

ANERA'S CHAIR CHANGES

Thomas Rees

For the past three years, Thomas Rees has been ANERA's Chairman of the Board. While Chairman, Mr. Rees helped to increase Board Members' participation with ANERA fundraising activities. This year he is stepping down, but says he "will always have an active interest in ANERA's work." In a recent interview, Mr. Rees discussed how he first became interested in the Middle East. A former Congressman from Los Angeles, Mr. Rees remembers the first time he heard about ANERA. "I met my constituent Dr. Hadi Salem [an ANERA Board Member at the time] in 1976 when he was trying to raise funds for a Chair in Middle Eastern Studies at Occidental College, my alma mater. He asked me if I would like to become a member of ANERA's Board. I later accepted his offer and have been hooked on the Middle East ever since."

Now a prominent lawyer in Washington, Mr. Rees made his first trip to the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the spring of 1982 and was struck by the incredible hardships the Palestinians live under, but impressed by their determination to overcome their difficulties. After visiting many ANERA projects, Mr. Rees concludes "ANERA projects are every bit as good on the ground as they appear on paper. ANERA has been the most successful of
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Lucy Brown Leaves

Lucy Brown, Vice President since 1981, has recently left ANERA to pursue a degree in agriculture at the University of Maryland. She began work at ANERA four years ago after completing a Master's degree in Arabic Studies at the University of Michigan. Lucy quickly became an integral part of the ANERA staff: writing newsletters, fundraising, and helping to develop projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. When asked what the highlight of her career at ANERA was, Lucy replied, "My stay in Jerusalem for two months, replacing Henry Selz while he was on sabbatical. I saw first-hand the great need and value of ANERA's work in the Occupied Territories. Our projects and their success despite many obstacles really impressed me." Lucy adds, "The agriculture cooperative projects partly inspired my decision to return to school to study agriculture."

Lucy's decision to leave ANERA was a difficult one. About



Outgoing Chairman Thomas Rees (left) shakes hands with incoming Chairman Merle Thorpe, Jr.

Inside— WRAPPING UP 1983

Merle Thorpe, Jr.

ANERA's fifth Chairman of the Board is Merle Thorpe. Mr. Thorpe, like his predecessor, is a distinguished Washington lawyer. His interest in the Middle East was first sparked by a trip in 1975 with Senator William Fulbright to the region. Mr. Thorpe remembers, "Four years later I made a second trip to the Middle East this time including the West Bank and Gaza Strip where the tragic problems facing the Palestinians really hit me."

The same year, Mr. Thorpe joined ANERA's Board with the desire to

become more actively involved with the Palestinian issue. Mr. Thorpe recently said, "The Palestinians, as a people, never cease to amaze me. Many born as refugees of mothers and fathers who are illiterate, are themselves today doctors, lawyers, and university professors. I often wonder if I could have accomplished so much with so little help and encouragement."

In 1980 Mr. Thorpe began to devote more of his time and efforts to the Palestinian-Israeli issue by establishing the Foundation for Middle East Peace. Mr. Thorpe says, "The Foundation is committed to peace. Grants are made to Arab
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her work at ANERA, she says, "I felt a rare sense of purpose. Through ANERA, I had the opportunity to work toward tangible solutions to some of the many problems the Palestinians face."

Those who know Lucy, including Palestinian friends on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, donors to the Flowers and Children scholarship program, and all of us at ANERA, are well aware of her personal commitment and hardwork. She has made a difference and will be missed.



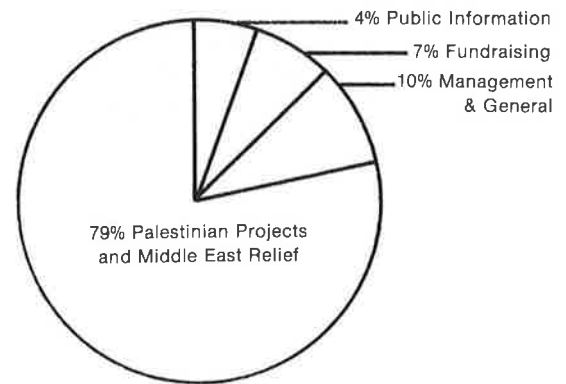
ANERA'S FINANCES

ANERA received a record number of donations from individuals, organizations and corporations in the past year. Our donors responded generously to our appeal for aid to war-torn Lebanon as well as to our on-going projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The circle at right represents ANERA's expenditures in fiscal year 1983, which total \$1,609,538. ANERA's FY 1983 annual audit can be obtained by contacting the ANERA office.

For the first time, ANERA participated in the Combined Federal Campaign during FY 1983 through its membership in the International Service Agencies.

ANERA is proud that only 17% of its income was needed for fundraising and management. This is an excellent record among charitable organizations and is made possible by the generosity of ANERA donors and the efficiency of the ANERA staff.



ANERA GRANTS, FISCAL YEAR 1983

In fiscal year 1983, ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave assistance totalling \$1,130,424. Of this amount, \$808,303 was in cash grants and services, and \$322,121 was in medical supplies, books and shipping.

ANERA's fiscal year 1983 was exceptional both in terms of funds raised and projects implemented due to the war in Lebanon and that country's extraordinary need for relief and reconstruction assistance. In addition to the medical supplies and shipping grants cited above, cash grants to Lebanon totalled \$279,000.

ANERA also continued its support to over twenty institutions which provide economic and community development, education and health services in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In fiscal year 1983, ANERA again experienced serious delays in receiving grant approvals from the Israeli Military Occupation Authority for the expenditure of project funds. In addition to the projects marked with an asterisk on the following pages, ANERA has close to \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development which are pending approval of the Israeli authorities.

