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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (Incorporated)

PATRON His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-General
Sir Donald Dunstan, KBE ,CB.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 1989 - 1990

<u>PRESIDENT;</u>	Mrs Heather Southcott
<u>VICE-PRESIDENTS</u>	Mrs. Stewart Barnes Mrs. Janet Wood Mr. John Crawford
<u>HONORARY SECRETARY</u>	Miss Vonnie Fee
<u>HONORARY TREASURER</u>	Mr Geoff Purdie
<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</u> (Individual)	Ms. Annabel Digance Ms. Ann Ryan Mr Arnold Cielens Ms Wendy Holden (subject to consent; unavailable) Ms Heather Crosby (subject to consent; unavailable)
<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS</u> (Corporate)	Australian Federation of University Women (Ms Cheryl Kadinsky) Australian Labor Party (Mr Gary Hevey) Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Mrs Cynthia James) Women's International Zionist Organisation (Mrs Hilde Hines) Zonta International
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<u>HONORARY AUDITOR</u>	Mr David Beecher
<u>HONORARY LIBRARIAN</u>	Mrs. Kath Fuller
<u>HONORARY BOOK-KEEPER</u>	Mrs Jean Downes
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<u>PEACE AND DISARM-</u> <u>AMENT COMMITTEE</u>	Mrs Heather Southcott (Convener)
<u>STATUS OF WOMEN</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u>	Mrs Heather Crosby (Chairperson)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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OVERVIEW

This has again been a demanding year for me, carrying the dual roles of State and President. My term as Federal President ends in September. We have received increased recognition at both State and Federal levels for our ability to reach community members through our networking and through our working in cooperation with other organisations. A good deal of my time was spent in carrying out responsibilities accepted for the International Indigenous Women's Conference, as we accepted grants (as an incorporated body) on their behalf and therefore became involved in administering the grants and payment for staff. This role should wind down over the next few months. Also, my supervisory role of a part-time worker for the Decade for Peace Register ended in December, as our grant was not renewed.

Highlights of the year have been the consistent work of our committees; I pay tribute to Julie Herraman for her leadership of UNYA and to the ongoing effectiveness of the Status of Women Committee and the Peace and Disarmament c/tee.

International Literacy Year has seen us involved through membership of the State Committee in planning a series of forums and in preparation of State Policy for an ongoing literacy programme. UNAA has additionally used \$2500 of its grant from the Norman Percy Cole Trust to assist Service to Youth Council in its literacy and numeracy program with long-term unemployed young people.

Apart from the small group of dedicated volunteers and executive members, there has been little active involvement by members. Several of our executive members have been unable to continue and those who remain still travel a great deal. We have regretfully had to accept that Geoff Purdie cannot continue in his role as Treasurer through changes in his work location but welcome his willingness to continue as Auditor. We have been unable to find an accountant to accept the position of Treasurer -- not an onerous position, as due to the meticulous work of our book-keeper Jean Downes, the Treasurer is usually only called on to draw up financial reports when required.

Like many other organisations, we find it difficult to attract numbers to our meetings. However, it appears that the informal lunchtime meetings or after-work meetings with special guests meet the needs of a number of members.

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES

Multicultural Forum My involvement enables me to become informed on a range of issues and to reflect many of our concerns informally.

Development Education Group has joined with World Workshop to form the S.A. Development Education Centre. Ann Ryan represents us.

Childrens Week Committee is a very active one; Stewart Barnes has represented us on this committee for many years.

Shelter SA I am a member of this board which aims to improve public housing for the community in line with UN policy.

One World Collective This group of five from the bodies who lease the 1st floor at 155 Pirie Street have renewed the lease on a three months notice on both sides basis. There is no likelihood of us being asked to leave in the near future. We are still exploring long term solutions for like-minded community groups.

Refugee Week Committee plans for the observance in June to raise awareness of refugees. The 1989 outcome is the move to set up a rehabilitation centre for torture and trauma victims.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive continued to meet monthly, with somewhat reduced numbers. Not all positions were filled, and some members had difficulty in attending meetings due to work or travel commitments. The contribution of Vonnie Fee as secretary and as a support to the president has been most significant. We regret Geoff Purdie's resignation as treasurer, but thank him for his cheerful acceptance of the position over the past few years.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE was held in Canberra in September 1989. The theme was "U.N. IN ACTION". South Australia was represented by Heather Southcott, Stewart Barnes and Charles Hume. Highlights included the Evatt Memorial Oration presented by Richard Woolcott (Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) at the new Parliament House, and the highly successful dinner at the Canberra Club where Jack Thompson presented the Media Peace Awards.

