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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

**ANNUAL REPORT
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REPORT

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (Incorporated)

PATRON His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-General
Sir Donald Dunstan, KBE, CB. (PART YEAR)

Her Excellency the Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell AC, DBE,
Governor of South Australia (PART YEAR)

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1990 - 1991

PRESIDENT: Mrs Heather Southcott

VICE-PRESIDENTS Mrs. Janet Wood
Mr. John Crawford
Dr. Hugh Bray

HONORARY SECRETARY Miss Vonnie Fee

HONORARY TREASURER Mr Lawrence Moyse

PAST PRESIDENT Mr Ron Hall

Honorary Auditor Mr Geoff Purdie

FIVE ORDINARY MEMBERS Mr Peter Maher
Mr Arnold Cielens
Mrs Jo Bennetts
Mrs Ann Ryan
Mr Don Tyson

FIVE CORPORATE MEMBERS Womens International League for Peace and Freedom
(Mrs Cynthia James)

UNICEF
(Ms Judy Koch)

Australian Labor Party
(Mr Gary Hevey)

Australian Federation of University Women
(Dr Helen Payne)

Womens International Zionist Organisation
(Mrs Hilde Hines)

HONORARY LIBRARIAN Mrs. Kath Fuller

HONORARY BOOK-KEEPER Mrs Jean Downes

UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ASSOC. Ms Julie Herraman (President)

PEACE AND DISARMAMENT C/TTEE Mrs Heather Southcott (Convener)

STATUS OF WOMEN C/TTEE Mrs Sue Jeanes

OFFICE VOLOUNTEERS Mr Doug Coombs ; Miss Barbara Godson; Mrs Mabs Tassell;
Mrs Molly Hopkins; Mrs Judy Ashton

OVERVIEW

My term as Federal President ended in September 1990, thus allowing me to concentrate on my responsibilities as State President.

The highlight of 1990 was the holding of the National United Nations Youth Conference (formerly AHMIC) at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair, in July. My thanks go to Julie Herraman and her executive for their performance and to the speakers. I also wish to record thanks to Bill Bradbury from W.A. who lived in as a volunteer supervisor, and to the Office of Youth Affairs who made funds available to employ another live-in adult. Something else to note was the increase of \$500 (to \$3500) in our grant from the State Government - the first increase since 1979. There were a number of changes on Executive; we welcomed Lawrence Moyse who accepted the position of treasurer and Hugh Bray who agreed to become a vice-president, but we farewelled with regret, another vice-president, Janet Wood who moved to Canberra during the year. We continued reach out to the community through networking and working in cooperation with other organisations. My work with the International Indigenous Womens Conference continues with the publication of two booklets. South Australians For Racial Equality are working at a lower level, awaiting the release of the Community Relations Report. Much of the time of the office staff has been taken up with providing information on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in an effort to counter the widely-circulated misinformation. Our subcommittees continued to work well, and our volunteers staffed the office as usual. A considerable amount of my time last year was taken up with my responsibilities on the State Committee on International Literacy Year. The year culminated with the release of a Literacy Strategy Document for South Australia, and the release of the publication "JUST LITERACY". We have agreed to market and distribute this at no cost in an effort to promote Literacy Projects in South Australia.

Our continued grant from Norman Percy Cole Foundation has made it possible to assist country students to attend Youth Conferences/seminars and we have agreed to make funds available for encouragement seeding grants during Childrens Week in 1991. A new venture for us was holding a Workshop, in conjunction with the Children's Interest Bureau, on Alternative Methods of Discipline on Universal Children's Day. The speaker was Professor Maurice Balson from Monash University. The involvement of members has been somewhat disappointing; but the informal lunch-time meetings have been well-attended. We record with sadness the death of a former President, Mr Fred Davis, and a long-time member Miss Elizabeth Mann, who left us a bequest of \$1000.

At the end of 1990 we farewelled our Patron, Sir Donald Dunstan, who had shown interest in our work. We were delighted that our new Governor agreed to accept the position of Patron and look forward to a long association.

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES /Co-operation with Other Organisations

Multicultural Forum The monthly meetings have greatly increased my understanding of multicultural issues in S.A. We have also studied and attended hearings on Multiculturalism and the Law, which dealt primarily with Family Law and Criminal Law. Human Rights Day Committee This representative committee planned observance of Human Rights Day in December.

Refugee Week Committee This is a most rewarding committee to work on; all members are highly motivated, very creative and have a good sense of humour. The highlights in 1990 were the erection of a mock refugee camp at North Adelaide; the visit of Donald Woods and his wife; and the focussing of attention on the victims of torture and trauma.

