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PROJECT ACTIVITY

During the past fiscal year ANERA for the first time exceeded \$200,000 in direct assistance to projects assisting Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Middle East. Of this amount, some \$72,000 was in cash grants and some \$128,000 in grants in kind, primarily pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies. Over the past five years of its existence, ANERA has made grants totalling more than \$800,000 to projects in the Middle East.

The following organizations in the Middle East received cash grants from ANERA last year:

- **Beirut University College** (formerly Beirut College for Women)
- **Birzeit College** (West Bank)
- **College des Freres** (Jerusalem)
- **Dar al-Awlad** (Jerusalem)
- **Four Homes of Mercy** (West Bank)
- **Gaza College**
- **Industrial Islamic Orphanage** (Jerusalem)
- **Marjayoun National College** (Lebanon)
- **Palestine Arab Women's Union** (Jerusalem)
- **Project Ryaiat** (Jerusalem)
- **UNRWA West Bank Summer Camp**
- **National Alliance of Lebanese YMCA's**
- **UNRWA**
- **YMCA and YWCA** (both Jerusalem)
- **The World Alliance of YMCA's** (East and West Banks of Jordan)

The AMER Division shipped contributions in kind to three major organizations providing medical services to refugees:

- **UNRWA**
- **Palestinian Red Crescent Society**
- **Palestine Hospital**

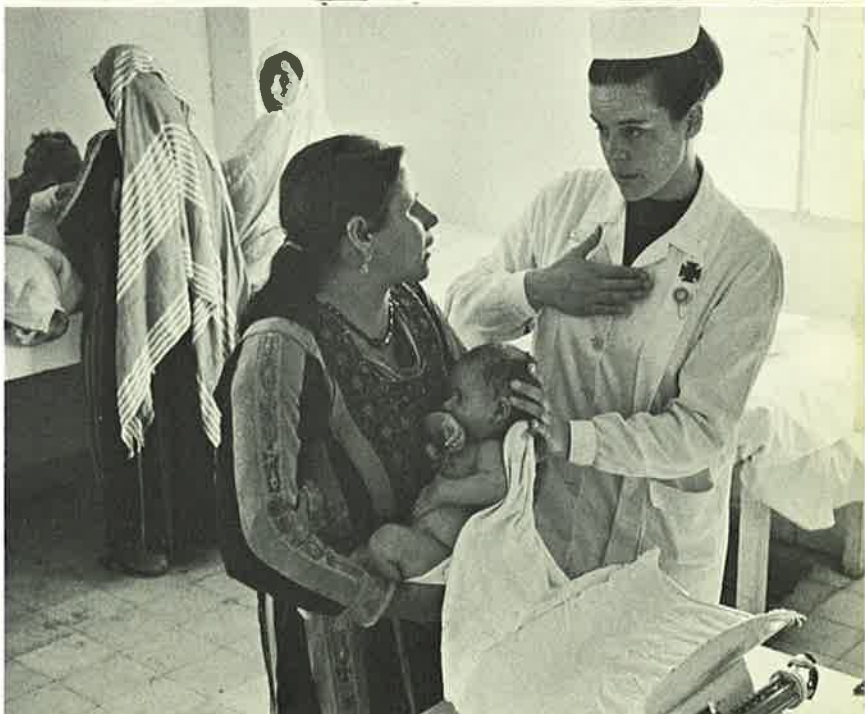
Birzeit College

Birzeit College, the only institution of higher learning in the Occupied Territories, has a predominantly English-language curriculum and sends many of its graduates on to the American University of Beirut and other universities in the Middle East and elsewhere. Birzeit College is now undertaking an ambitious development and expansion program which will see not only the addition of the final two years for full B.A./B.S. programs but a new campus in nearby Ramallah as well. ANERA's grant of \$10,000 for scholarships has helped Birzeit offer the opportunity of higher education to talented Palestinian students who would otherwise be unable to further their education.



