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ANNUAL REPORT - 1972/73  
for year ending 31st March, 1973

This is the twenty-third Annual Report of the South Australian Division of U.N.A.A. for presentation to its Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 30th May, 1973, and covering the year ending 31st March, 1973 (for financial purposes).

Introduction

In reviewing a year's activities it is good to look critically at the extent to which the aims and objectives of our Association have been achieved. These are laid down in detail in the U.N.A.A. Federal Constitution under Section 11, "Nature and Objects". The most important object is: "To support the United Nations as a centre for harmonising the actions of the nations in the attainment of its purposes as set out in the Charter, viz:

The maintenance of International Peace and Security,  
The development of friendly relations among nations,  
The achievement of international co-operation in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems and in encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all."

The other nine clauses of this section of the constitution largely deal with the manner in which this important object is to be achieved, and cover three main areas. Firstly there is the over riding need for a vigorous educational programme to promote knowledge and critical appreciation for what is broadly known as the United Nations System, namely the United Nations, and the specialised and other Inter-Governmental Agencies related to it, as will win support for their objectives. Secondly to ensure that Australians understand both the rights and duties of Australia as a member of the U.N. with a view to ensuring that the Government recognises and observes these duties. Thirdly to provide a means of co-operation among the several organisations interested in the economic, social and cultural development of the peoples of all nations, including overseas relief and rehabilitation, to raise funds to assist with this work, and to co-operate with others having similar objectives.

As both the second and the third point depend largely on the success of the first, the importance of our educational objective is obvious. There is growing concern as to how we shall achieve a sustained interest by the Australian people in generously supporting the many U.N. and associated programmes; an effective educational thrust, starting in our schools, is essential. This matter has been recently discussed at executive committee meetings, where it was agreed that we must direct more of our efforts in this State to this area.

With regard to the second point, matters are constantly being drawn to the attention of Federal Members, as well as to the Government, seeking various actions. These approaches have come from both State and Federal levels of our Association. The roles of recent Australian Governments in the U.N. sphere have been excellently reviewed by Professor Alex Castles (a tower of strength in our Division), in the United Nations Reporter, Feb/Mar, 1973, p.7, in an article entitled "Australia in United Nations". He said, "Since it came to power in early December the Whitlam Government has made decisive changes in

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some areas of foreign policy. Not the least of these have related to Australia's involvement with the United Nations." Professor Castles went on to point out that in the area of Human Rights the Covenants have now been signed by Australia, and that Mr Whitlam hopes that ratification can be achieved by Human Rights Day this year, the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (so much for Australia's performance during that period).

This "new look" in Australia's attitude to the U.N. is a reminder of the part that this country played in the early days of this organisation when we saw Dr H.V. Evatt's influence, particularly during his term as President of the General Assembly. There was also the contribution by delegates like Mr Norman Makin. More recently we saw Australia as a recently elected member of the Security Council playing an important role, in the background, when that Council broke new ground by going to Panama in an attempt to prevent trouble.

Finally concerning my third point, it was Mr E.J.R. Heyward, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF (an Australian) who pointed out during the Federal UNAA Conference in Perth, last August, that during 1971/72 Australia transferred more than \$500,000 to UNICEF, making our level of private donations to that organisation the highest per head in the world. (This record of private giving contrasts with our official giving to U.N.D.P. with a world ranking of 54th. Further, Australia had not contributed to the U.N. Population Fund, this was just not good enough for a country with a strong economy, and so close to Asia where, by 1980, it is estimated that half the people in the world will live as our neighbours.) For such private donations to continue, and Government contributions to increase, an active educational programme at all levels in the community must be sustained. I am certain that programmes such as Action for World Development can do much both to awaken and to heighten concern in our community.

The great need for increasing funds for UNICEF was stated by Mr Heyward during the Federal UNICEF Meetings in Perth. During discussion he strongly defended the policy of UNICEF in wishing to maintain a 50% profit margin on greeting card sales, despite rising costs. He emphasised the desirability of using the voluntary help available to assist in achieving this. In opening his remarks at this national meeting Mr Heyward said that it was UNICEF's aim to make a 50% margin on the greeting card operation in order that people could feel that they were really helping UNICEF through the purchase of greeting cards. Surely it must be our aim to maximise this margin. Such sources are their only avenue of income. UNICEF receives no direct U.N. financial support.

The Executive Committee and Organisation of S.A. Division.

