PROJECT
"LOVING CARE"

Since our last Newsletter, an idea has come to our attention which we wish to pass along to you with our heartiest endorsement. The idea is a plan to have Americans sponsor Palestinian refugee children in Jerusalem who have lost the breadwinner in their family. It is called Project Ryaat, (loving care).

Project Ryaat works much like the Foster Parent Plan which became famous after the Second World War. Each sponsor is asked to pledge a minimum of $10 a month for a period of at least three months. In return, the sponsor will receive a picture of the child and regular reports on his or her development.

The Project grew out of the attempts by Mr. Reja-e Busailah, an English teacher at the University of Indiana, and his wife, to adopt children from among the Palestinian refugees. Mr. Busailah and his wife quickly realized how much of the personal element was missing from donations to causes, no matter how worthy. As Mr. Busailah wrote to us, "It is hoped that by this approach (Project Ryaat) some kind of personal involvement would be created between the sponsor and the sponsored that should lead to a variety of necessarily salutary consequences."

ANERA couldn't agree with Mr. Busailah more. This is your opportunity to get involved in a very personal way without emptying the family treasury. We urge all of you who read this to use the application blank in this Newsletter and apply for a sponsorship as soon as possible. You and a refugee child in Jerusalem will both be the better for it.

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65 ANERA SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

Just within the last two weeks, ANERA has made two new grants to add to its growing list of contributions to aid the refugees. The larger grant is $35,000 to UNRWA for vocational training scholarships. This money will provide 65 scholarships.

While this is ANERA's first cash grant to UNRWA for scholarships, it is not ANERA's first effort to aid in the education of refugees. In June of this year, more than $27,000 of a total of $111,130 went to education.

In addition to the grant for education, $5,000 has been allocated to buy badly needed dental X-ray equipment for Dr. Lamieh Baraqaq, a UNRWA staff member, who works in the Zerqa Health Centre at the Zerqa Refugee Camp in Zerqa, Jordan. The dental centre will serve more than 50,000 refugees.

This brings the amount of money granted by ANERA to more than $160,000.

ARABIC COOKBOOK FOR SALE

The Seattle chapter of ANERA has told us that they are raising money for their local chapter by selling an Arabic cookbook for $2.50. They get the cookbook from a San Francisco area women's organization called Najda for a one dollar donation to Najda's scholarship fund for Arab refugees. ANERA Seattle reports that they have been able to sell the cookbooks quite easily. Further, they point out, the cookbooks make a part of Arab culture available to the persons not familiar with it. ANERA chapters or individuals interested in making a similar arrangement with Najda should write Mrs. Annette Kubbah at the address below.

Mrs. Annette Kubbah  
11 Ridgewood Drive  
San Rafael, Calif. 94901  
Tel: 415-454-4885

Carpentry is among the trade courses offered at UNRWA's Damascus Vocational Training Center. ANERA scholarship grants will aid UNRWA in giving training to 65 young refugees.

CLOTHING FOR REFUGEES NEEDED

Over the past year ANERA has received many requests for information about sending used clothing to the Palestinian refugees. We in turn have contacted several organizations which ship clothing in order to pass the information along to you.

All the organizations make certain requirements concerning the condition of the clothing which they will accept. Basically, they require that the clothing be ready to wear on arrival. This means that it should be in good repair with no buttons missing, and should be clean and pressed.

The names of the receiving organizations, their addresses, and some information about them are below:

The Mennonite Central Committee has three collection points in the United States. They are: Ephrata Clothing Center, 150 West Fulton Street, Ephrata, Pa. 17522; North Newton Clothing Center, Box 235, North Newton, Kansas 67117; Reedley Clothing Center, Box 168, Reedley, Calif. 93654. ANERA has copies of their instructions available or you may write to them direct. ANERA suggests that you specify that the clothing is for the "Jordan East Bank MCC Director" as they also ship to Algeria and Korea.

American Friends Service Committee cannot accept shipments of clothing earmarked for a specific place, but they do ship to the Middle East and would be happy to accept contributions to their general stock. They are in particular need of warm clothing for men and school-age children. The address is: American Friends Service Committee, 23rd and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

Lutheran World Relief, Inc. also cannot accept general adult clothing earmarked for the Middle East. They are limiting their general appeal to children's clothing for this year and are running a special project for children's clothing for the Middle East. It is called "Project Dorcas." It involves buying pre-cut cloth from LWF and sewing it to make the clothing. For information write: Dorcas Project, Lutheran World Relief, Inc., New Windsor, Maryland 21776.

Church World Service also collects clothing but usually through church organizations. They suggest that you get further information through your local parish.

Catholic Relief Services does not collect clothing on a year-round basis. They make one appeal between Thanksgiving

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Dr. Davis Makes Second Trip for ANERA

ANERA President Dr. John H. Davis left on September 11th for a fact-finding mission to the Middle East with stops in Europe for public addresses. The purpose of the trip is to take a first-hand look at the refugee problem, particularly since winter is coming on. During the trip, he plans to visit Lebanon, Jordan, the U.A.R., Syria and the occupied territories, where he will also evaluate projects being considered for future ANERA grants.