Palestine Women's Union of Gaza

The Union was established in the Gaza Strip in 1964, with avowed objectives including the following: "to raise the social, cultural, health, and economic standards of women; to promote and patronize an honorable life for needy women and orphans; to care for mothers and children; to look after working women and to achieve equality with men in public life; to take care of patients and their families". The Union has established three nursery schools, three libraries, and offers courses in home economics, foreign languages (English and Hebrew), and basic literacy. Workshops in sewing, embroidery, and tricho are maintained by the Union both to train women and to provide them with an income from items they make and sell. A new project has been developed to train women as health educators for the towns and refugee camps in the Gaza Strip. ANERA donated \$1,000 to the Palestine Women's Union of Gaza last year.



Four Homes of Mercy

The Four Homes of Mercy are located in Bethany, just outside of Jerusalem. Their founder, Mrs. Catherine Siksek, passed away in May 1973 at the age of 86. Under her leadership Mrs. Siksek saw the four homes (invalids, crippled children, orphans, and a maternity hospital) brought together in the new complex of buildings built in Bethany. The homes provide in-service training for nurses, most of whom are European women providing a priceless service for the needy. ANERA donated \$1,000 to the Four Homes last year.

Industrial Islamic Orphanage

The Industrial Islamic Orphanage (Dar el-Eytam) in Jerusalem was founded in 1922. Its aim is to shelter male Palestinian orphans and instruct them in elementary and industrial education "to save them from impoverishment and make them useful members of the social community". The orphanage has 250 boarding and 750 day students. It has added a secondary education program to the curriculum. Industrial courses offered include printing, book-binding, carpentry, commercial painting, shoe manufacture, sewing, and production of rattan articles. ANERA donated \$3,000 last year to Dar el-Eytam.

World Alliance of YMCA's

The World Alliance of YMCA's (Geneva-based) supervises youth leadership programs in both old and new refugee camps on the West Bank, in Gaza, and in East Jordan. These programs provide young men of the camps a framework within which to develop recreational activities, exchanging their own labor and talents for YMCA guidance and materials necessary to carry on the football, weight-lifting, and other projects that give the young people an escape from boredom and frustration. ANERA's grant of \$5,000 last year helped keep this program functioning.



PUBLIC INFORMATION and LIAISON ACTIVITIES

An on-going function of ANERA is to increase awareness of the human dimensions of the Palestine refugee problem and to stimulate the efforts of others who are also concerned with the problem. In 1972-73 the *ANERA Newsletter* appeared on a bi-monthly basis, informing its 8,000 readers about the Palestine refugees and about the activities of ANERA and related organizations. ANERA's six films about the refugees circulated to audiences throughout the country. The Palestinian Children's Art Show completed its third year on the road, primarily at universities and churches around the country.

Many of the major religious and secular service organizations in America relate to the Palestine refugee problem. In the Middle East their representatives coordinate activities with UNRWA's help; in the United States ANERA often serves as an informal rallying point for exchange of views, information, and assistance among organizations.

Additionally, the Officers and Directors of ANERA take part in seminars, give public lectures, and publish articles on the Palestinian refugee situation.

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Board of Directors
American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

We have examined the financial statements of American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. for the years ended June 30, 1973 and June 30, 1972. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet, and statements of operations and fund balance and changes in financial position present fairly the financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. at June 30, 1973 and June 30, 1972, and the results of its operations and changes in financial condition for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.¹

