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## International Year of the Child

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Consultations are proceeding in the United Nations with a view to the sponsorship of an International Year of the Child. It is anticipated that it will be celebrated in 1979, to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

Non-governmental agencies, including the International Council of Social Services, have been involved in the consultation and planning, and it is anticipated that firm decisions will be made towards the end of this year.

Secretary General Waldheim has presented a report to the Economic and Social Council on the ways in which the project can be supported and financed by the United Nations. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to express their interest and ideas to their own governments in an effort to urge them to vote for an I.Y.C. in the General Assembly.



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### Community Affairs Bulletin

A free-of-charge Community Affairs Bulletin is being published monthly by the National Library of Australia and organizations and individuals are invited to place their names on the mailing list.

The Bulletin lists new books, reports, periodicals, articles, etc. received by the library. It covers social issues, family policy, community development, social welfare, and urban and regional development readings.

If you are interested and wish to receive the publication, forward your postal address to:

Community Affairs Information Service,  
National Library of Australia,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

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## A.A.S.W. Annual Conference

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The Australian Association of Social Workers Annual Conference will be held at Flinders University, Adelaide from the 23rd to 27th May, 1977. The theme of the Conference will be "Life Chances", and those interested in attending are invited to communicate with the Convenor of the Conference, Mr. Peter Travers, Convenor, A.A.S.W. National Conference, 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000.

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## N.S.W. Association of Child Caring Agencies Annual Conference

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Mr. V. Knight

The Annual Conference of the N.S.W. Association of Child Caring Agencies was held at Dalmar Children's Home, Carlingford on the weekend beginning Friday, 12th November.

The Conference was led by Mr. Vernon Knight and Mr. Denis Oakley from the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria on the theme "Working in the Present - Looking to the Future".

At the Annual Meeting held during the weekend, Mr. Ray Jenkins, Superintendent of Burnside Children's Home, Parramatta was elected to the position of Chairman to replace Mr. Fred Rice who had been Chairman for the past ten years. Mr. W. Langshaw the Director of Youth and Community Services presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Association, to enable them to create a full time secretariat.

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## Child and Family Welfare Council of Australia

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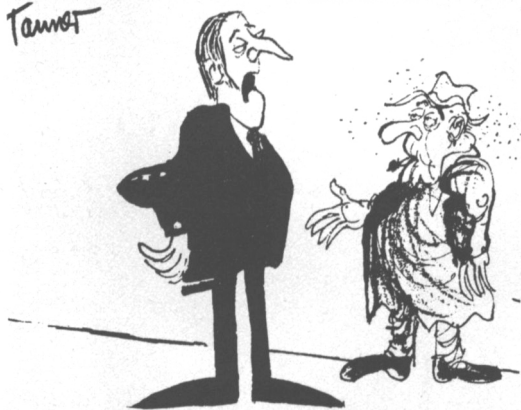
At the Annual Meeting of the Child and Family Welfare Council Mr. Lyn Reilly, Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia, was appointed Chairman.

The Council expressed concern at the serious falling away of research and evaluation going on into child and family welfare throughout Australia.

It is currently investigating the possibility of establishing a permanent national service that will be able then to develop research and information gathering resources for the benefit of member organizations and others involved in the field of child and family welfare.

The Council is also hoping that it will be able to establish a consultative service that will enable organizations in child and family welfare to evaluate and modify services in response to current trends in this field.

Information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Gordon Hardie, Child Care Secretariat, 103 Bathurst Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 3000. Telephone 61 6136.



"Let me put it this way - can you change a dole cheque?"

## Self Help for the Unemployed

The Victorian Federation of Unemployed Self Help Groups has produced a four page tabloid paper entitled "Unemployment and School Leavers".

The paper provides advice in respect to looking for employment, interviews with employers, applying for benefits, using the Commonwealth Employment Service and setting up self help groups.

The paper also lists names and addresses of interstate self help groups.

If you require copies of the paper write to:- National Youth Council, 23 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne, Vic. 3065. Tel. 419 5653.

## Joint Conference

A symposium jointly organized by the Australian Association of Family Planning Associations, the Australian Council, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and the Australian Paediatrician's Association will be held in Adelaide on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd June, 1977, on the theme Adopting — "Optimum Fertility, Quality Babies".

Topics include Foetus and its Environment, Assessment of Foetal Welfare, Perinatal Epidemiology and Parturition and the Neonate.

Intending participants are invited to enquire from the Australian Federation of Family Planning Associations, 197 George Street, Redfern, N.S.W. 2016, or their own Association.

## THIRD ASIAN CONFERENCE ON MENTAL RETARDATION

This Conference is to be held in Bangalore, Karnataka State (South India) from the 7th-11th November, 1977.

Persons wishing to present scientific papers at the Conference are requested to submit synopses in English and these should be less than 500 words.

Interesting tours have been arranged for delegates including visits to the Nandi Hills, a thousand-year-old monolith (Sravanabelagola), and the temples of Belur, Halebid, which were built in the 11th and 12th centuries.

Prizes are to be awarded for the best films, teaching aids, slides and books submitted to an exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Conference.

All enquiries should be directed to Mr. G. G. Prabhee, Chair Person, Executive Committee III A.F.M.R., 2 Krishna Menon Marg, New Delhi — 110011, India.

Synopses should reach him by 31st December, 1976.

## WINNIE-THE-POOH .... 50th BIRTHDAY



## WINNIE-THE-POOH.

Nicholson celebrated Winnie-the-Pooh's 50th Birthday with this poignant cartoon comment on life in a consumer oriented society.

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