AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID (ANERA) is an American voluntary organization working in the Middle East to increase opportunities for Palestinian refugees and other needy persons in the area through education, vocational training, and community development. ANERA also responds to civilian emergencies, usually the result of conflict in the area. In support of this objective, ANERA provides direct financial assistance to a wide range of organizations and institutions active in the Middle East. The ANERA Division of Anera ships donated pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to UNRWA and other voluntary and United Nations organizations that assist needy persons in the Middle East in order to avoid duplication and to maximize benefits.
1973-74 was the busiest year in ANERA's history. In addition to providing the types of assistance given previously to refugees, the organization gave material assistance to many thousands of Egyptians and Syrians displaced by war in October 1973. In all, ANERA's assistance to needy persons in 1973-74 was more than ten times that of the previous year. If the present peace effort in the Middle East succeeds, ANERA's focus will have to be shifted, probably more than once, to meet the changing needs of people no longer living under occupation—people attempting to re-establish themselves as useful and self-supporting citizens. This, too, is a goal to which ANERA has been committed since it came into being.

John H. Davis
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

The October 1973 Arab-Israeli war brought great change to ANERA's traditional pattern of activity. The major impact of the war on Arab civilian populations produced an ANERA commitment to do everything possible in relief and rehabilitation; a generous corporate contribution for that purpose made ANERA's role particularly significant. ANERA involvement also resulted in wider American awareness of Arab civilian suffering than the media had reported. As Middle East peace discussions continue, ANERA is deeply concerned that the Palestinian refugee issue, one of the most complex peace issues, be given the just solution which it has so long been denied.

John P. Richardson
President
PROJECT ACTIVITY

During the past fiscal year ANERA and its AMER Division provided assistance in cash and kind totaling $2,234,000 to organizations and institutions in the Middle East. Of the sum, $2,196,000 was in cash and $38,000 in kind.

The bulk of the assistance was for alleviation of civilian suffering caused by the October 1973 Middle East war, although ANERA's support to Palestinian refugees continued undiminished. Over its six years of existence, ANERA has provided support in cash and kind totaling more than $3,000,000 to projects in the Middle East.

The following activities received financial assistance from ANERA last year:

- Association for Resurgence of Palestinian Camps (Beirut)
- AUB Medical Students' Society (Beirut)
- Beirut University College (Beirut)
- Bethlehem University (West Bank)
- Birzeit College (West Bank)
- College des Freres (Jerusalem)
- Dar El-Awlad (Jerusalem)
- Dar El-Tifl (Jerusalem)
- Egyptian Red Crescent Society (Cairo)
- Four Homes of Mercy (West Bank)
- Gaza College (Gaza)
- Help for Children in the Holy Land (Jerusalem)
- Industrial Islamic Orphanage (Jerusalem)
- Jebel Hussein Rehydration/Nutrition Center (Amman)
- Jeel El-Amal (West Bank)
- Lebanese Red Cross (Beirut)
- Magassed Hospital (Jerusalem)
- Marjayoun National College (Lebanon)
- Nablus Blood Bank (West Bank)
- National Alliance of YMCA's/Lebanon (Beirut)
- Palestine Arab Women's Union/Gaza (Gaza)
- Palestine Arab Women's Union/Jerusalem (Jerusalem)
- Popular Committee to Aid Victims of the War (Kuwait—for use in 1973 war zones)
- Project Riaiat (West Bank)
- Rawdat El-Zuhur (Jerusalem)
- SWASIA (U.S.A.)
- Syrian Red Crescent Society (Damascus)
- UNRWA
- UNRWA West Bank Summer Camp Project (West Bank)
- World Alliance of YMCA's (East/West Bank)
- YMCA of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)
- YWCA of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)

For economic and technical reasons the AMER Division routed its pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to UNRWA, for use wherever most needed by Palestinian refugees.
October 1973 and ANERA's Response

The October 1973 Middle East war sharply escalated the need of civilians for relief and assistance as numerous Arab civilian population centers were bombed and shelled. In the absence of adequate knowledge of suffering and need, ANERA's President made a two-week survey trip to Egypt, Syria, and South Lebanon to assess the extent of casualties and to determine relief priorities. The Gulf Oil Corporation responded to ANERA's appeal with a contribution of $2.2 million for post-war relief and rehabilitation among civilian Arab victims of the conflict. ANERA sought to get relief to needy persons as fast as possible by grants made directly and to a private philanthropic group in Kuwait which was in a position to respond to crisis situations in the Middle East, having concentrated on such relief for a number of years.

