



DECLINE IN AID FOR PALESTINIANS

In testimony on May 24, 1974, before the Senate Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the Appropriations Committee, Dr. Laurence Michelmore, former Commissioner-General of UNRWA and current Vice Chairman of the ANERA Board, remarked, "In the last ten years, countries other than the United States and the United Kingdom have increased their contributions (to UNRWA) nearly tenfold. The United States' contribution is still at about the level of ten years ago, and the purchasing power of the contribution is considerably less." Dr. Michelmore noted that if the American donation to UNRWA is not increased, "it will represent less than 23% of the amount needed from governments in 1975."

Dr. Michelmore emphasized the "special responsibilities" of the United States "in the search for peace in the

Middle East." He underscored "the importance of having the United States continue to provide major financial support to UNRWA and, in the present circumstances, of increasing United States support very significantly."

In concluding his remarks, Dr. Michelmore observed: "A breakdown in UNRWA services to the refugees would be a tragedy for them, a threat to stability in the countries of the Middle East, and a major handicap to efforts to secure peace in that area. A truly generous contribution by the United States to assure the continuation of essential services to the refugees, and to re-establish UNRWA finances on a sound basis would be in accordance with United States interests."

In the Foreign Assistance Act for fiscal year 1975, the Nixon Administration is requesting a contribution of

\$23.2 million for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the U.N. organization which oversees the Palestinian refugee camps. The proposed 1975 contribution represents a decline in U.S. support of UNRWA.

In 1974, the American donation was \$25.2 million: \$16.3 million in cash and \$8.9 million in wheat, wheat flour, and ocean freight. In 1975, the U.S. contribution to UNRWA will be made entirely in cash.

The \$2 million decrease proposed for 1975 is the amount which was specifically designated for vocational and technical training in 1974 (See Newsletter Number 25 for details).

At the present time there are no active proposals within Congress or the Nixon Administration to increase the appropriation for UNRWA during fiscal year 1975.

TERRORISM IN LEBANON

"State terrorism is even more deplorable than individual terrorism," said John Richardson, President of ANERA, commenting on news accounts of massive attacks by Israeli warplanes against Palestinian refugee camps in the South of Lebanon. He said that while all civilian deaths are to be condemned, "The use of terror as an instrument of state policy represents the greatest threat to civilian populations" because of the forces available to states and not to individuals. All governments, including the state of Israel, who are parties to the 1949

Geneva Civilian Convention have agreed that terrorism by governments is prohibited. Richardson noted that the Palestinian refugees, "the original victims of the Middle East conflict, suffer again and again for sins they never committed."

Reportedly, \$14 million has been pledged by the governments of Lebanon, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia for relief efforts in Lebanon. It is estimated that this amount will be sufficient to physically restore villages and refugee camps recently destroyed by the Government of Israel.

FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS

In November, 1973, ANERA donated \$40,000.00 to the Syrian Red Crescent Society for war-relief efforts among Syrian civilians.

At the suggestion of Dr. Chawkat Chatti, President of the Syrian Red Crescent Society, these funds will be used for the construction of two or three junior elementary schools (kindergarten through approximately third grade in the American system) for refugees from the Kuneitra area. Dr. Chatti explained that the urgent problems of the civilians displaced by the War of 1973 had been met immediately by the Government of Syria.

The schools will be constructed with both the ANERA grant and a gift of \$5,000 from the Friends Service Committee to the Syrian Red Crescent Society. Land and other items will be donated by the government of Syria or by the Government of the local municipality in which the school is located. The schools will be established under the auspices of the Red Crescent Society.

***ANERA is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to increase total assistance in cash and kind from American sources to Palestinian Arab refugees and other needy individuals in the Middle East;**

to be responsive in crises affecting civilian populations in the area, particularly displacement and casualties caused by war; and to increase American understanding of the Palestinian refugee problem.

REHYDRATION NUTRITION CENTERS



One of the greatest causes of death among Palestinian refugee infants is gastro-enteritis which results in dehydration, an inability to retain fluids or foods and is often associated with malnutrition. In rehydration/nutrition center, the specific treatment administered daily to sick infants consists of drugs to overcome the infection and a salt (electrolyte) solution which helps to restore the fluid and chemical balance of the body. A special menu is provided for convalescing infants to restore a satisfactory level of nutrition. Mothers are advised on home treatment and taught how to prevent recurrence.

