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American Mear East Refugee Aid (ANERA) and its
AMER Medical Division





American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) is a non-profit, charitable organization working to increase total assistance in cash and kind from Americans to Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World. ANERA also responds to civilian emergencies, usually the result of conflict in the area, and seeks to increase American understanding of the plight of the Palestinians. Most of ANERA's efforts are currently directed toward social and economic development in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

American Middle East Rehabilitation (AMER) is the medical division of ANERA. Before becoming part of ANERA in 1971, AMER was the oldest, non-sectarian American voluntary agency providing assistance to Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World. AMER assists medical programs in meeting their annual requirements of drugs and medical supplies.

Continuity and evolutionary change have marked the history of ANERA. Founded in the aftermath of the 1967 Six-Day War to provide humanitarian aid to refugee and non-refugee Palestinians, ANERA subsequently gave emergency help to this group and other suffering civilians after the conflict in Jordan in 1970, after the 1973 October War, and during the Lebanese conflict. During less violent times, ANERA has provided American gifts in cash and kind to vocational schools, orphanages, UNRWA, YM and YWCAs, and the like. In more recent years, while retaining interest and activity in these programs, the organization has started emphasizing developmental projects in the areas of initiating new vocational programs, cooperatives, nurses' training, and municipality improvement. In a geographical sense, greater effort is being focused on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, areas in acute need of developmental capital. In sum, ANERA's program has a healthy growth with the necessary alterations this entails.

ANERA has also benefited from continuity and change in its leadership. At the Eighth Annual Meeting in September 1976, I stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Directors and was subsequently elected Chairman Emeritus. Succeeding me as Chairman is the Honorable Evan M. Wilson who is well acquainted with the Middle East through his long service with the Department of State and who knows ANERA well, being a Board Member since 1968 and Chairman of the Projects Committee since 1971. Mr. John P. Richardson, who was successively ANERA's Executive Director, Vice President, and President, resigned in September 1977, but became a Member of the Board of Directors. Finally, Dr. Peter Gubser, who has extensive experience in the Middle East, most recently with the Ford Foundation, was elected to the Presidency at the September 1977 Annual Board Meeting.

John H. Davis Chairman Emeritus 1977 marks the tenth year of military occupation for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Most of ANERA's work among the Palestinians has taken place in these Occupied Territories. In spite of recent developments which have given some grounds for encouragement in so far as an overall settlement of the Middle East conflict is concerned, it appears that for the next few months at least, ANERA will have to maintain its operations within the context of ongoing military occupation. Therefore, we will continue functioning as we have been, maintaining an esentially correct relationship with the occupying authorities and concentrating on the kind of projects—both humanitarian and developmental—that have been characteristic of our recent program.

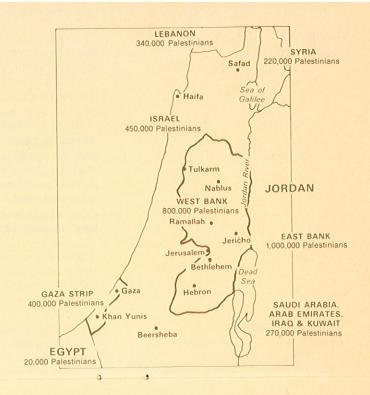
Over the past two years, ANERA added a new component to its total program, an emphasis on economic and social development with the assistance of grants from AID. In the West Bank/Gaza Strip, investment in such activity is seriously lacking due to the general political instability, the uncertain socio-economic future, and the constraints on the movement of capital and people. However, ANERA is convinced that the overall stability of the West Bank/Gaza Strip can be aided by such developmental efforts and that only a stable and strong West Bank/Gaza Strip can make a significant contribution to the future of the region.

Evan M. Wilson Chairman of the Board

ANERA experienced another positive and productive year in 1977. Even though some brighter news has been emanating from the Middle East with the decline in the Lebanese strife and the renewed push towards a Geneva Peace Conference, the vital support of the American people through gifts in cash and kind has proved they have not forgotten the continuing, if not greater, need of the Palestinian people and other deprived groups in the Arab World. With this vital support, ANERA has not only maintained its humanitarian aid in the region, but also vigorously emphasized its new economic and social development direction noted in the last Annual Report and again supplemented by a grant from AID.