A special grant was also made to the Yemen Arab Republic for a disaster relief fund to aid the victims of a devastating earthquake in December 1982 which left 700,000 people homeless. ANERA cooperated with the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce to solicit disaster relief funds from over 500 corporations in the U.S.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

*These projects are pending Israeli Military Government approval. U.S.A.I.D.-funded projects not yet approved are not listed here.

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Arab Women's Society Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Arab Women's Union Bethlehem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Arab Women's Union Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, home for the elderly, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
*Arab Women's Union Nablus, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps Beirut, Lebanon	revolving loan fund to assist Palestinian artisans and shopkeepers repair war damaged businesses	\$ 65,000
Bethlehem Societies Committee for Rehabilitation and Development Bethlehem, West Bank	funding for revolving loan fund for small businesses	\$ 15,000
Jieb Agricultural Cooperative Jieb, West Bank	partial support for the purchase of equipment for land reclamation in the Jieb region	\$200,000
*Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip	library, training programs, health and dental care, community activities in refugee camps	\$ 7,000
*Red Crescent Society Gaza, Gaza Strip	libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, and other special projects	\$ 7,000
*Red Crescent Society Tulkarm, West Bank	library, vocational training of refugee women, mother/child care	\$ 5,000
Services to West Bank Cooperatives	provision of a consultant to provide organizational and training services to cooperatives in a joint program with the Near East Foundation	\$ 16,653
*Women's Charitable Society Hebron, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, literacy courses, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000

Yemeni National Committee for Relief and Reconstruction of the Affected Areas	relief and reconstruction assistance following the devastating December 1982 earthquake	\$ 10,150
Y.M.C.A. Gaza, Gaza Strip	leadership, community and sports programs for Palestinian youth in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip	\$ 5,000
Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs for Palestinians, in community activities, leadership and sports programs, and vocational training	\$ 5,000
Y.M.C.A. Beirut, Lebanon	revolving loan fund to assist Lebanese artisans and shopkeepers repair war damaged businesses	\$ 65,000
Y.W.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs including cultural activities, sports pro- grams and vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 5,000
TOTAL, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS		\$430,803

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

*These projects are pending Israeli Military Government approval. U.S.A.I.D. — funded projects not approved are not listed here.

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Beirut University College Beirut, Lebanon	scholarships for needy students in Lebanon	\$ 10,000
Benevolent Cultural Association of the Supreme Shi'a Council Beirut, Lebanon	equipment for the group's heavily damaged vocational training center in south Beirut	\$ 10,000
*Bethlehem University Bethlehem, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students	\$ 5,000
Bir wa al-Ahsan Tyre, Lebanon	equipment for the group's damaged vocational training center in south Lebanon	\$ 10,000
*Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students and general support of the University	\$ 12,975
Dar El-Tifl Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 11,800
Industrial Islamic Orphanage Jerusalem, West Bank	food, clothing, shelter, general education and vocational train- ing in carpentry, painting, furniture-making, tailoring and shoe making for Palestinian orphans	\$ 5,000
Jeel al-Amal Bethany, West Bank	education, food, clothing and shelter for orphaned and destitute Palestinian children	\$ 10,000
Kafa'at Rehabilitation Institute Beirut, Lebanon	diversified programs and extensive training for physically and mentally handicapped children	\$ 75,000
Legacy International Youth Program	scholarships for the participation of Palestinian and Lebanese youth in the program	\$ 8,000
Rawdat El-Zuhur Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 12,525
Salesian Technical School Bethlehem, West Bank	general support for vocational training	\$ 5,000
Sun Daycare Center Gaza City, Gaza	educational assistance for retarded children in the Gaza Strip	\$ 10,000
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) Occupied Territories	scholarships for refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics welding and business education	\$ 2,200
TOTAL, EDUCATION GRANTS		\$187,500

HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Amel — Lebanese Associa- tion for Popular Action Khiam, Lebanon	clinic serving the town and region of south Lebanon now being repopulated	\$ 10,000

Arab College of Medical Sciences of the Red Crescent Societies West Bank and Gaza	equipment for the medical sciences courses	\$150,000
Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict	\$ 5,000
United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) South Lebanon	emergency generators for clinics in south Lebanon	\$ 25,000
TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES		\$190,000

IN-KIND GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
American University of Beirut Hospital Beirut, Lebanon	pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to relieve suffering during summer 1982 siege of Beirut	\$248,623
Lebanese Ministry of Health	pharmaceuticals for the ministry's cancer treatment program	\$ 9,336
Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon	pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for Palestinian refugees	\$ 58,522
West Bank Universities	book donations	\$ 1,140
Shipping Costs for In-Kind Grants		\$ 4,500
TOTAL, IN-KIND GRANTS		\$322,121

Thomas Rees (continued)

the private voluntary agencies working in the Occupied Territories because they emphasize grass roots economic development and are effective in getting the job done." About Henry Selz, ANERA's representative in the Middle East, Mr. Rees says, "He is tops, very tough and effective — one reason ANERA has so many creative projects."

Merle Thorpe (continued)

and Jewish organizations which are working toward a peaceful solution of the conflict."

As new Chairman of ANERA's Board, Mr. Thorpe finds the challenge great, but says, "ANERA is the best public service organization I've ever been associated with. It is a case study for effective and efficient social service—really outstanding. I feel honored to be the new Chairman and will do everything in my power to assist this fine organization."

Enclosed is a special gift for ANERA's work in the coming year.

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