The membership of the current Executive Committee is listed earlier in this report. It has been apparent for some time that the organisational structure of our executive has been inadequate, together with the operation of the Division as a whole, to achieve effectively the aims and objectives of U.N.A. in South Australia. One does not become fully aware of this until a period has been served in a position such as president. This has not only been my experience, but that of those who have preceded me. In last year's annual report the President stated, "There is much work and re-organisation to be done in the coming year, and the Executive will need all the strength it can muster. . .". The Executive moved to take such action during its April Meeting when it appointed a Sub-Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Committee "for the structure of future administration of the S.A. Division". The composition of this Sub-Committee has been the President (Convener), Mrs B. Pickhaver

The Executive Committee and Organisation of S.A. Division (contd) (a Past President, and Federal Executive Delegate), Mrs M. Marles (Vice President, and Director for S.A. on ANCU) and Mrs S. Barnes (Vice-President, Convener of Education Committee, and currently Honorary Relieving Secretary). The personnel of this Sub-Committee represent all the important areas of activity of this Division and would be considered most competent to discharge its duties. The Sub-Committee has met on three occasions and is to present its recommendations to the May Executive Committee Meeting.

At the present time the Executive Committee has three Committees, namely Education (Mrs S. Barnes, Convener), UNICEF (Mrs M. Marles, Director and Convener), and Membership (Mr B. Sandow, Convener). The paid staff are Mrs C. Hood, Secretary, and Mrs M. Marles, as supervisor during UNICEF card sales season. The operation of the new ANCU constitution, as from 1973 Federal Meeting in Melbourne, will bring changes to the operation of our UNICEF Committee.

The Division is still housed on the first floor, Freemason's Hall, North Terrace. Plans are in hand to make more effective use of the two rooms that we have. It is our intention to convert the second room into a reading room/library, and tentative plans to provide additional counter space in the main office to cater for the needs of UNICEF, and the visiting public. A start has already been made in this office re-arrangement when, as Honorary Relieving Secretary, Mrs Barnes, with the assistance of Dr H.H. Penny and others, commenced re-organising our literature stocks, etc.

#### Activities

Federal. Our Division has been very ably represented on the Federal UNAA Executive Committee by Mrs B. Pickhaver. Mrs Pickhaver has also represented our Federal Executive on the National Freedom from Hunger Committee.

The Division was represented by three delegates at the Federal Meetings and Conference in Perth in August, 1972 (Bray, Pickhaver and Marles). Mention has already been made of Mr Heyward's remarks. One of the great privileges of attending such conferences is meeting official UN and UNICEF representatives. On this occasion it was Mr Heyward, and Dr F. Bauman, UN Representative to Australia and New Zealand. (We in S.A. Had the opportunity of meeting Dr Bauman on his way to the Perth Meetings.) It is from such people that we see something of the great challenge that work in the UN System presents. It is confidently anticipated that, as a result of the activities of your delegates to the Perth Meetings, we will see in the near future some UNICEF Greeting Cards with Aboriginal designs. The theme of the Federal Conference was "Environmental Protection and the Second Development Decade - a Conflict Situation". There was also a useful group discussion on the theme of "The Fate of UNAA Resolutions". A very useful resource document on this subject has been drawn up by our Federal Research Officer. Generally, it was agreed, that many resolutions were too broad in content, and frequently not fully researched. It is felt that in future we should concentrate on fewer resolutions, of a more specific nature, and that specialist assistance be sought prior to presenting them. Finally, such resolutions should be pursued, to see that some notice is taken of them.

#### State

Education. Mention has already been made to the emphasis which this Division places on its total educational thrust. I feel that it is important that all our activities will draw the attention of an ever increasing number of organisations to the important work carried on within the UN System.

## Activities (contd)

In this regard our Division has been active in all the traditional avenues, namely Newsletters (where we are grateful for the continued help which Mr Arthur Mortimer gives, as Editor, in the very large task of sifting and selecting material) and Meetings, both lunch time and evening.

We consider that the work in schools is one of our most important tasks, and warrants fuller development. There are three main areas of activity. The school packs (which go to affiliated schools), the National Hammarskjold Memorial Inter-Schools' Conference, and the State Inter-Schools' Conference. Students from South Australia participated in the May 1972 National Conference, with the theme 'The Human Environment'. A highly successful one-day State Conference was held at the end of second term at Girvan Girls' School, on the same topic. The decision was made in 1973 not to participate in the National Conference in Sydney. Instead, we decided to spend the money on running a more extensive State Conference, on a residential basis, and with the aim of attracting more country students. South Australia has also accepted the responsibility of running the 1974 National Hammarskjold Memorial Inter-Schools' Conference. The Executive hopes that it will be in a position to subsidise our State residential conference, particularly towards increasing country student participation. We consider such money well spent, not lost.