During the past year ANERA's program was significantly enhanced by the addition of an ANERA Representative in Jerusalem who has increased our developmental impact in the West Bank/Gaza Strip and helps create a greater awareness among the Palestinians of American concern for their real condition and potential. Within the U.S., ANERA made a major organizational change. In order to centralize its operations, the AMER Medical Division was moved from New York City to ANERA's Washington headquarters at the end of fy77.

Peter A. Gubser President 3.5
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PALESTINIANS
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MIDDLE EAST



Historical

Background

The Palestinian refugee problem is the result of political military conflict in Palestine and includes those Palestinian Arabs (and their offspring) who fled or were driven from their homes at the time of the 1948 and 1967 Arab-Israeli wars. Unlike most civilians who leave their homes in wartime, the Palestinians have not been permitted to return to their towns and farms. There are today some 3.5 million Palestinians in all; 1.7 million are registered as refugees with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Since the June 1967 war, about 1.2 million Palestinians have lived under military occupation in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, an occupation which has now lasted 10 years.

Long respected among the peoples of the Middle East, the Palestinians are intelligent and hard-working. They are a Semitic people of predominantly two faiths Islam and Christianity. Understanding the plight of the Palestinians is the key to understanding the present-day crisis in the Middle East.











PROJECT ACTIVITY

During the past fiscal year, ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave assistance in cash and kind totalling \$639,771 to organizations and institutions providing Palestinians and civilian victims of war in Lebanon with educational training, health services, and a broad range of community development projects. Of the total \$554,515 was in cash grants and \$85,256 was in medical supplies. This is nearly \$28,000 more than was given in fiscal year 1976.

Reflecting the growing importance of the Occupied Territories, 81% of ANERA's grants in fy77 were made to projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The following organizations received ANERA assistance during the past fiscal year:

I. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

| Institution | Purpose | | A | mount |
|---|---|--------------|----|--------|
| Bethlehem Charitable | provide a revolving loan fund for small business people, farmers, & others in Bethlehem at low interest rates | | \$ | 1,155 |
| Societies Bethlehem, West Bank | others in bethenem at low interest rates | | | |
| Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank | grant to the Economic Research Council to assist in initiating a study of the labor market & labor potential in the Occupied Territories | in selection | \$ | 2,500 |
| Hebron City Government Hebron, West Bank | for construction of a new municipal library serving Palestinians in the city of Hebron | Marin 1 | \$ | 29,600 |
| National Alliance of YMCA's | replace sleeping tents destroyed in the Lebanese War for Camp Faris, a summer camp for Palestinian & Lebanese children of different social, | | \$ | 6,000 |
| Beirut, Lebanon | economic, & religious backgrounds | | đ | 2.000 |
| Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip | libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, & other special projects | | Þ | 2,000 |
| Shufat Youth Activities Center | establishment of a youth activities center for Palestinian young people in Shufat Refugee Camp | | \$ | 3,900 |
| Shufat, West Bank | | | | |

| World Alliance of YMCA's | leadership & sports programs for Palestinian young people in | \$ 5,000 |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Amman, Jordan | refugee camps in Jordan | |
| YMCA | repair of roofs at vocational training center & YMCA facilities in Jericho, | \$ 4,000 |
| Jerusalem, West Bank | West Bank | |
| YWCA | diversified programs including cultural activities, sports programs, & | \$ 4,000 |
| Jerusalem, West Bank | vocational training in business & dressmaking for Palestinian women | |

TOTAL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS......\$ 58,155

2. EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

| Institution | Purpose | Amount |
|--|---|-----------|
| A. University Education: | | |
| Beirut University College Beirut, Lebanon | scholarships & general support in the aftermath of the Lebanese War | \$ 5,000 |
| Bethlehem University Bethlehem, West Bank | scholarships for needy Palestinian students | \$ 2,000 |
| Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank | scholarships for needy Palestinian students & general support of the University | \$ 10,000 |