ANERA's involvement in the aftermath of the 1973 October war represented a significant departure from previous patterns of activity, which had focused primarily on Palestinian refugees. To the extent possible, ANERA will remain alert to changing conditions and needs, while always giving appropriate emphasis to programs serving Palestinian refugees.
There are approximately 32,000 Palestinian refugees located in GAZA COLLEGE.

Scholarships and the start of a new science laboratory.

ANERA donations to Gaza College totaling $5,000 provided
students' refuge and non-refuge during the past year.
projects high school in the area educate some 350 Palestinian
adult UNRWA camps in the GAZA Strip. Gaza College, the only
higher education institution in the area.

GAZA COLLEGE

$21,065.

Education and vocational training are of critical importance to

UNRWA SCHOLARSHIPS
ANERA are deductible for Federal Income tax purposes. Additional information may be obtained from the ANERA Office.

During Fiscal Year, 1973-74 (ending June 30, 1974), ANERA's annual audit financial statements indicate income totaled $24,920.02. Expenditures totaled $25,941.40. Copies of ANERA's audited financial statements may be obtained from the ANERA Office.

War Relief (October 1973) 8.61%

Palestinian Programs 4.01%
Medical Supplies 1.56%
Fund Raising 9.2%
Public Information 1.2%
Administration 4.89%

ANERA EXPENDITURES, 1973-74
By the YMCA. ANERA donated $5,000 for the work of the YMCA. The YWCA. The joint Boys Camp and a Hotel are supervised training for recreationists, waiters, and cooks. At its branch in Jerusalem, the YMCA and YWCA have a vocational school which offers training in various fields, including tailoring, printing, and SPVG. The YMCA runs a recreation program for young men and women living in these camps, the YMCA运转 in Jerusalem, the YWCA in Bethlehem. At its branch in Jerusalem, the YMCA runs a recreational program for boys and girls, young men and women, and social services programs for boys and girls. A branch of the West Bank Welfare and social services program for Palestinian refugees and others in the occupied territories of the West Bank. The YMCA of East Jerusalem provides a wide variety of pro-

YMCA EAST JERUSALEM

$2,500 for the school. An important program of development and improvement of the YMCA of East Jerusalem is the provision of educational and cultural activities for children and youth. The school provides a variety of educational programs, including music, drama, and art. The school also offers a summer camp for children. The school is located in a beautiful natural setting and offers a variety of activities for children and youth. The school is open to children of all backgrounds and offers programs in a variety of languages. The school is proud of its many achievements and is committed to continuing to provide a high-quality education for all its students.
A medical team treated 64 infants admitted for gastro-intestinal disorders and malnutrition at the Amman, Jordan, UNRWA Rehabilitation/Nutrition Unit. The unit, established with an AMER gift, serves Palestinian refugees and displaced persons living in the Jabel Hussein and UNRWA Camps. Hydration therapy is administered daily to sick infants, and mothers are advised on proper feeding. In Refeedation/Nutrition centers, special diets are provided to infants with gastro enteritis. A constant medical threat to Palestinian refugees is
INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During 1973-74 ANERA re-directed informational activities concerning the Palestinian refugee situation. The bi-monthly Newsletter has now grown in circulation to more than 17,000 readers. The most exciting initiative of the year was the decision to develop a series of public-service radio announcements to be sent to 2,000 important radio stations across the country, telling the story of the refugees and ANERA through recorded messages by four distinguished Americans: U.S. Senators Mark Hatfield and James Abourezk, Ambassador Charles Yost, and Dr. John H. Davis. The series is to be aired during the summer and in the early fall of 1974.

During the past 12 months ANERA’s direct-mail fundraising program reached 131,000 Americans with appeals for assistance and a description of the refugee plight, bringing the six-year total mailing to 2,000,000. This program has been ANERA’s longest-term and most broadly-based means of obtaining public support and informing Americans about the refugee issue.

ANERA Directors and Officers continued individual efforts to interpret the Palestinian refugee issue to concerned Americans.