

NEWS LETTER

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

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FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Looking back . . .

Concerned Americans founded ANERA in 1968, in response to the needs of Palestinians after the Six Day War. ANERA served as a vehicle for the channeling of emergency relief to Palestinian refugees. The last fifteen years have witnessed three additional wars and much community disruption. Throughout this all too frequent upheaval, ANERA has continued to provide relief, helping to set up emergency medical clinics and supplying needed medical equipment and medicine.

In its first full year of operation, ANERA's budget was \$96,130. The projected budget for Fiscal Year 1984 is \$1,609,584. But budgetary growth is only part of the change ANERA has experienced. With time, ANERA has evolved from an organization solely concerned with the provision of immediate relief services to one concerned with the long term development needs



July, 1967: Former ANERA President John Richardson helps a Palestinian family fleeing across the badly damaged Allenby Bridge into Jordan.



of Palestinian communities. In addition to helping local institutions provide social services, ANERA assists them in projects that create jobs and raise income levels. ANERA has provided partial funding of the initial costs of projects and the indigenous institutions, through their own resources, provide the balance and the operating costs. This assistance has allowed us to see many successful undertakings—the reclamation of land, vocational training, establishment of new clinics, schools and businesses—that have resulted in the improvement of daily life for the Palestinians and, we hope, offer the chance of a better future.

We are grateful to our 27,000 donors who have helped make ANERA's work possible. Since 1968, ANERA has provided nearly \$11 million in cash grants and in-kind donations to over 100 health, education, and community and economic development projects in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Lebanon. This issue of the newsletter contains a glimpse of ANERA's work over the last fifteen years.

ANERA's Middle East Representative for the last seven years, Henry Selz, stands at the door of our East Jerusalem office.



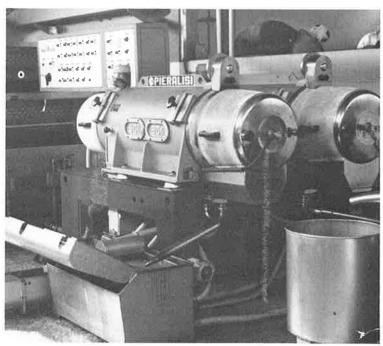
Palestinian elementary school children in East Jerusalem receive scholarship aid from ANERA.



This picture was taken during the invasion of Lebanon, 1982 when ANERA shipped \$350,000 in medical supplies to that country.



In 1983, ANERA undertook assistance to the Kafa'at Rehabilitation Center in Beirut, Lebanon, which provides vocational training for disabled children.



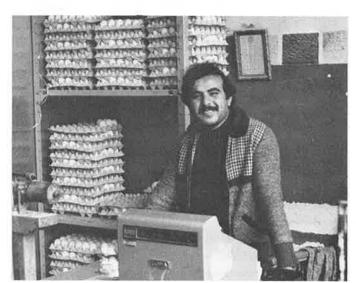
An olive press cooperative at Eln Sinyeh on the West Bank uses equipment, partially funded by ANERA, for the bottling of olive oil.



ANERA helped the Sun Day Care Center in Gaza to establish its training program for mild to moderately mentally retarded children in 1976.



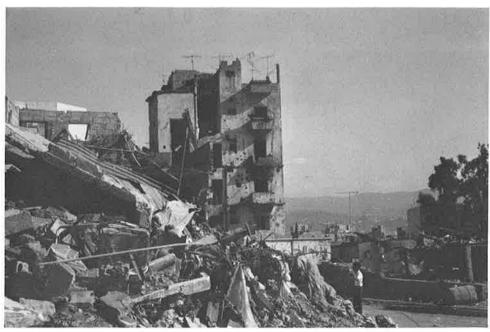
Water pipes from ANERA were used for new sewers in poor neighborhoods in Gaza.



A new feed plant at the Ramallah Poultry Cooperative increased productivity and income for the farmers.



An example of a modern irrigation system, such as the one at Nazla Sharqiya, which ANERA helped install.



Destruction in West Beirut, 1982.

ANERA has received special gifts in memory of the following people:

Miss Henrietta Collings ■ Willard Jones ■ Julia E. Lee ■ Joseph J. Malone ■ Vincent J. Mulhern ■ Mrs. Elizabeth W. Taylor ■ Mrs. M. N. Wachs ■ United States Marines who died in Beirut.

ANERA has received gifts in honor of the following people:

ANERA ■ David Dodge ■ Palestinian refugees.

In addition, ANERA has received a gift in birthday tribute to:

Joseph Harb.

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