| B. Vocational Training: | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| Al-Bir Society Jericho, West Bank | equipment & training for Palestinian refugees in carpentry, blacksmithery, shoemaking, upholstery, & leather work | \$ 30,000 |
| Arab Women's Union Beit Sahur, West Bank | equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing & knitting | \$ 25,000 |
| Arab Women's Union Ramallah, West Bank | equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing & knitting | \$ 43,000 |
| Industrial Islamic Orphanage Jerusalem, West Bank | food, clothing, shelter, medical care, general academic education & vocational training in carpentry, painting, printing, book binding, rattan furniture construction, upholstering, tailoring, & shoemaking for Palestinian orphans | \$ 30,000 |
| Kalandia Handicraft Cooperative Kalandia, West Bank | materials, equipment, & training in sewing & knitting for Palestinian refugee women | \$ 15,000 |
| Near East Council of Churches/Vo- cational Training Centers Gaza, Gaza Strip | equipment, supplies, & training in carpentry, furniture construction, metal work, welding, upholstery, knitting, sewing, typing, & office management for Palestinian men & women | \$ 25,000 |
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| supplies & training in sewing, knitting, typing & office management for Palestinian women | \$ 6,400 |
|--|--|
| equipment & training in sewing, knitting, hairdressing, typing, & office management for Palestinian women | \$ 30,000 |
| equipment & training for Palestinian refugees as mechanics, electricians, tailors, carpenters, & technical artists | \$ 50,000 |
| equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing, knitting, & tailoring | \$ 6,000 |
| scholarships to Palestinian refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding, & business education | \$ 11,100 |
| equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing & knitting | \$ 20,000 |
| | for Palestinian women equipment & training in sewing, knitting, hairdressing, typing, & office management for Palestinian women equipment & training for Palestinian refugees as mechanics, electricians, tailors, carpenters, & technical artists equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing, knitting, & tailoring scholarships to Palestinian refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding, & business education |

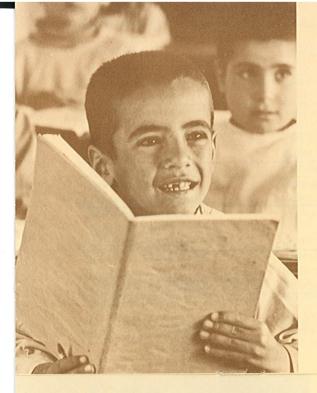
C. Elementary & Secondary Schools/Orphanages:

| 6 6 11 | | A 2 000 |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Gaza College | scholarships to needy Palestinian refugees for secondary education | \$ 3,000 |
| Gaza, Gaza Strip | | |
| Institute Effeta | provide audiophonic laboratory & playground for use in teaching chil- | \$ 11,000 |
| Bethlehem, West Bank | dren with severe hearing deficiencies to speak, read, & write | 4 2 2 2 2 |
| Jeel Al-Amal | education, food, clothing, & shelter for orphaned & destitute Pales- | \$ 3,000 |
| Bethany, West Bank | tinian children | |
| Marjoyoun National | scholarships for needy students & reconstruction necessary in the after- | \$ 4,000 |
| College | math of the Lebanese War | |
| Marjoyoun, Lebanon | | |
| Rawdat El-Zuhur | elementary education & health care for destitute Palestinian children | \$ 5,000 |
| Jerusalem, West Bank | | |
| United Nations Relief | elementary scholarships for Palestinian refugee children | \$ 11,460 |
| & Works Agency | | |
| Karameh, Jordan | | |
| | TOTAL EDUCATIONAL CRANTS | ¢245.000 |
| 3. HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS | TOTAL, EDUCATIONAL GRANTS | \$345,960 |
| Institution | Purpose | A |
| | Tulpose | Amount |
| Arab Women's Union | equipment & training for Palestinian men & women in practical nursing | \$ 35,000 |
| Nablus, West Bank | 0 | |
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| | | |
| | | |
| 7 | | |
| 7 | | ¢ 5,000 |
| Palestine Red Crescent | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of | \$ 5,000 |
| Palestine Red Crescent Society | | \$ 5,000 |
| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar | |
| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon Red Crescent Maternity | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar equipment for the operating room & ancillary facilities; the Hospital | \$ 5,000 |
| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon Red Crescent Maternity Hospital | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar equipment for the operating room & ancillary facilities; the Hospital serves Palestinian women who would otherwise be unable to afford | |
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| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon Red Crescent Maternity Hospital Jerusalem, West Bank St. George Orthodox | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar equipment for the operating room & ancillary facilities; the Hospital serves Palestinian women who would otherwise be unable to afford | |
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| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon Red Crescent Maternity Hospital Jerusalem, West Bank St. George Orthodox Hospital Beirut, Lebanon St. John's Ophthalmic | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar equipment for the operating room & ancillary facilities; the Hospital serves Palestinian women who would otherwise be unable to afford maternity care drugs & medical supplies for victims of the war in Lebanon establish a specialized ophthalmic (diseases of the eye) nurses' training | \$ 50,000 |
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| Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon Red Crescent Maternity Hospital Jerusalem, West Bank St. George Orthodox Hospital Beirut, Lebanon St. John's Ophthalmic Hospital Jerusalem, West Bank United Nations Relief & | establishment of a practical nurses' training course for survivors of Tel Zaatar equipment for the operating room & ancillary facilities; the Hospital serves Palestinian women who would otherwise be unable to afford maternity care drugs & medical supplies for victims of the war in Lebanon establish a specialized ophthalmic (diseases of the eye) nurses' training course for Palestinian nurses already employed in hospitals in the | \$ 50,000 \$ 5,275* |
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^{*}These figures are the value of gifts given in kind

TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS.....\$235,656





Ges: nmunity Development — HEBRON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

The Middle East has a long history of literature and literacy. The Phoenicians originated the modern concept of the alphabet 3 millenniums ago; Arabic has been spoken and written for nearly 2 millenniums. Thus, the Hebron City Government which serves over 80,000 people follows a well-established tradition as it seeks to improve significantly its library facilities.

Long located in the busy and noisy Municipality Headquarters, the library will soon be moved to new quarters now nearing completion. Being added to a Municipality-owned building close to the poorer sections of town, the improved facilities will better serve its users—some 300 per day in recent years.

Public libraries in the Middle East have a more extensive role than they do in the United States. Due to severe space restrictions and improper lighting in typical homes, a common scene in towns and villages is school children walking along the sides of roads or on roof tops, their books open in hand, studying their daily lessons. The library thus not only serves the well known lending service, but also provides the children with much needed facilities and materials for study. Hebron, a relatively poor Palestinian West Bank town, obviously needs a better located and more functional library, and ANERA is proud to have assisted in its realization.

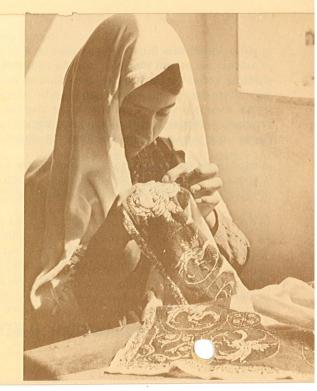
This is the first ANERA project with one of the many West Bank/Gaza Strip city governments. In the years to come, we hope to continue working with these vital institutions. (UNRWA photo)

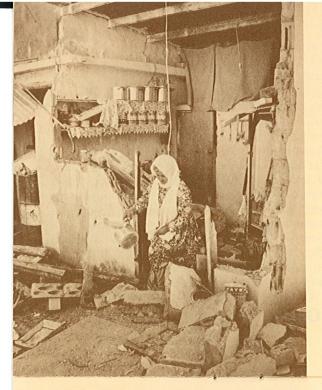
Educational Training — ARAB WOMEN'S UNION OF RAMALLAH

Unique among ANERA-assisted programs are those community development/educational enterprises organized by and for Palestinian women. In their programs, the women have combined the functions of charitable organizations with those of small business and vocational training programs. One such organization assisted by ANERA in fiscal year 1977 is the Arab Women's Union, Ramallah, West Bank.

The Union was established in 1939, to improve the standards of the women of the community in education, social and cultural affairs, and health and medical practices. To these ends, the Arab Women's Union operates a weaving center, a sewing and embroidery center, a home for aged women, and a children's feeding center.