As in past years we have participated in the celebration of major U.N. occasions, such as UN Day, World Children's Day, and World Health Day. Our contribution for Human Rights in 1972 was in co-operation with Amnesty International and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in staging a photographic and documentary exhibition on "Freedom" in the State Library, North Terrace.

Members have accepted requests to go to organisations as speakers, and our office is constantly involved in dealing with a wide range of enquiries on UN and its Agencies. We are also interested in expanding the sales of UN publications. It is anticipated that the operation of our proposed reading room and library will lead to a greater level of subscription to the many excellent periodicals published by UN and by its Agencies.

The reading room/library project is considered to be an important new venture. We feel that it is most important to encourage all, within and outside the membership, to read widely on UN affairs. We shall be looking forward to support, also from within and outside our membership, in the operation of this new venture.

We are most fortunate in South Australia to have the Department of Adult Education Radio Station (University of Adelaide), which is prepared to make time available for the broadcasting of UN material. In this regard, as in so many others also, we have to thank Professor Alex Castles. We are all looking forward to seeing on our bookshelves the book written by Professor Castles which is currently in press. The book deals with Australia and the UN. This book, when published, will fill a very urgent need on the Australian scene.

Membership.

The Executive Committee, as stated earlier, has had a Membership Committee. Generally, however, this committee has not succeeded. It is the view of many that this is an area that is best dealt with in other ways. We would prefer that people and organisations be attracted to UNAA for the areas of concern with which they are associated. Membership for the year stands at:

Individual Members	203
Life Members	2
Junior Members	7
Corporate Member	34
Business Members	3
Affiliated Schools	162

Report on UNICEF (by Mrs D.M. Marles, State Director, ANCU, Vice-President, S.A. Division, U.N.A.A.)

This has been quite a busy year for the S.A. Committee and also a most successful one.

During the October holiday weekend Open Days were held at David Thomson Nurseries, and proceeds from the sale of plants, afternoon teas and donations were \$501.52. I would like to extend our very sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Thomson and staff for their untiring efforts on behalf of UNICEF.

World Children's Day was even more successful this year than in the past, and although this has been fairly widely reported, I would like to highlight some of the activities.

UNICEF worked in conjunction with the Save the Children Fund in producing a poster and information material for distribution throughout South Australian schools. Many schools held special luncheons, plays, puppet shows, etc. within their own schools, some of which were held as fund raisers, to help the world's children through UNICEF, while others concentrated on learning about the problems and cultures of children in developing countries.

At Arndale Shopping Centre special W.C.D. UNICEF displays were held and the children of two local schools exhibited arts and crafts, along with giving drama, musical and poetry items as well as dancing in national costumes.

The largest celebration for the day was held in the City Cross where seven primary schools presented a magnificent four hours' entertainment for shoppers and visitors. Their items all centred around the world's children and included playlets, music, dialogues, mime and even a nursery rhyme presented in both English and Italian. We were very pleased to have children from the South Australian School for Deaf and Blind Children (Townsend House) join us this year, and they gave a truly delightful interlude entitled "Music of the world around the Harp".

We received excellent coverage from Press, Television and Radio, and I would like to express the appreciation of UNICEF for this, as it is through the media that the work and meaning of UNICEF reaches the South Australian people.

In September a UNICEF Show was held in the Unley Town Hall, with many Australian and National groups taking part. This raised \$476.28. Originally this show was planned for August, with a tremendous amount of work being put into the production. It was a great pity it had to be postponed at the last minute because of a petrol dispute, for this meant a change of venue and of course additional expenses to UNICEF and problems and extra rehearsals for participants.

Once again our special appreciation to all who worked for, or participated in the UNICEF Show to make it the success it was.

Our last function of the year was Yogi Bear's Birthday Party for children, which was held at the Arndale Arndale Shopping Centre. This was not a great success, but all who attended enjoyed themselves. The party was held in conjunction with the Woodville Apex Club who were working for the Western Community Hospital. There were many cartoon characters present including Yogi Bear, Boo Boo Bear, Ranger Smith and others, along with a puppet show. The weather was extremely hot and unpleasant, which we feel was the reason for the small attendance.

Greeting cards and calendar/diaries were very popular this year and sales were considerably up on those of 1971. When figures were discussed at the recent ANCU Board Meeting I was surprised to see that South Australia appeared to be the only State with increased sales.

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UNICEF Report by Mrs Marles (contd)

Our 1972 figures were \$11,600 against \$9,396 for 1971. There were 7,022 boxes of cards sold and 2,201 calendar/diaries.

For the first time this year we sold a Wall Calendar produced by the United States Committee for UNICEF which proved to be quite popular, and all 150 ordered were sold. These will be on sale again for 1974 and will include a painting by an Aboriginal child from South Australia. Mini-Birthday Cards and Birth Announcement Cards will also be added to the range.

