

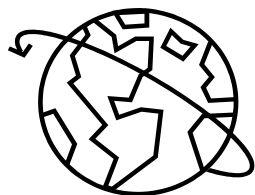
UNA-GKC NEWS

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Up Coming Events in Kansas City and Elsewhere

- April 16-17, Park University Model UN training day for high school teachers.
- April 19, UN and US Food Aid Officials interviewed by Steve Kraske on *Up-to-Date* radio program, 11:00 a.m., KCUR.
- April 19, Model UN students meet with UN and US Food Aid Officials, UMKC, 1:00 p.m. University center.
- April 20-22, USDA-USAID Food Aid Conference, Kansas City.



Model UN Students to Meet U.N., U.S. Food Aid Officials

By Jay Sjveren

Model UN students from area college and high school campuses will join other members of the Kansas City community on April 19 at the University of Missouri – Kansas City in a discussion on world food aid and agriculture with officials of the United Nations and U.S. government.

At the invitation of the Greater Kansas City chapter of the U.N.A.-U.S.A, Judith Lewis, director of the U.S. Relations Office of the United Nations World Food Programme; Lauren Landis, director of Food for Peace at the U.S. Agency

for International Development; Bert Farrish, deputy administrator, commodity operations, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Charles Riemenschneider, director, liaison office, Washington, for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, will provide background and expertise on world food aid needs, initiatives and procedures and discuss with Kansas Citians the future of these programs and efforts.

Kansas City plays a pivotal role in U.S. and world food aid campaigns because it is here, at the U.S.D.A.'s K.C.-based commodity office, that the U.S. purchases the food that is donated to the

hungry of the world. Because of this Kansas City connection, our city has been host to an annual conference on food aid organized by the U.S.D.A. and USAID. The sixth annual conference will take place April 20-22, following the U.N.A.-U.S.A.-sponsored food aid-related events.

Please join the Model UN students and other Kansas Citians for this unprecedented opportunity to discuss world food aid with those playing key roles in this essential effort. The event will be on Monday, April 19, 1:00 p.m., Room 106, University Center, 5100 Rockhill Road, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

UNA to the Fore on Food Aid – Judith Lewis to Speak on School Feeding Program

By Jay Sjveren

Judith Lewis, director, U.S. Relations Office for the United Nations World Food Programme, on April 19 will bring to Kansas City the W.F.P.'s "19¢ a day" program that aims to expand highly effective school feeding programs in

school feeding programs in the developing countries. Ms. Lewis, a 10-year veteran with the W.F.P., has served in a variety of capacities in Angola, Ethiopia, Uganda, as well as at the W.F.P. headquarters in Rome before taking on her current assign-

ment in Washington. She will address Kansas Citians on Monday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church at 4501 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE UN

UN proposals to help boost the UN's ability to fight terrorism.

Global trade is unlikely to see the buoyancy of the pre-2000 years.

UNEP has prepared a preliminary assessment of the most pressing environmental challenges for Iraq.

Security Council hears proposals to revitalize UN Counter-Terrorism Committee

Members of the United Nations anti-terrorism committee on March 4, 2004, agreed on the need to "revitalize" its work in order to adapt to the evolving nature of its mission and voiced support for a plan that aims to enhance the Security Council's ability to help countries implement a resolution - adopted in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks against the United States - to fight the worldwide scourge.

In an open briefing on the work of the Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), the panel's Chairman, Ambassador Inocencio Arias of Spain, stressed that the proposal to rejuvenate its work had originated from a dual conviction: that terrorism was one of the major

threats to international peace and security; and that the UN must play a central role in the fight against that threat with the Council, through the CTC, leading the effort.

There were several proposed changes that could help boost the UN's ability to forestall terrorist threats. For more information, go to <http://www0.un.org/apps/news>.

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2004

Many of the forces responsible for dramatic growth in the previous decade are now absent or not strong enough to produce such robust performance. While global trade is projected by the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2004 (WESP 2004) to grow by seven per cent this year, it is unlikely that the buoyancy of pre-2000 years will be repeated, especially given setbacks in the Doha round of trade negotiations. The recovery of foreign direct investment will be similarly subdued, as will rebounding investment in information technologies. And in 2004, the dampening effects of geopolitical tensions and threats of international terrorism are more prevalent than

in the years immediately before 2001. Therefore, the report urges careful measures to nurture the recovery and avoid a precipitous unwinding of international imbalances. To read more about this issue, you may go to <http://www.un.org/esa/policy/wesp/index.html>. You may download this report, along with The 2003 World Economic and Social Survey.