GRANTS We acknowledge with thanks the grant of \$3000 from State Government (this figure has not been increased since 1979); also some assistance with surplus office furniture. The grant of \$4500 from the Norman Percy Cole Trust has enabled us to continue our development education work with young people and also to assist Service to Youth Council in its literacy work with unemployed young people.

TAXATION As a result of changes to the constitution made at the last AGM, we have now been granted exemptions from the payment of income tax.

VISITORS We have been delighted to work with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to bring together a groups of community representatives to hear from visitors from the Department, and also to meet with other interesting people brought to our notice from time to time.

- Senator Gareth Evans Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade addressed a public meeting in March 1990 organised and chaired by UNAA (SA)
- Dr Robert Merrillees of the International Branch of F.A. & T. addressed a luncheon held at Parliament House, as did Mr Geoff Forrester and Mr John Dauth also from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- Ms Sue Boyd former High Commissioner in Bangladesh and now F.A. & T Media and Parliamentary section, addressed an evening reception.
- Dr Ramphele a black South African woman doctor will be guest at a dinner for representatives from women's groups in May; Women and Children in Poverty theme.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows We acknowledge the ongoing support of IOOF in sending a member of UNYA on the Peace Pilgrimage to the United Nations in July. Harriet Glen was selected in 1989 - the fifth student to be sent. We were delighted that IOOF decided to continue this project in 1990.

Annual General Meeting 1989 was held at lunchtime on Sunday May 28th. Several minor constitutional changes were made to enable us to apply for exemption from income tax. Three resolutions were selected for Federal Conference. Arnold Cielens made an impassioned plea for support for the hearing and visually impaired. The speaker was Sergeant Ken Smith, President of the UN Civilian Police Association in SA, spoke on the police role in the Peace-Keeping Forces in Cyprus.

UNICEF We continue to maintain links through selling of Cards and through some of our members attending their Annual General Meeting.

Library and Research Service We are still indebted to our volunteer librarian and her "Wednesday support team" for maintaining our library and for the infinite pains they go to to find our answers to most unlikely questions.

PUBLIC MEETING The South Australian Representative of the Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Gerald Harding, addressed a meeting on the Indigenous Peoples of South America. This was held in the Commonwealth Centre Theatre.

Activities/ Observances

- World Health Day Served as a member of a coordinating committee which offered support to a group of young secondary students who organised a Youth Environment Statement Rally. President also took part in a radio interview and chaired a meeting organised by the Latin American Support committee, at which the speaker was Dr Juan Almanades from Honduras.
- National Refugee Week; helped to plan, publicise and attended events .
- Namibia Day and Elimination of Racial Discrimination Observances
Worked with SACARE and ANC/SWAPO groups in publicising events.
- Universal Children's Day and Children's Week in S.A. Member of planning committee ;publicised events; attended functions
- Human Rights Week- Dr Merrillees from F.A. & T. speaker on UN General Assembly
- International Women's Day Joined with other women to celebrate.
- Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women Our Status of Women c/ttee co-sponsored the visit of Justice Elizabeth Evatt
- Palm Sunday Rally supported planners; stall at Fair/ information/posters
- Defence Children International attending meetings (with view to formation in SA
- Lunchtime Meetings As well as those already listed (visitors and public meetings) we were addressed by Captain Lyn McDade who had recently returned from Namibia. Also a small group met with Val Ferguson from Quaker Service in U.K.
- Christmas Party for volunteers and executive members

VOLUNTEER STAFF Appreciation and thanks to the continuing work of our staff, without whom we could not operate. Starting at the beginning of the week; Doug Coombs, Jean Downes, Barbara Godson, Kath Fuller, Vonnie Fee, Molly Hopkins, Mabs Tassell, Judy Ashton and to those who have 'filled in ' on occasions; Cynthia James, Ron Hall, Heather Southcott, Stewart Barnes, Charles Hume. We also welcome a new volunteer, Jo Bennetts.