En route to the Near East, Dr. Davis delivered a major address at the British Labor Party Conference at Brighton, England. The invitation to speak was extended by the Anglo-Jordan Alliance, whose members are Labor M.P.'s, Miss Margaret McKay, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. John Ryan and Mr. David Ensor.

Dr. Davis will return to this country in time to speak at the 300th anniversary of The Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts on October 26th.

ANERA HOSTS FALL CONFERENCE

ANERA will host a Fall Conference on Arab Refugee Relief in New York on November 6th and 7th. This meeting is being held at the request of the fourteen church-related and other voluntary organizations who attended a similar conference in Washington in July. The New York Conference will convene at the United Nations Church Center for a working session the evening of Thursday, November 6th and will continue all day Friday. Tentative plans are being made for a public luncheon on Friday, provided a prominent speaker can be arranged.

The July conference, the first such meeting in this country of the major church-related and other voluntary organizations active in Arab refugee relief, reached consensus on several major points. It was agreed that the financial crisis facing UNRWA has serious implications for the future welfare of the Palestine refugees and that greater assistance for the Palestine refugees must be sought from all available sources. The delegates also felt that there was a need to promote better understanding in America of the Palestine refugee problem, starting with a greater exchange of information and publications among the participants at the meeting. The conference closed with a delegation visiting Under-Secretary of State, Elliott Richardson, and presenting a unanimous policy statement from the conference urging greater U.S. Government support of UNRWA.

Limited participants in the New York Conference will include: Church World Service, the Catholic Pontifical Mission for Palestine, Lutheran Liaison Office in New York City, the American YWCA, the International Committee of the YMCA for the United States and Canada, the Mennonite Central Committee, The Islamic Center of Washington, D.C., the Armenian Church of North America, the Syrian Antiocian Orthodox Church of North America, the Musa Alami Foundation of New York, American Middle East Rehabilitation, Inc., Americans for Middle East Understanding, Inc., and American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc.

OTHER NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

ANERA has available a small supply of copies of a Special Issue of the “Middle East Newsletter,” published by the Americans for Justice in the Middle East. This issue focuses on the Palestinians as a people, and provides eloquent evidence to their current alienation and hopes for a return to Palestine. ANERA feels that an important ingredient in a fuller understanding of the Palestine refugee problem is awareness of the long and close identification of the Palestinians with their land prior to the dispersions of 1948 and 1967.

Americans for Middle East Understanding (AMEU) has a lead story in its (Continued on page 4, col. 2)
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Application for Project Ryait

( ) We would like to sponsor an Arab child in Jerusalem by contributing dollars (Min. $10) per month.
( ) We would like to be sponsors for ( ) three years ( ) two years
( ) one year ( ) six months ( ) three months
( ) We would like to remit our monthly contribution ( ) monthly ( ) quarterly
( ) annually

( ) We enclose herewith our first payment of $ ____________________

( ) We cannot sponsor a child at this time, but we would like to help a child by contributing $ ____________________

NAME ____________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________
CITY ____________________________ STATE __________ ZIP __________

DATE ____________________________ Contributions are tax deductible

Checks should be made payable to Red Crescent Society/Project Ryait. Sent to:
Project Ryait, Greater Kokomo Association of Churches, 516 West Walnut, Kokomo,
Indiana 46901.

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Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund,
The American-Korean Foundation,
American Middle East Rehabilitation,
Inc., Church World Service, Catholic
Relief Service—U.S. Catholic Conference,
CARE, Foster Parents' Plan, Inc.,
Hadassah, Mennonite Central Committee,
National Council of Jewish Women, The
Thomas A. Dooley Foundation, Inc.,
YMCA, YWCA.

CLOTHING (Cont. from page 2, col. 3)
and Christmas. They also will not guarantee that the clothing you send will go to the Middle East, since it is put into a general supply pool and sent to many parts of the world. Clothes should be taken to the nearest Catholic Church during the clothing drive.

NEWSLETTER (Cont. from page 3, col. 3)
newsletter, "The Link," regarding the current UNRWA financial crisis and its serious implications for the welfare of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees receiving UNRWA assistance. This issue of "The Link" also reports on the ANERA conference held in July, which brought together representatives of fourteen church-related and other voluntary organizations long active in assistance to the Palestine refugees.

"AFTERMATH" AVAILABLE

ANERA now has two prints of the UNRWA film, "Aftermath," which may be reserved in advance. The film is also available from Association Films, Inc. at the following regional addresses:

North West
25358 Cypress Avenue
Hayward, California 94544

North Central States
561 Hillgrove Avenue
La Grange, Illinois 60525

South East
2227 Faulkner Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

South West
2221 South Olive Drive
Los Angeles, California 90007

Mid West & Mid Atlantic
324 Delaware Avenue
Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139

South Central States
1621 Dragon Street
Dallas, Texas 75207

North East
600 Grand Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

"RIVER WITHOUT BRIDGES"

A landmark study of the 1967 Palestine refugees, compiled from in-depth interviews at Zeezya Camp in Jordan by a team of AUB students led by Sociology professors Peter Dodd and Halim Barakat. Provides significant insights into the crucial questions of who the refugees are, why they became refugees, and what their hopes are. Published by the Institute for Palestine Studies in Beirut, 1969. Available from ANERA at $1.00 each.

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