ANERA's grant to the Arab Women's Union of Ramallah provided funds to expand and improve the quality of sewing and knitting training and production. Twenty women are trained in a six-months' program. When the trainees are not in class, the equipment (which includes eight commercial sewing machines and four knitting machines) purchased with ANERA's grant, is used by other women to produce finished products. The sale of these products then provides an income for the women as well as for the Arab Women's Union to help finance its home for aged women and the children's feeding center. Employment of the training program's graduates is virtually assured either with the Arab Women's Union itself or with other organizations in the Occupied Territories. (UNRWA photo)





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ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

The recent Lebanese conflict rendered hardship, disease, injury, and death on a broad scale in that unfortunate country. Several organizations rose above the partisan conflict and succeeded in serving those in need regardless of their factional or sectarian affiliation. St. George's Hospital in Beirut, Lebanon was one of these organizations. A 1000-bed institution run and supported by the Lebanese Greek Orthodox community, St. George's treated literally tens of thousands of casualties while seeking to maintain its regular program of hospital care for the residents of its district, especially the poor and needy.

The Lebanese have long been generous supporters of this nongovernmental hospital. They have donated over \$6,000,000 in past years for buildings and medical equipment. Before the war, St. George's was staffed by 120 doctors and 400 nurses of many faiths.

But the Lebanese war severely hampered St. George's ability to function. As the conflict continued and casualties rose, medical supplies in Beirut seriously dwindled and the Hospital's funds were heavily eroded. A special appeal from ANERA's AMER Medical Division went out to Americans, asking for donations of pharmaceutical supplies in kind. The generous response in gifts were given to St. George's Hospital which shipped them to Cyprus by air and then by boat to Beirut due to the closure of Beirut's airport. St. George's was thus able to continue providing emergency relief to victims of the war in Lebanon. (UNRWA photo)

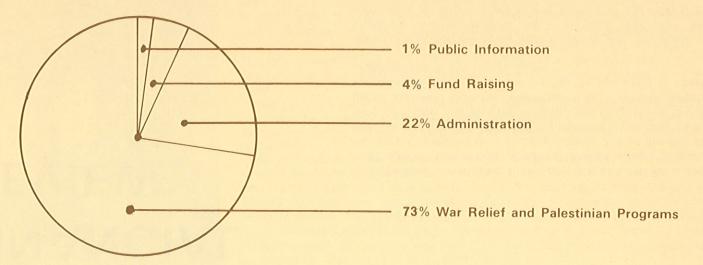
FINANCIAL REVIEW

Contributions to ANERA are tax-deductible and ANERA is annually audited by the firm of Ernst and Ernst. ANERA is registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the Agency for International Development, with the National Information Bureau in New York City, and with the Philanthropic Department, Council of Better Business Bureaus, Washington, D.C. ANERA adheres to standards of these organizations for the operation of charitable organizations in the United States.

Donations to ANERA come from corporations, individuals, clubs, churches, and foundations; again in fiscal year 1977, ANERA received a generous grant in the amount of \$571,400 from the Agency for International Development.

The following pages show ANERA's financial activity in fiscal year 1977:





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

We have examined the balance sheet of American Near East Refugee Aid as of June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1976, and the related statements of operations and fund balance, and changes in financial position for the years then ended. 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial posttion of American Near East Refugee Aid at June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1976, and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

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BALANCE SHEET

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

| | June | . 50 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | 1977 | 1976 |
| ASSETS | | |
| CASH, including \$24,002 restricted for | | |
| deferred compensation Note B | | |
| Demand deposits | \$ 30,526 | \$ 13,998 |
| Savings deposits | 104,277 | 81,529 |
| Petty cash | 100 | 200 |
| | 134,903 | 95,727 |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Accounts receivable | 114 | 12,306 |
| Drugs and medical supplies on handNote A Furniture and equipment, net of allowance for depreciation of \$7,693 in 1977 and | 16,070 | 41,550 |
| \$6,524 in 1976Note A | 4 001 | 5 170 |
| 90,524 In 1970-1000 A | 20,185 | 5,170 |
| | | |
| | \$155,088 | \$154,753 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 3,603 | \$ 8,272 |
| Deferred compensation Note B | 24,002 | 32,255 |
| Grant commitments | 26,850 | -0- |
| Payroll taxes payable | 4,529 | 3,674 |
| | 58,984 | 44,201 |
| FUND BALANCE | 96,104 | 110,552 |
| COMMITMENTS Note C | | |
| | | |
| | \$155,088 | \$154,753 |