INVITATIONS Amongst those accepted were ;

- several ILY functions, including launch of seminar program.
- observance of centenary of Ho Chi Minh's birth (Aust/Vietnam Assoc.lunch
- meeting addressed by Tibetan woman on human rights abuses in Tibet
- lunchtime meeting with Derek Wellman from CND in UK
- Visit of Joe Kapunda
- Australia Day Mass in St Francis Xavier Cathedral
- One World or None - functions, including visit of Katherine Focke
- Opening of Macedonian Photographic Display
- Radio interview with Jane Hardy (OSB) on UN Volunteers Day
- launch of booklet by Children's Interest Bureau
- display and sales of material at 'Our Common Future' seminar at S.A.I.T.
- meeting addressed by World President of Amnesty International
- lunch with President of WIZO (World President).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE does not meet as a committee, but the work is carried on by the Wednesday Group supplemented by Ron Hall and Heather Southcott. Main role is preparing material for school packs -the annual one, plus this year a supplementary one in time for World Health Day. Special thanks to Doug Coombs for distribution of packs.

DECADE FOR PEACE REGISTER Helen Mollaghan worked on the register part-time until funding ran out in December. A great deal of information has been meticulously recorded on cards; part is transposed to computer. We need a volunteer to complete the computer transfer and also to respond to correspondence.

APPRECIATION As I prepare this report, I am amazed at the amount we achieve with all volunteers . I would ask all members to express their appreciation to our office staff without whom we could not operate. Also to those who accept responsibility by serving on the executive. Once again, I record my appreciation of the cooperation we receive from other 'residents' of the 1st floor at 155 Pirie Street.

Heather Southcott

President

PEACE & DISARMAMENT

U.N.A.A.(S.A.) PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE

The committee has met bi-monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7.30 at Pirie Street. New members are always welcome. attendances are small but regular; but our fifty -odd members (individual and organisational) receive the Peace Network Calendar produced by Ed Irons. It spreads information about peace and social justice issues, enabling mutual support of events taking place in Adelaide.

We continue to work on Palm Sunday Rally, Decade for Peace Register, Media Peace awards and to encourage the production in S.A. of Peace Child. There were two performances in 1989; one large-scale production by Clapham Primary School and one smaller scale production by Minlaton Primary School.

An introductory Conflict Resolution Workshop for community group members was held in October 1989, and three further workshops are being run in 1990.

We have supported the setting up of the Graham Smith Peace Trust which will support arts or music educational projects as well as solidarity projects. Two members of the committee serve as Trustees.

We have developed closer links with Australian Coalition for Disarmament and Peace and regularly receive information from them as well as news of conferences.

Some members attended briefing sessions given by Dr Peter Dunn on problems posed by Chemical Weapons and the scientific, diplomatic and industrial processes which may meet some of the problems.

We have also continued to work closely with WILPF, supporting their events.

Heather Southcott (Convener)

S.A.F.R.E.

SOUTH AUSTRALIANS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

The group has not met regularly during the year, but individuals continue to work hard in their own capacities. The major activity for the year was encouraging submissions from residents of South Australia to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Enquiry into Racial Violence in Australia.

It also prepared a submission on its own behalf, and some members appeared before the Racial Commissioner during hearings held in Adelaide.

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

There is no longer a formal committee, but Kath Fuller supported mainly by the Wednesday volunteers and Ron Hall have the responsibility for the preparation of the annual School Pack sent to member schools. This year, there was an additional pack sent out with kits from World Health Organisation in time for World Health Day 1990. The assistance of Doug Coombs in the distribution of the packs is much appreciated.



STATUS OF WOMEN



U.N.A.A. (S.A.) STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

Chairperson - Heather Crosby Secretary - Bev Hall

Monthly meetings are well attended by individual members or representatives from women's organisations working for Status of Women..

Much of the time during 1989 was taken up with preparations for the First International Indigenous Women's Conference which was held in Adelaide in July 1989 and attended by about 1200 women. The Conference was a major achievement for women with little or no experience in organising a function of such magnitude. The SWC supported the Aboriginal Women's Working group during the lead up to the conference, and also provided many volunteers during the week-long conference.

In October, Heather Southcott and Valerie Redman organised a Conflict Resolution workshop. Three further workshops are planned for the second half of 1990.