Representation on other committee (continued)

UNAA (SA) supported a series of five seminars on Sustainable Living, with Conservation Council of SA taking a leading role.

One World Collective, the body responsible for leasing the floor on which our office is situated, has had a busy year. We have increasing problems with break-ins and security. An Accommodation Task Force is meeting to pursue alternative accommodation

UNICEF We continue to promote the sale of UNICEF cards and other items;

Independent Order of Odd Fellows The sponsorship of a S.A. student to the IOOF

Peace Pilgrimage to the United Nations in N.Y. has concluded, after six years.

South Australian Development Education Centre Ann Ryan represented us.

Childrens Week Committee We are represented by Heather Southcott and Stewart Barnes is a valued individual member. Again, a very rewarding effective group to work with. I continue as a member of SHELTER, a public housing group.

I also represented UNAA (SA) on the State International Literacy Year Committee.

We have supported the work of the committee planning for the visit of the Dalai Lama.

VISITORS

We were pleased to entertain the following during the year;

Mr Ronald Walker, Australian Ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva;

Mr Mike Smith Australian Ambassador in Algeria

Mr Graham Alliband, Australian Ambassador in Vietnam

UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador

Mr Alan Edwards, Peace, Arms Control, Disarmament Branch of Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Dr Ramphela, who spoke on Women & Children in Poverty in South Africa

Mary Bywaters, Quaker Service of Australia

Yossi & Tzvia Glatt from Israel

Mariano Ngor, Sudan Relief & Rehabilitation Association.

ATTENDED

Volunteer Week Launch

Macedonian Assoc. National Conference Launch

Catholic Women's League Conference, and Australia Day Mass

I.L.Y series of forums

Presentation on Tour of Dalai Lama

ACOSA dinner

WIZO dinner

Brighton Peace and Environment Group seminar (speaker)

Blackwood Rotaract (Speaker)

SACARE A.G.M. Reception for former Norwegian Ombudsman for Children; also seminar

Australian Federation of University Women meeting on Rights of Child (speaker)

S., A. Development Education Centre; AGM and other meetings

Ukrainian Women's Fundraiser for Chernobyl victims

Lithuanian Dinner

Lord Mayor's reception for observance of State of Israel formation

Reception for secretary of Centre for Our Common Future

Consultation by Minister Gerry Hand with migrant women (chaired)

OBSERVANCES

World Health Day; Public meeting on theme "SHOULD DISASTER STRIKE HOW PREPARED IS S.A.?"

Universal Children's Day (and UN Day); Seminar on Alternative methods of Discipline

Human Rights Day Liturgy on Human Rights followed by discussion on Sudan. This was in cooperation with Uniting Church Social Justice Commission and Amnesty

Volunteer Day; joined with Overseas Service Bureau in dinner

International Women's Day; joined other women in annual lunch

Human Rights Day joined with many other community groups in advertisement and press conference focussing on global and local social justice and human rights issues

National Refugee Week activities

EXECUTIVE continues to meet monthly. We started the year with a number of vacancies but were pleased when Dr Hugh Bray (a former President) accepted the position of Vice-President, and Mr Lawrence Moyse agreed to act as treasurer. WE welcomed back to the executive, Don Tyson, and also welcomed Judy Koch who represents UNICEF. Ann Ryan found that pressure of work made it impossible to continue as did Peter Maher. Dr Helen Payne was transferred to Brisbane and Mrs Janet Wood left for Canberra at the end of the year. Committee gave attention during the year to the continuing plight of those with dual impairment- in particular the deaf/blind-who need special facilities and consideration.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Kath Fuller and her helpers continue to send school packs in 3rd term to our member schools, as well as a special mailing for World Health Day.

GRANTS We record our thanks for the following grants;
State Government \$3500
Norman Percy Cole Trust \$4000

FEDERAL CONFERENCE South Australia was represented by Heather Southcott and Ron Hall as well as three UNYA members, Julie Herraman, Harriet Glen and Olivia Halliday. We presented 2 resolutions; one on Belau and one on Tibet (both Human Rights issues)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was addressed by Mr Mark Henley from the Service to Youth Council. We had contributed to their literacy/numeracy project which is developing a user-friendly format for assessing the needs of young people

LIBRARY/RESEARCH Kath Fuller with the assistance of Con Sarantis in the UNIC office in Sydney continues to find answers for an amazingly broad range of questions. The 'Wednesday team' help her in maintaining the library.