See notes to financial statements

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCE

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

| | 19 | Year ende | d June 30 | 16 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| | | // | 197 | 0 |
| REVENUE | | 0076 /10 | | \$571,984 |
| AID Grant Note E | | \$576,419 | | 227,488 |
| Cash contributions | | 223,852 | | 221,400 |
| Contributions of drugs and | | | | 75,171 |
| medical supplies Note A | | 60,057 | | |
| Investment income | | 2,481 | | 2,354 |
| Membership dues | | 2,430 | | 1,326 |
| Miscellaneous | | -0- | | 254 |
| | | 865,239 | | 878,577 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Services and activities: | | | | |
| Grants to Middle East projects | | | | |
| Note E | \$554,515 | | \$547,543 | |
| Donations of drugs and medical | | | | |
| supplies Note A | 85,256 | | 69,444 | |
| Fund raising and public | | | | |
| information | 46,453 | 686,224 | 67,014 | 684,001 |
| Administration | | 40,707 | | 53,702 |
| Overseas office | | 27,286 | | -0- |
| Personnel | | 125,470 | | 112,127 |
| retadimer | | 879,687 | | 849,830 |
| | | | | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER | EXPENSES | | | |
| (EXPENSES OVER | | (14,448) | | 28,747 |
| (mar minute or min | | T. A. C. | | |
| Fund balance, beginning of year | | 110,552 | | 81,805 |
| | | | | |
| FUND BALANCE, EN | D OF YEAR | \$ 96,104 | | \$110,552 |
| | | | | |

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

NOTE A -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Organizational Data: American Near East Refugee Aid (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 developmental, 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.

<u>Furniture and Equipment:</u> 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).

Drugs and Medical Supplies: Drugs and medical supplies are received by the American Middle East Rehabilitation (AMER) division of ANERA 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 the value as established by the donors.

NOTE B--DEFERRED COMPENSATION

ANERA established a deferred compensation plan for the then Board on July 1, 1973. The plan, which terminated on Septem 1975,

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

| | Year ended | June 30 |
|---|------------|-----------|
| SOURCES OF FUNDS: | | 1310 |
| From operations | | |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | | |
| (expenses over revenue) | \$(14,448) | \$ 28,747 |
| Add expenses (deduct revenue) not requiring | 1000 | 10. 05. |
| funds in the current period: | | |
| Inventory spoilage | 281 | |
| Depreciation expense | 1,169 | 1,139 |
| Contributions of drugs and medical supplies | | |
| to ANERA | (60,057) | (75,171 |
| Donations of drugs and medical supplies | | |
| to Middle East projects | 85,256 | 69,444 |
| Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable | 12,192 | (11,040 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable | (4,669) | (1,477 |
| Increase (decrease) in payroll taxes payable | 855 | 852 |
| Increase (decrease) in grant commitments | 26,850 | (8,100 |
| Additions to deferred compensation | -0- | 5,049 |
| TOTAL FROM OPERATIONS AND TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS | 47,429 | 9,443 |
| APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS | | |
| Payment of deferred compensation, net | 8,253 | -0- |
| Purchase of drugs and medical supplies | -0- | 1,005 |
| Purchase of furniture and office equipment | -0- | 625 |
| TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS | 8,253 | 1,630 |
| INCREASE IN CASH | 39,176 | 7,813 |
| Cash, beginning of year | 95,727 | 87,914 |
| CASH, END OF YEAR | \$134,903 | \$ 95,727 |

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provided for the accumulation of per diem earnings for special consulting work of the Chairman. Distribution of the accumulated earnings and interest began on December 31, 1976.

NOTE C -- COMMITMENTS

ANERA occupies office space in Washington, D. C., under a lease agreement expiring August 31, 1978, for an annual rental of approximately \$9,600. The AMER division of AMERA, which was consolidated with the Washington, D. C. office, occupied space in New York under a lease that expires May 31, 1979 for approximately \$3,400 per year. ANERA plans to terminate the lease, either by obtaining a replacement tenant or negotiation with the landlord.

NOTE D -- PENSION PLAN

ANERA has a defined contribution pension plan that became effective July 1, 1974 and covers substantially all of its employees. The plan is fully funded through the purchase of annuity contracts. Contributions under the plan were \$4,914 for the year ended June 30, 1977 and \$4,453 for 1976.

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NOTE E -- AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) GRANTS

During 1977 ANERA received \$576,419 (\$571,984 in 1976) from AID to assist vocational training programs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Subseque to June 30, 1977, ANERA was awarded an AID grant of \$902,200 for simpurposes.

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