA members. Also to Gus Saunders-Sexton , who acts as liaison with UNAA executive, but especially to Heather Southcott for all her support throughout the year.

Jenny Boxer
President. UNYA (S.A.)



STATUS OF WOMEN



ANNUAL REPORT OF UNAA STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

The UNAA Status of Women Committee has over the past year had some interesting speakers and have expressed concerns over a number of issues.

Guest speakers have included women either visiting Adelaide or involved in interesting programmes. Some of these have included Aboriginal playwrights & story tellers, Dteutala Hishongwa from SWAPO, Carole Bacchi, Irene Janiszewska (Girls of non-English speaking background education project), and several visitors from the Pacific region attending the YWCA Conference and earlier an address from women from Mexico.

Last July I attended the World Congress of Women in Moscow representing the SA branch of the UNAA Status of Women Committee. It was exhausting but extremely interesting to meet with over 2,000 women. Many I had met in Nairobi in 1985. Personally it was an overwhelming experience, but one full of hope for a future of World Peace. Women throughout the world are taking a tremendous amount of initiative in the concern for life and a future for our grandchildren.

The most important calendar event which all women's organisations are being urged to support, is the 1st International Indigenous Women's Conference. This is being held in Adelaide from January 23rd-Feb 2. It is significant that the first such forum is being held by the Aboriginal women with the support nationally and in each state by the UNAA Status of Women Committee. The Forum will last for 6 days followed by a 3-4 day Festival of traditional dancing, art/craft and music. This is being supported by UNESCO and the World Council of Indigenous People. The choice of Adelaide was made by the Aboriginal women because it is considered the most central, and has the most enlightened land rights policy. The venue is the Wayville Showgrounds. It is estimated that at least 500-800 will attend. Funding has been promised from Aboriginal Arts Board and Aboriginal Affairs Dept. Representatives from both Federal and State depts are involved in the planning. Offers of support have come from many quarters and it is hoped costs can be kept to a minimum. A submission for a co-ordinator has gone to Office of the Status of Women, and a submission for funding to UNESCO in Paris. The support in principle across the political spectrum for this conference is very encouraging for a better future for Aboriginal people.

Bev Hall (President)

S.A.F.R.E.

Report to the U.N.A.A. Annual General Meeting from South Australians for Racial Equality (SAFRE)

The working committee of SAFRE is small but industrious. Its activities and concerns over the last 12 months include:

1. Production of SAFRE Updates, facts sheets which inform concerned individuals and organisations about issues of racism, immigration and community relations.
2. Organisation of a conference on Race Relations in Multicultural Australia. Speakers were Vasiliki Nihias from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Murray Chambers from the Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission and Ruby Hammond, Aboriginal Development, Dept. of Personnel & Industrial Relations.

The addresses and resolutions from the conference will be published soon.

3. On-going lobbying of government, particularly re racial vilification.

SAFRE exists to give positive support to multiculturalism in Australia and to intervene as effectively as possible to reduce the level of racism.

There will be a conference again this year on the topic of immigration & multiculturalism, particularly in the light of the findings of the Fitzgerald Report.

J.U.M.P.P.

JuMPP was run this year by UNAA, WILPF and the Education for Peace and Justice Group. Participation was much less than in 1986 when the International Year of Peace gave an added impetus to the project. In 1987, 159 entries were received from 12 schools and 7 individuals and some of these entries involved many children. Two contributions came from NSW. We had some excellent contributions, but the standard on the whole was less inspired than in 1986.

An exhibition of some of the contributions was held at the Children's Library from Oct 24 to Nov 6 and we wish to thank the Children's Librarian, Stephen Williams, for allowing us to use space in the library. Judith Barr opened the exhibition on Oct 24 and the opening ceremony was chaired by Heather Southcott.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1988

	1987 \$	1988 \$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	4,890	4,665
Donations	697	268
*Publications - Sales	1,288	784
State Government Grant	3,000	3,000
Sundry Income	342	3
Bank Interest	3,332	3,613
Commission	905	756
Functions (nett)	285	30
Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant	3,500	3,500
I.Y.P. Project Committee Support	859	-
U.N.A.A. (Federal): A.H.M.I.C.	2,000	-
Peace Register Project::		
Income	602	
<u>Less Paid Out</u>	<u>602</u>	
Balance	-	-
	21,098	16,619
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* It has been decided to show Purchases of Publications as an expense as the Income from Sales does not relate directly to the Purchases in any given year.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1988

	1987	1988
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Publications - Purchases	2,424	1,519
Commission	1,016	716
Rent	3,850	4,165
Printing and Stationery	867	1,591
Repairs and Maintenance	57	96
Insurance	191	186
Newsletters	655	942
Office Expenses	566	440
Telephone	462	714
Subscriptions	5	-
Office Equipment	-	3,439
Sign Rental	100	120
Donations	100	90
I.Y.P. Project Committee Support	796	-
Conferences (nett)	-	405
	11,089	14,423
	=====	=====
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
Income	21,098	16,619
<u>Less Expenditure</u>	11,089	14,423
	10,009	2,196
<u>Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1987</u>	16,362	26,371
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1988	26,371	28,567

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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1988

	1987 \$	1988 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:	26,371.24 =====	28,566.81 =====
ASSETS		
State Bank of S.A. - General Account	1,402.23	2,022.12
Co-op Access Share Account	15,373.94	17,345.46
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account	10,200.23	9,120.34
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Found. Grant)	3,500.00	3,500.00
Cash on hand	126.84	16.49
Accounts Receivable	-	601.90
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>30,603.24</u> =====	<u>32,606.31</u> =====
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	4,232.00	4,039.50
	<u>4,232.00</u>	<u>4,039.50</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>26,371.24</u> =====	<u>28,566.81</u> =====

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1988

NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1: Basis of Accounting

The Income and Expenditure concept has been applied with the exception that no account has been taken of members' subscription in advance or in arrears. The Balance Sheet reflects the liquid position of the Association less creditors at that date.

G H Purdie

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GEOFFREY H. PURDIE

Honorary Treasurer

23/5/88

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Date

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account of the United Nations Association of Australia (South Australian Division) Inc. 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 1988, together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1988, 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 *P Beecher* (AASA)
for DAVID R. BEECHER
Honorary Auditor

Date *23 May 1988*

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23 May, 1988