In conclusion may I thank all who helped in the distribution of brochures, sale of cards or publicity during the Greeting Card Season and we look forward to your support again next season.

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#### Special UN Years and Associated Activities

International Book Year was remembered during our Annual General Meeting, 1972, when our Guest Speaker's Address was "Books as Ambassadors". The topic of Racism and Racial Discrimination has been widely discussed in groups, especially Church Groups. These groups have also been interested in DD<sub>2</sub>, i.e. Development Decade No. 2, together with the broad theme of the Human Environment. The Action for World Development Programme conducted during 1972 has been largely responsible for much of this continuing interest in these UN System Programmes.

Interest is already developing in the next Special Year Programme, namely World Population Year.

#### Conclusion

May I thank members of the Executive Committee, our Secretary Mrs C. Hood, the auditors, and members of our Association for their help during the year. My particular thanks go to the Conveners of Committees and the other two members of the "consultation group" that was appointed by the Executive during the year to act between Executive Meetings when this was necessary, - Mrs B. Pickhaver and Professor A. Castles. Finally, due to the sudden sickness of our secretary, I wish to thank specially Mrs S Barnes for the very ready and willing way in which she volunteered to take over the secretary's duties, and to carry them out with such enthusiasm. Those who have visited the office during March, April and May will have noted her "activity". This represents the beginning of more changes to come, including an extension of the hours during which the office will be open.

(Dr) J.H. Bray  
President.



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FINAL ACCOUNTS, BALANCE SHEETS AND SUPPORTING SCHEDULES FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1973

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL ACCOUNTINCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/73

1971/72		1972/73
	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
679	Individual	516.00
205	Corporate	240.00
263	Associate Corporate	<u>281.00</u>
		1037.00
66	Donations	27.35
17	Profit on Luncheons	1.50
	Publications - Sales	1054.27
379	Purchases	813.10
18	Interest	52.67
1593	Commission on Sale of UNICEF Cards	2189.88
56	Repayment of Loan to UNICEF (SA)	NIL
1025	Federal Subsidy	743.00
(56)	Sundries	59.64
		<u>4352.21</u>
<u>4245</u>		

NOTE: Subscriptions received of \$1037.00 include \$86.00 for subscriptions paid in advance for the year ending 31st March 1974.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL ACCOUNT

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EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/73

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1971/72		1972/73
2103	Salaries	1972.50
415	Rent	495.00
474	Printing and Stationery	324.79
488	Postage and Telephone	541.66
-	Expenditure on S.A. Schools Conference	13.50
297	Expenditure on Interstate Schools Conference	153.00
28	Contribution to Federal Conference	231.94
31	Insurance	9.11
109	Publicity for World Children's Day	--
--	Publicity for UN Week	28.56
100	Depreciation	90.00
200	Surplus for Year	492.15
<u>4245</u>		<u>4352.21</u>

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL ACCOUNTBALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/73

1972

CURRENT ASSETS

2327	Cash at Bank	2911.68
14	Cash in Hand	11.90
30	Deposit with ETSA	30.00
<u>2371</u>		<u>2953.58</u>

FIXED ASSETS (at cost less depreciation)

896	Furniture and Fittings	806.00
<u>3267</u>		<u>3759.58</u>

THE ABOVE ASSETS ARE REPRESENTED BY:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

3067	Balance as at 1.4.72	3267.43
200	Add Surplus for year	492.15
<u>3267</u>	Balance as at 31/3/73	<u>3759.58</u>

DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/73Office Furniture and Equipment

Depreciated Value at 1/4/72	896.00
Additions for Year Ended 31/3/73	NIL
	<u>896.00</u>
Less Depreciation at 10% p.a.	90.00
	<u>806.00</u>

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UNICEF ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/73

Balance in Bank 31/3/72		466.57
Sale of cards and calendars		13776.51
Donations		4358.71
Friends of UNICEF		7.00
Postages Received		105.86
Interest Received		100.35
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		18815.00
 <u>Less Payments</u>		
Remittances to H.Q.		
Cards and Calendars	11660.55	
Donations	4358.71	
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		16019.26
Remittances to UNAA (SA Division)		
Postages	105.86	
Commission on Cards	2182.88	
Friends of UNICEF	7.00	
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		2295.74
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		18315.00
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		500.00
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The Balance of Funds held at 31/3/73 comprises the following

Balance in Bank 31/3/72	466.57	
Plus amount retained from funds raised	33.43	
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Funds held by S.A. Committee for UNICEF		500.00
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