The Committee also took action on a number of issues including--

- discrimination against older women in aspects of superannuation & insurance
- difficulties caused by the removal of Class B widow's pension
- proposed changes to the laws/ guidelines relating to de facto status
- need for more funding for Domestic Violence Prevention Unit
- monitoring the new Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children
- environmental and re-cycling issues
- human rights issues for women in Tibet

SWC was represented at many functions during the year; Bev Hall attended two conferences in Moscow and Tashkent organised by the Soviet Women's Committee.

Guest speakers during the year have included Ada Estepa from the Philippines, who spoke on the situation of women in her country; Joan Brewer, who spoke on the activities of the National Women's Consultative Committee and who presented SWC with an Australian Suffragets Banner Poster, which was framed and presented to NCW War Memorial House committee; Sylvia Kinder, another SA representative on the NWCC, who spoke on "Women and the Politics of Education"; Bev Hall, who reported on the Russian conferences; Coralie Nicholls who reported on the WILPF International conference.

A panel of speakers, including Sister Kate (Catholic Chaplain at Northfield's Women's Prison) Doreen Wargent (WEL) and a former inmate of Northfield spoke on "Women in Prison". Subsequently, the SWC decided to take up the issue as one of major concern. Coralie Nicholls represented us on the planning committee for, and attended the "Prison as a Last Resource Conference" held in November. The committee is now studying the report and deciding what further avenues can be explored.

In December, the SWC together with NWCC representatives, hosted a luncheon and an evening meeting at which Justice Elizabeth Evatt spoke on the Convention to Eliminate all Forms of Discrimination Against Women..

The SWC also took up issues raised by AFUW on the work of the UN Commission on Status of Women, and also supported the signing by Australia of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

SWC has joined with three other women's organisations to plan an Economic Seminar For Women to be held in June.

Following concerns expressed about the position of women from the Philippines coming to Australia a small group met with officials from the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs. We were heartened to hear of recent initiatives taken by both the Australian and Philippines Governments to tighten up procedures. SWC will probably work with the Department in the distribution of information within the community setting out the current facts.

U.N.Y.A.

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

The United Nations Youth Association has been involved in many activities over the past year.

The annual United Nations Youth Conference was held in Perth in July 1989.

South Australia was represented by six delegates;

Anita Butler; Rachel Brockelbank; Wayne Masters; Harriet Glen;

Olivia Halliday and Margaret McClelland.

Julie Herraman and David Krantz accompanied the delegates and also helped to run the conference. Highlights of the week included a reception at Government House, Mock United Nations General Assemblies held in Parliament House, speakers on a wide range of issues and a formal dinner.

UNYA, in conjunction with UNAA, held a Communication Skills Development Course in August 1989, placing a special emphasis on participation by country students. The weekend conference was very successful with many enthusiastic debates taking place amongst the students, after they had heard speakers from the Children's Interest Bureau, the A.B.C. Rural Department and Amnesty International. Over 50 students attended the conference, with twenty coming from country areas.

UNYA also assisted the Rotary Club of Adelaide in the conducting of a Mock United Nations General Assembly at Unley High School in May 1989. This weekend was also successful with approximately fifty students taking part in the debates.

UNYA has again held numerous fundraising events in order to subsidise the travel and accommodation costs of those students who attend the annual Youth Conference. These have included chocolate drives, garage sales and a formal dinner.

UNYA members also took part in the Youth Environment Statement Rally on World Health Day and the Palm Sunday Rally.

The Independent Order of Oddfellows (IOOF) again generously offered to sponsor a UNYA student to attend the annual IOOF Pilgrimage for Youth to the United Nations in New York. This sponsorship is now in its fifth year. The selection process is based on observations of IOOF members at the UNYA camp, at the IOOF picnic, and at various mock UN General Assemblies, as well as participation by students in UNYA's social and fundraising events. Harriet Glen was chosen to represent Australia on the Pilgrimage in 1989.

The selection of delegates to attend the 1990 Youth Conference has taken a different, but unfortunately less successful, format over the past year. It was hoped that many of the students who participated in the Communication Skills Development Course would also attend the UNYA selection camp held in December at O'Sullivan's Beach as well as several follow-up general meetings. Unfortunately, only a handful of students attended the camp and subsequent meetings. In order to boost the awareness of the annual Youth Conference throughout secondary schools, we conducted an essay competition. Yet again, only a few entries. So it has been agreed that we will revert to previous format of holding an introductory meeting in September, as these meetings have often generated interest among the 200 students who attend.