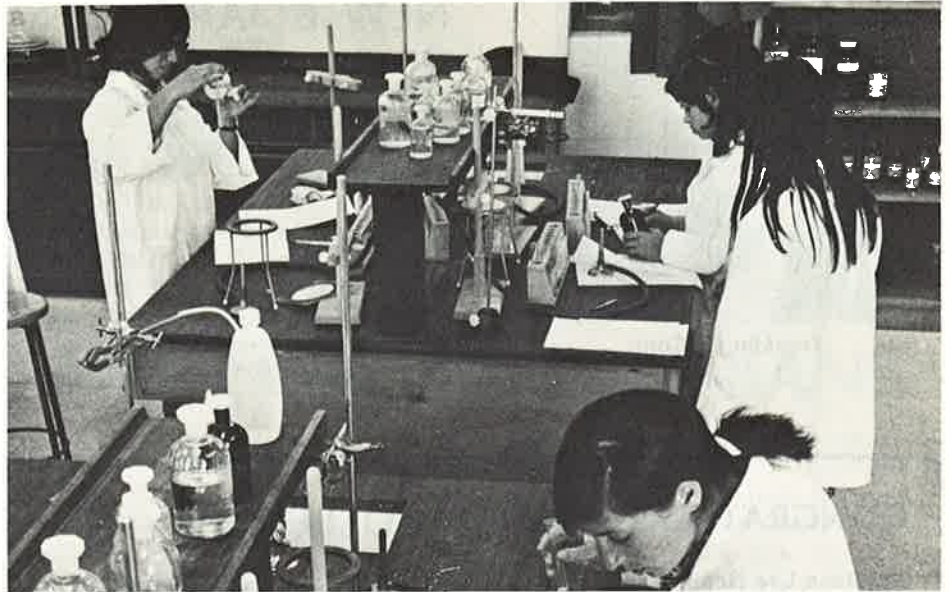
The Jebel Hussein Rehydration/Nutrition Unit serves the Palestinian refugees and displaced persons living in the Jebel Hussein UNRWA camp near Amman, Jordan. It comprises an outpatient clinic, maternal clinic, infant health clinic, and a 10-cot rehydration/nutrition unit. The infant health clinic and 10-cot rehydration/nutrition unit have been constructed and operated with funds made available by NEED, AMER, and ANERA. During 1973 at the Jebel Hussein Rehydration/Nutrition Unit, 64 patients were admitted for gastro-enteric disorders and malnutrition - all responded to treatment and survived.



ANERA'S TOP TEN

From fiscal year 1968 to fiscal year 1973, the following organizations received the largest cumulative grant funds from ANERA:

Organization	Amount
UNRWA	\$92,100
Birzeit College	\$40,000
YMCA of Jerusalem	\$23,000
World Alliance of YMCA's	\$20,000
YWCA of Jerusalem	\$15,000
Dar Al-Awlad	\$14,000
Gaza College	\$13,000
Dar El Tifl	\$13,000
University of Jordan	\$13,000
Industrial Islamic Orphanage	\$12,000



Teacher trainees at the Amman Training Centre study chemistry. This centre, located near Amman, Jordan, has a capacity of 560 teacher trainees (320 men and 240 women) plus an additional 156 women in related vocational training programs.

EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES

Education and vocational training are of critical importance to the Palestinian refugees. The greatest single problem in providing these is lack of funds. If the current UNRWA financial crisis is not met, it is most likely that a significant reduction in educational services within the refugee camps will be necessary.

In cooperation with UNRWA, ANERA has a special program for those interested in investing in education for the Palestinian refugees. Sixty dollars provides a scholarship for a child to attend elementary school for one year. Eight hundred dollars provides a scholarship for a refugee youth to attend a vocational or teacher training program for one year. Each donor receives information directly from UNRWA about the child or youth receiving the donor's scholarship.

In October, 1974, the current school year will end. **At the present time, 101 ANERA donors (including all the members of the ANERA AMER West Coast Medical Subcommittee) and 14 ANERA donors (including Pal-Aid International and the Cambridge Chapter of ANERA) are providing 20 vocational and teacher training scholarships.** Those wishing to participate in this program are urged to complete and send a check and the enclosed form to the ANERA office.



This Palestinian child is studying the Arabic "ABC's". The subject of this lesson the word "el malfouf" ("the cabbage" in English). The photo was taken at the Ein El Tel elementary school near Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible scholarship donation for:

\$60 elementary _____ \$800 vocational _____ Other _____

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Franklin C. Cook was born February 13, 1944, in Los Angeles, California. In 1967, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Occidental College in Los Angeles. Mr. Cook completed post-graduate work in business and psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

From June, 1969, until the present, Mr. Cook has been the Legislative As-

sistant to Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Or). He is a member of the Board of Directors for the following companies which are based in Southern California: Cook Brothers Equipment Company; Challenge-Cook Brothers, Inc.; Challenge-Cook Brothers of Ohio, Inc.; and Community Bank. Mr. Cook divides his time between Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Rosa Lee Nemir was recently awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree by Colgate University. Dr. Nemir is Professor of Pediatrics at New York University, a former President of the American Medical Women's Association, and a member of the AMER Medical Committee of ANERA.

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