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) for Iraq

UNEP's Post Conflict Assessment Unit (PCAU) has completed a Desk Study of the environment in Iraq, aimed at providing a rapid and timely overview of key environmental issues in the context of the current conflict. Drawing on information available from multiple sources, including current media, government and NGO reports on the unfolding conflict, UNEP has prepared a preliminary assessment of the most pressing environmental challenges facing those involved in the post-conflict humanitarian relief and reconstruction effort.

UNEP's environmental assessment activities have been included in the OCHA Flash Appeal for the Humanitarian Requirements of the Iraq Crisis, launched 28 March 2003 and revised 17 June 2003. You may download UNEP's 2003 Desk Study of Iraq at <http://postconflict.unep.ch/>

Judith Lewis from WFP to speak (continued from p. 1)

The number of malnourished children in the world today is more than 300 million, according to the W.F.P. Of those hungry children, 130 million don't go to school. One-hundred-fifty million do go to school, but with empty stomachs. "That means they can't learn. They don't have the energy," said Ms. Lewis.

For 19 cents a day, or \$34 a year, a school child in a developing country can be provided with one nutritious meal each school day. The W.F.P.

already is feeding 16 million children in 64 countries through its school feeding programs.

"We think that providing food in the schools is one of the best and most effective ways to fight hunger and poverty," Ms. Lewis explained. "We're helping the poor, yes. We're also providing a nutritious meal at school. It's a win/win. It improves literacy, and it also helps children become healthy and break out of the cycle of poverty."

School feeding programs encourage school atten-

dance. This is particularly the case with girl children, who are disproportionately underrepresented in schools in many developing countries. And research shows that with each additional year in school, young women delay having children and have fewer children. They are healthier, and they make better life choices, because they're educated.

School attendance also is key to educating broad sections of youth about HIV/AIDS.

Education has been called the only "vaccine" against HIV/AIDS. And education helps develop educated populations that can lift nations out of poverty.

Several nations, including the United States, as well as private voluntary organizations, have partnered with the World Food Programme in developing school feeding programs. But so much more needs to be done. Join us April 19 to find out what you can do.



UNA-USA Rolls Out New Edition of The InterDependent by Buddy Liston

The UNA-USA rolled out the inaugural edition of *The InterDependent* with their Fall edition. The two-color publication also includes new departments titled *In the Know*, *Making a Difference*, *Did You Know* and *Of Relevance*, as well as articles by such

tables as Richard Williamson, Richard Holbrooke and John Riggs.

Copies of *The InterDependent* are provided free to members of the UNA-USA. Also included in the same package as *The InterDependent* was a complimentary copy of *The Week*.

This Newsweek-type publication carries 38 pages of summary articles about national and international events.

If you renewed your membership before 1 January 2004, a six month subscription to *The Week* was included at no addi-



tional cost. Renewal forms can be found in *The InterDependent* or on the flyleaf of *The Week*, as well as by going on line to the UNA-USA website at www.unausa.org.

Tribute to Charles Even (Charlie) Bebb

Charles Even Bebb's personal efforts in the quest for world peace ended on February 25, 2004, while his legacy continues. Charles was born on June 10, 1922 in Kansas City, Missouri, to Mary and George Webb. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force and received the Purple Heart after spending a year as a prisoner in a German

POW camp during World War II. As a belly-gunner in a B-17, Charles was forced to bail out when his plane was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Charlie would say that his long journey as an advocate for world peace probably began as he descended in his parachute, when he pledged to himself to work for peace if he was fortunate enough to survive this

experience. Rescued from an angry mob by German soldiers, he was taken to the POW camp. That experience resulted in a passionate, lifelong commitment to world peace. Among his many accolades, Charles was a founding member of the Kansas City Chapter of the World federalist Association; a founding member of the Greater Kansas City

UNA-USA; twice chaired the Mayor's United Nations Day Dinner Committee; was presented the Mayor's award as Kansas City World Citizen of the Year in 1972; was a principle member of the 1982 Kansas City Nuclear Weapons Freeze Coalition; had a day named in his honor and is the namesake for a PeaceWorks award; and, was bestowed with The Future is Now Award. He will be greatly missed.

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**On This Day in
History**

- March 2, UN admitted eight former-Soviet nations, 1992.
- March 8, International Women's Day.
- March 21, Earth Day since 1970.
- March 26, Israeli Premier Begin and Egyptian President Sadat signed Camp David Accord, 1979.
- April 3, First Meeting of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, 1946.
- April 7, World Health Day since 1948.
- April 8, UN officially reopened the Suez Canal, 1957.
- April 13, UN peacekeepers arrive in Albania, 1997.
- April 25, Conference to form the UN opened in San Francisco, 1945.



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If you would like to become a member of the UNA-USA, Greater Kansas City Chapter, please use the form below or register online at www.unausa.org. If you are already member, we thank you for your continued support.

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