DESPATCH/DISTRIBUTION Special thanks to Doug Coombs who is responsible for the collating, wrapping and distribution of newsletters as well as mailing of the School Packs- no light job.

BOOK-KEEPING Thank you once again to Jean Downes who meticulously keeps our books in order. A very important task, and one that makes it much easier to a treasurer.

AUDITOR Thanks to Geoff Purdie for his continued interest and accepting the position of Honorary Auditor.

VOLUNTEER STAFF As well as those already mentioned, thanks to all who have made it possible for our office to remain open. I would ask all members to be aware of the contribution they make each year.

APPRECIATION My thanks to everyone for their cooperation as we all work together. I would also wish to record my appreciation of the friendship and support from other residents on the 1st floor of 155 Pirie Street.

Heather Southcott
(President)

PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

The committee meets every two months on a regular basis. We are greatly indebted to Mr Ed Irons who produces the PEACE NETWORK CALENDAR which is widely used to exchange information on peace related issues between community groups. Mr Irons also represented the committee at the 8th Conference for Disarmament and Security and Cooperation in the Asia/Pacific Area (ASPAC 1990) in Melbourne. We were represented on the Palm Sunday committee, and distributed material from a Stall in Peace Park following the march.

David Trebilcock introduced his visitor from a peace group in Minsk at one meeting. On another occasion our guest was Joy Balazzo, from the Philippines, who shared her insights into socio-economic issues, political situation, bases, prostitution and the role of the indigenous peoples in the Philippines.

Members of the committee took part in a number of events marking Hiroshima Day including two vigils, a march and rally, and a briefing by Mr Alan Edwards from the Peace, Arms Control and Disarmament Branch of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. A petition from a Japanese Peace Groups was also distributed.

The committee, along with the Status of Women Committee, Zonta and the Quaker Peace committee, sponsored a series of Conflict Resolution Workshops.

The committee is represented on the trustees of the Graham Smith Peace Trust which sponsored a concert during the Folk Festival over Easter.

Members attended a lecture sponsored by WILPF on the Middle East, and also took an active role in expressing concern at the situation in the Gulf.

The committee has also become involved in expressing concern at the export of arms and the forthcoming AIDEX (arms expo) in November in Canberra.

Our Bahai representative reported on the setting up by Bahai groups of Peace Parks in Murray Bridge and Salisbury,

We have continued to promote the distribution of Media Watch cards. We contributed \$50 towards travel cost of a representative to an emergency meeting of the World Peace Council. A busy year for a small dedicated committee. Thank you.

Heather Southcott (Convener)

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

For the past year, the UNAA Status of Women Committee has been very concerned about a number of issues. The two main concerns have been the Brindal Bill and its implications for the rights of women, and the plight of mothers of disabled adult children.

The Status of Women Committee sent a letter signed by the three political party representatives on the committee expressing the concerns women have with the Brindal Bill and its effect on women. This letter was sent to all Members of Parliament indicating the concern that women have across political parties. The other concern for support services and respite for mothers of disabled children was also taken up by our committee, and we hope to bring attention of governments to their plight.

The Committee is in the process of establishing a support network for women awaiting hearing of their cases in regard to discrimination before the Equal Opportunity Tribunal. Commissioner Quentin Bryce, at a luncheon given by this committee in her honour, expressed the need for such a network. We have undertaken this project.

Another issue of great concern was the Filipino bride situation. A delegation from our committee met with staff of the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs (DILGEA) to try to establish approaches which may give more protection to these women. We also viewed a DILGEA video which indicates the stricter procedures to ensure the rights of the Philippine women. The stricter approach is also enforced by the Philippine Government.

The Committee was addressed by Janice Koolmartrie who attended the second International Indigenous Women's Conference in Finland. She reported on the successful formation of an International Indigenous Women's Committee, which was one of the aims of the first conference held in Adelaide.

This Committee continues to support the concept of the Conflict Resolution Skills Workshops and we hope that a further series will be held later in 1991.

BEV HALL (secretary)

UNITED NATIONS YOUTH ASSOCIATION

1990 proved to be an ambitious, yet rewarding year for UNYA. The annual United Nations Youth Conference was jointly hosted by the South Australian Divisions of UNAA and UNYA at the Nunyara Conference Centre at Belair in July 1990.

The 1990 UNYC was the most efficiently run conference to date.

Organised by Heather Southcott and the UNYA President (Julie Herraman), supported by the whole UNYA executive, it proved to be extremely successful and was enjoyed by all eighty students in attendance.

