

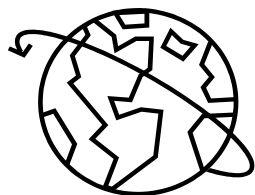
UNA-GKC NEWS

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Up Coming Events in Kansas City and Elsewhere

- June 7, JCCC Model UN Club Fundraiser at the Kansas Speedway, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- July 2, 3, 4, JCCC Model UN Club Fundraiser at the Kansas Speedway, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- July 17, Regional UNA-USA meeting — More details to follow.
- October 14, Kansas City Mayor's UN Day Dinner. Mark your calendar — More details to follow.



U.N., U.S. Officials Speak Out on World Hunger

By Jay Sjveren

A panel representing United Nations and United State government food aid and agricultural development officials addressed the Kansas City community on ongoing and urgent efforts to combat world hunger. Panel members were assembled by the Greater Kansas City chapter of the United Nations Association. They included Bert Farrish, deputy administrator, commodity operations, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Lauren Landis, director, Food for International

Development; Judith Lewis, director, U.S. Relations Office, United Nations World Food Programme, and Charles Riemenschneider, director, liaison office for North American, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Panel members first were interviewed on live talk radio by Steve Kraske, political correspondent for *The Kansas City Star*. Mr. Kraske is host of "Up to Date," a popular news/talk program broadcast by KCUR 89.3, the public radio station in Kansas City. And he pointed out that the panelists had traveled to Kansas City to participate in the 6th U.S.D.A./U.S.

AID Export Food Aid Conference that was held April 20-22 in Kansas City. That conference was attended by more than 800 persons involved with procuring, supplying, transporting, receiving and distributing food aid contributed by the people and government of the U.S.

The panel then addressed students and community members, (continued on page 3) United Nations teams from the campuses of the University of Missouri -- Kansas City, Park University and Johnson County Community College. The Model UN team at U.M.K.C. was host to the meeting. And Nick

W.F.P. Official Brings '19¢ a Day' Campaign to Kansas City

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For 19¢ a day, a child in a developing nation classroom can be provided one nutritious meal a day, Judith Lewis, director, U.S. relations office, World Food Programme, told members of the Kansas City community gathered

City community gathered April 19 at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

School feeding programs in the world's poorest nations have encouraged school attendance, raised student performance and

well-being, all for about \$34 per child per school year, Dr. Lewis said.

Dr. Lewis since January has spearheaded the W.F.P.'s "19¢ a Day" campaign, which aims to raise public awareness of (continued on page 3)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE UN

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Security Council strongly con- demns terror attacks in Madrid

The United Nations Security Council on March 11, 2004, strongly condemned the bomb attacks in Madrid that killed at least 190 people and injured more than 1,200, and called on countries to cooperate in the effort to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Acting just hours after a series of bomb explosions rocked three train stations in the Spanish capital, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the attacks perpetrated by the terrorist group Euskadi ta Askatasuna (ETA) saying that it regards them as "a threat to peace and security."

The resolution also expressed the 15-member body's "reinforced determination to combat all forms of terrorism," and conveyed its deepest sympathy and condolences

to the people and Government of Spain and to the victims of the attacks and their families.

The text also urged all States "to cooperate actively in efforts to find and bring to justice the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of this terrorist attack."

For more on this story and the UN's reaction to the Madrid bombing and its positions on terrorism, please see <http://www.un.org/apps/news/>.

General Assembly overwhelm- ingly affirms Palestinians right to sovereignty

The 191-member United Nations General Assembly May 4, 2004 overwhelmingly affirmed the need to enable the Palestinian people "to exercise sovereignty and to achieve independence in their State, Palestine."

By a vote of 140 in favour to 6 against (Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and the United States), with 11 abstentions, the Assembly adopted a resolution that also affirmed that "the status of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, remains one of military occupation."

The Assembly also expressed its determination to contribute to a comprehensive negotiated peace settlement in the Middle East, resulting "in two viable, sovereign and independent states, Israel and Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders and living side by side in peace and security."

For more information, see <http://www.un.org/apps/news/>.

Iraq: UNICEF 'profoundly dis- turbed' by allegations of abuse of detained children

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is profoundly disturbed by news reports alleging that children might have been among those abused in detention centres and prisons in Iraq.

"Although the news reports have not been independently substantiated, they are alarming nonetheless," UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz told a news briefing in Geneva, adding that any mistreatment, sexual abuse, exploitation or torture of children in deten-

tion is a violation of international law.