UNYA is currently in the midst of an extremely busy period, as S.A. is hosting the 1990 annual Youth Conference from July 8th - 14th at Nunyara at Belair. The hard working executive committee is making every effort to ensure that the conference is as rewarding and enjoyable for all involved, as those held in previous years.

As a final note, I would like to thank Heather Southcott for her timeless dedication and involvement with UNYA. We could not operate without her help and support.

JULIE HERRAMAN

PRESIDENT UNYA (S.A.)

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1990

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1990

	1990 \$	1989 \$
INCOME		
Subscriptions	5,965	4,970
Donations	145	137
*Publications - Sales	719	1,189
State Government Grant	3,000	3,000
Bank Interest	3,867	2,781
Commission	286	484
Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant	4,250	4,000
Peace Register Project:		
Income	5,080	
<u>Less Paid Out</u>	<u>5,080</u>	
Balance	-	
Human Rights Project:		
Income	36	
<u>Less Paid Out</u>	<u>36</u>	
Balance	-	
	18,232	16,561

* 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 1990

	1990	1989
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Publications - Purchases	2,258	3,369
Commission	233	420
Rent	4,416	3,652
Printing and Stationery	1,596	1,453
Repairs and Maintenance	113	-
Insurance	208	262
Newsletters	1,231	968
Office Expenses	412	477
Telephone	583	679
UNYA	435	-
Sign Rental	-	60
Donations	-	65
Conferences (nett)	320	581
	11,805	11,986
 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
Income	18,232	16,561
Less Expenditure	11,805	11,986
	6,427	4,575
Add Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1989	33,142	28,567
	39,569	33,142
 ACCUMULATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1990	 39,569	 33,142

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1990

	1990	1989
	\$	\$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:	39,568.62	33,141.47
ASSETS		
State Bank of S.A. - General Account	2,248.52	1,331.90
Co-op Share and Investment Accounts	25,224.31	19,043.26
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account	10,707.88	9,637.11
State Bank of S.A. - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Found. Grant)	4,250.00	4,000.00
Cash on Hand	39.80	0.55
Accounts Receivable	569.95	3,290.01
TOTAL ASSETS	43,040.46	37,302.83
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	3,471.84	4,161.36
	3,471.84	4,161.36
NET ASSETS	39,568.62	33,141.47

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1990

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.

..... *H. Southcott*
HEATHER H. SOUTHCOTT
Honorary Treasurer

..... 22/5/89
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 1990, together with the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1990, 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*
GEOFFREY H. PURDIE
Honorary Auditor

Date 22/5/89
Date

Street kids

Barbaco - Perry's Nursery.

1. Adventure seekers - unknown numbers Don't contact welfare

2. Problem solvers - runaways. 1000/yr. reported missing. 1000 lost return home.

1000
1200
20-30 at
2 Tim

3. Refugees. No home to go to. Abusive home. No choice

4. Escapes - from school DCW, police etc.

All have different needs.

Develop relationships - Develop choices. Develop st. lit. inc literacy.

Projects - Options project. Develop st. lit. inc literacy. Assessment methods relevant to young people from wide range of backgrounds.

William Glasser - head world to real world. To help young people to see where they are & where they want to be

Apple Macs - to juggle words etc. Develop broad sheet for desk top publishing.

Teach kids modern skills - numeracy. Option project 4-10 hrs courses - Hindley St. Numeracy

of literacy skills, laugh - Use buddy system Develop self confidence. eg provide letter service to nursing homes, old people etc. Also course in hospitality. - where house etc

- Help young people
- 1. Develop literacy
- 2. Desk top publishes
- 3. Create options.

Street work brings kids in. 1 pair + other volunteers

After kids find other kids. Street work is slow process.

TAP 500/month. March. Halved in May.

Age - from 10 up.

Roughcuts - in northern suburbs - record, video set skills.

sync - NGO. Gov funded. Relationships DCW, police etc Feb - March. Young people interstate for small grants.

Was in ideas. Peaks & troughs. Free transport not relevant

UNRA - lobbying. Bring up questions in other forums.

Highlight good things.