Ernst & Ernst

Washington, D. C.
August 3, 1973

BALANCE SHEET		June 30	
AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID, INC.		1973	1972
ASSETS			
CASH			
Demand deposits	\$15,690	\$ 7,361	
Savings deposit	1,905	753	
Petty cash	200	200	
	<u>17,795</u>	<u>8,314</u>	
INVESTMENTS			
Common stock - Note A	1,000	5,000	
Short-term marketable securities, at cost (approximately market value)	<u>34,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	
	35,000	55,000	
OTHER ASSETS			
Accounts receivable	1,316	2,541	
Drugs and medical supplies on hand - Note A	6,032	48,862	
Furniture and equipment - net of allowance for depreciation of \$3,430 in 1973 and \$2,426 in 1972	<u>7,275</u>	<u>6,940</u>	
	<u>14,623</u>	<u>58,343</u>	
	<u>\$67,418</u>	<u>\$121,657</u>	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,567	\$ 3,615	
Payroll taxes payable	2,384	2,393	
Grant commitments	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>12,951</u>	<u>6,008</u>	
FUND BALANCE	54,467	115,649	
COMMITMENTS - Note B			
See notes to financial statements.		<u>\$67,418</u>	<u>\$121,657</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCE

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID, INC.

	Year ended June 30	
	1973	1972
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$ 3,255	\$ 5,460
Cash contributions	206,104	208,862
Contributions of drugs and medical supplies - Note A	88,426	107,022
Investment income	2,791	2,718
Miscellaneous	95	535
	<u>300,671</u>	<u>324,597</u>
EXPENSES		
Services and activities		
Cash grants to Middle East projects	\$ 71,550	\$68,287
Donations of drugs and medical supplies - Note A	128,537	69,934
Fund raising and public information	67,738	67,237
Administration	267,825	205,458
Personnel	28,157	28,508
	65,871	65,876
	<u>361,853</u>	<u>299,842</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	(61,182)	24,755
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>115,649</u>	<u>90,894</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 54,467</u>	<u>\$115,649</u>

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID, INC.

	Year ended June 30	
	1973	1972
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
From operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	\$ (61,182)	\$ 24,755
Add expenses (deduct revenue) not requiring funds in the current period:		
Depreciation	1,004	930
Contributions of drugs and medical supplies to ANERA	(88,426)	(107,022)
Donations of drugs and medical supplies to Middle East projects	128,537	69,934
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	1,225	(2,541)
Increase in accounts payable	952	855
Increase (decrease) in payroll taxes payable	(9)	1,344
Increase in grant commitments	6,000	-
Loss on spoiled inventory	2,719	-
Total from Operations	<u>(9,180)</u>	<u>(11,745)</u>
Decrease in investments	20,000	-
	<u>10,820</u>	<u>(11,745)</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Purchase of furniture and office equipment	1,339	331
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	<u>9,481</u>	<u>(12,076)</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>8,314</u>	<u>20,390</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 17,795</u>	<u>\$ 8,314</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID, INC.

June 30, 1973

Note A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc. (ANERA) is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of extending direct financial assistance and/or gifts in kind to Palestinian Arab refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab world. Consistent with this purpose is the support of general educational and vocational training programs in that area.

Method of Accounting

ANERA maintains its records on an accrual basis. Accordingly, revenue is recorded as earned and expenses as incurred.

Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are carried on the balance sheet at cost. Depreciation on furniture and equipment is computed on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets (10 years).

Investment in Common Stock

Investments in common stock represent 200 shares of donated common stock of a company currently undergoing liquidation. The fair market value of the stock cannot be determined; therefore, the value at which the stock is carried is not necessarily indicative of the proceeds that will be realized by ANERA upon completion of liquidation proceedings.

Drugs and Medical Supplies

Drugs and medical supplies are received as a result of appeals made to manufacturers and doctors. These items are in turn donated to hospitals and relief agencies in the Middle East. The amount indicated in the balance sheet represents items which have been received but not yet donated by ANERA at year end. Receipts and contributions of drugs and medical supplies are recorded at wholesale value as established by the donors.

Note B - COMMITMENTS

ANERA occupies office space in Washington, D.C. under a lease agreement expiring August 31, 1975 for an annual rental of approximately \$7,300 and space in New York under a lease expiring May 31, 1976 for approximately \$3,000 per year.

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(Standing left to right) Nestor C. Ortiz, John P. Richardson, Bertram C. Cooper, Laurence V. Michelmore; (Seated left to right) Sara C. Gentry, John H. Davis, Joyce M. Stewart.

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