Mr. Personnaz's statement was the latest reaction by a UN body to widely disseminated reports and photographs of abuse of detainees by United States-led coalition personnel in Iraq.

For more information on this and other UN issues, see <http://www.un.org/News/>.

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including Model United Nations teams from the campuses of the University of Missouri -- Kansas City, Park University and Johnson County Community College. The Model UN team at U.M.K.C. was host to the meeting. And Nick Haines, executive producer, public affairs/news, KCPT, the Kansas City public television network, was moderator of the session.

During the meeting at U.M.K.C., each panel member provided a brief overview of his or her agency or organization and how it fits into the overall campaign against world hunger. The panelists fielded questions relating to the challenges posed to agricultural and economic development by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa, how food aid recipients are identified, what progress has been made in

reducing deaths by hunger and malnutrition, how can it be that the world is falling behind in the fight against hunger despite this progress, and what can be done by the U.N., the U.S. and other national governments and by private citizens to end the scourge of hunger.

Ms. Landis of Food for Peace explained that U.S. food aid recipients are selected on the basis of their need, not their politics.

Mr. Farrish provided students background on U.S. food aid programs, particularly P.L.480 Title II, or Food for Peace, which was marking its 50th anniversary.

Mr. Riemenschneider described how the F.A.O. helps alert the world to potential natural disasters so steps can be taken to avert famine, not simply respond to it.

Dr. Lewis told students how important school feeding programs are to the future of both individuals and nations in developing regions of the world



W.F.P. Official Brings '19¢ a Day' Campaign

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the popular and broadly successful school feeding programs the W.F.P. and its partners, including the U.S. government and non-governmental organizations, have operated in several developing countries. Dr. Lewis asked Kansas Citians to urge Congress to increase funding for the initiative and to contribute directly to the W.F.P. school feeding efforts.

U.S. funding specifically targeting school feeding in

targeting school feeding in the developing countries initially was provided under a pilot program, the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, authorized by Congress under the Clinton Administration.

The pilot program was provided \$300 million to be spent over two years — fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

The program was extended by the farm act

enacted in 2002 and was provided \$100 million for fiscal 2003. But in fiscal 2004, funding dropped to \$50 million. The budget for fiscal 2005 proposed an increase to \$75 million. But spending even at that level would fall far short of enabling the school feeding program to match its early reach under the pilot program let alone its potential.

Dr. Lewis said the school feeding programs

have been especially successful in drawing girls into schools. Often girls are kept at home for domestic chores while their brothers are sent off to school. "In our program in Afghanistan, we found a way to encourage parents to send their girls to school," Dr. Lewis said. "We bribed them." For each full month a girl attended classes, she was given a large tin of cooking oil to bring home.

News from the JCCC Model UN by Brian Wright

The JCCC Model United Nations team's new president is Rob Gurwell. Along with Rob, the team elected a leadership committee consisting of Stacy Wallace, Ashley-Michelle Papon, Elizabeth McConnell, Jesse Prince.

Rob and the committee will all share the leadership roles for the team (i.e., fundraising, membership, team preparation, and conference organization).

The JCCC Model United Nations team raises travel funds by working at the Kansas Speedway. If

you are available, we could really use your help. The speedway fundraiser will be Saturday June 5, 2004 time 7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. (NASCAR Kansas 200) and Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 2, 3 & 4 time

7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. (NASCAR Truck race and IndyCar Series Kansas 300 race). If you can help out, please email your name, date of birth and days you are available to Dr. Brian Wright at Bwright1@jccc.net.

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**On This Day in
History**

- May 8, World Red Cross Day
- May 21, UNESCO World Day for Cultural Development
- May 31, World No Tobacco Day.
- June 5, World Environment Day
- June 18, UN Preventative Force deployed 300 peacekeepers to Macedonia, 1993.
- June 20, World Refugee Day.
- June 22, First UN peace observers deployed in Palestine, 1948.
- June 24, J.H. Dunant, founder of International Red Cross, received Nobel Peace Prize, 1901.
- June 26, International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.



UNA-GKC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email : _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Bus Phone: _____

I am interested in a new membership

I am interested in renewing my existing membership

I am purchasing a gift membership

Chapter: Greater Kansas City Area Chapter

Membership: \$1000 Lifetime (one time dues payment)

\$ 500 Patron

\$ 100 Sponsor

\$ 40 Member

\$ 25 Introductory (First Year Only)

\$ 25 Senior

\$ 10 Student

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