South Australia was represented by eight delegates; Peter Caporaso; Darren James; Jessica Nash; Swai Phie; Geoff Pinnock; Alexander Smith; Matthew Tinsley and Nancy Williams. The eight S.A. Secretariat members were Julie Herraman; Ian Richardson; Olivia Halliday; Justin Moretti; Ben Boxer; Harriet Glen; Ben Allen; Jon Nicholl.

Highlights of the week included a Mock U.N. General Assembly held in the Chamber of Old Parliament House; a formal reception at the Adelaide Town Hall and an afternoon spent at TANDANYA, followed by a ride on the O-Bahn to Tea Tree Plaza. The week concluded with the formal dinner at NUNYARA.

Guest speakers during the week included;

- Richard Symonds (Office of Youth Affairs)
- Ruth Pearce (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
- Hon Mike Rann (S.A. Minister of Youth Affairs)
- Paul Downton (Greenhouse Association of South Australia)

Julie Herraman, Harriet Glen and Olivia Halliday later represented UNAA (SA) at Federal Conference held in Melbourne in September. We assisted in running the day-conference for secondary students on the Sunday.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows has over the past six years, sponsored an UNYA member to attend the annual IOOF Youth Pilgrimage to the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This sponsorship ended in 1990 with Nancy Williams being selected to represent Australia on the Pilgrimage.

UNYA began 1991 with a Secondary School Conference (one-day) entitled "Global Solutions for Global Problems". The conference was attended by eighty students of whom one third were from country areas of the State. A travel subsidy was provided by UNAA to enable country students to attend.

UNYA has again assisted the Rotary Club of Adelaide in conducting a Mock U.N. Assembly; this was held at Adelaide High School. The weekend was very successful with approximately seventy students taking part.

Fundraising events have become an integral part of UNYA's year, in order to subsidise the travel and accommodation costs of those students who attend the annual United Nations Youth Conference. This year's fundraisers include chocolate sales, a Quiz night and a progressive dinner.

The 1991 UN Youth Conference will be held in Brisbane and UNYA is presently very busy selecting delegates to attend. Prospective delegates attended a very entertaining Mock UN general assembly, gaining valuable debating experience from older UNYA members who took part in the debate.

I would like to thank the UNYA executive for their help and support over the past year, as well as Heather Southcott whose dedication and involvement is greatly appreciated.

JULIE HERRAMAN
(PRESIDENT- UNYA (SA))

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1991**

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1991

	1991 \$	1990 \$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	3,145	5,965
Donations	1,169	145
*Publications - Sales	382	719
State Government Grant	3,500	3,000
Bank Interest	5,178	3,867
Commission	-	286
Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant	4,000	4,250
Miscellaneous	286	-
Conflict Resolution Seminars:		
Income	3,011	
<u>Less Paid Out</u>	<u>2,715</u>	
Balance	296	-
UNYA:		
Income	1,193	
<u>Less Paid Out</u>	<u>1,105</u>	88
Balance	-	<u>18,044</u>
		<u>18,232</u>

* 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 1991

	1991	1990
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Publications - Purchases	1,322	2,258
Commission	-	233
Rent	4,776	4,416
Printing and Stationery	850	1,596
Repairs and Maintenance	56	113
Insurance	513	208
Newsletters	1,071	1,231
Office Expenses	308	412
Telephone	451	583
Functions	976	435
Donations	50	-
Conferences (nett)	182	320
UNICEF		
- Paid Out	194	
- Income	<u>170</u>	
	<u>10,579</u>	<u>11,805</u>
	=====	=====
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
Income	18,044	18,232
<u>Less Expenditure</u>	10,579	11,805
	<u>7,465</u>	<u>6,427</u>
<u>Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1990</u>	39,569	33,142
ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1991	<u>47,034</u>	<u>39,569</u>
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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1991

	1991 \$	1990 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:	47,034.56 =====	39,568.62 =====
ASSETS		
State Bank of S.A. - General Account	1,203.80	2,248.52
Co-op Access Share Account	28,896.09	25,224.31
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account	16,894.49	10,707.88
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Found. Grant)	2,000.00	4,250.00
Cash on hand	40.18	39.80
Accounts Receivable	-	569.95
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49,034.56</u> =====	<u>43,040.46</u> =====
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	2,000.00	3,471.84
	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,471.84</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>47,034.56</u> =====	<u>39,568.62</u> =====

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1991

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.

L. A. Moyse
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LAWRENCE A. MOYSE
Honorary Treasurer

21/5/91
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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 1991, together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1991, 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 *G. H. Purdie*
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GEOFFREY H. PURDIE
Honorary Auditor

Date *21/5/91*
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21 May, 1991

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