

# Pot Pourri

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

The International year of the child is to be 1979 to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the acceptance of the declaration of rights for the child. While the United Nations have not yet announced what programs are planned, it is most likely that there will be a special emphasis on child welfare in third world countries. The idea of a World Congress on Child Welfare has already been rejected as it is felt that the finance required to conduct an International Conference would be better spent on programs for children throughout the world.

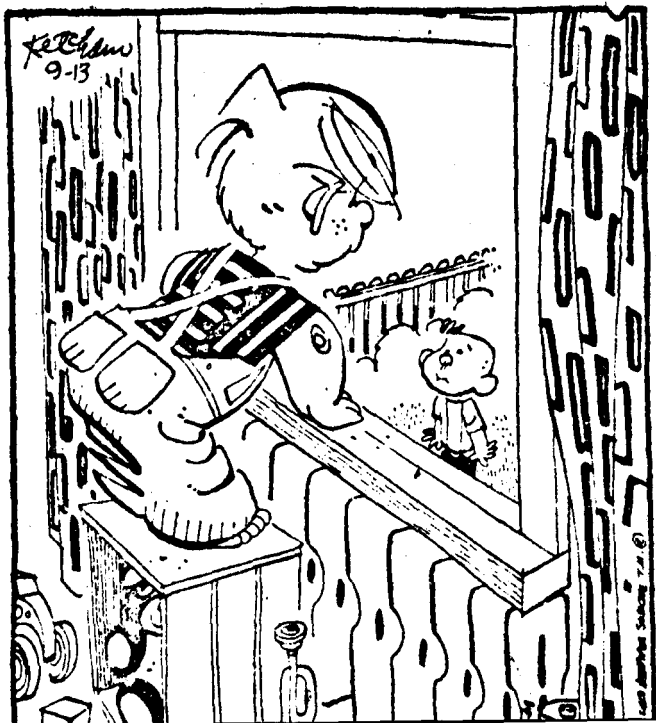
## TELEVISION AND CHILDREN

The Senate Standing Committee on Education & Arts, as part of its reference on broadcasting and television has decided to enquire into:— "The impact of television on the development and learning behaviour of children".

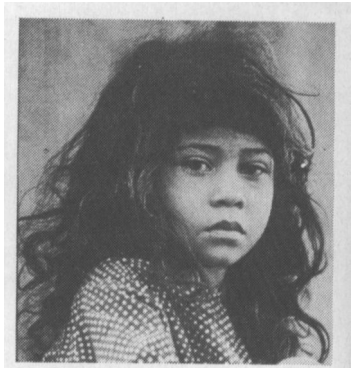
The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons and organisations. Some people may be invited to give supplementary evidence at public hearings in due course.

Those intending to make submissions are invited to notify the Secretary, Mr J. H. Lipscombe, The Senate, Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600 (telephone 062 726557) and to forward submissions to him by the 8th April, 1977.

"SHE WAS GONNA WASH OUT MY MOUTH WITH SOAP, BUT I TOLD HER I HEARD IT ON TELEVISION....SO SHE'S WRITIN' A LETTER TO HER CONGRESSMAN INSTEAD."



## INTERNATIONAL CHILD WELFARE REVIEW



The International Child Welfare Review is a useful journal for those interested in the child welfare work throughout the world.

It is published four times a year in English, French and Spanish.

The Review appeals to a wide range of professional workers and carries articles from the fields of health, law, education, training, guidance, orientation, recreation and socio-cultural development.

Subscriptions are for calendar years and if the subscription is taken out during the year, the issues which have already been published during the year will be automatically sent.

The annual subscription is 34 Swiss Francs — student and group concession (ten copies) 28 Swiss Francs. Individual copies 9 Swiss Francs. Solidarity subscription 50 Swiss Francs.

Payment for the Review should be by a bank transfer to:—

Societe de Banque Suisse,  
Centre International, Geneva Compte UIPE  
1 Rue de Varembe,  
1211 Geneve 20

## SCHOOL COMMISSION PROGRAM

During 1977 the Commonwealth Government grants totalling \$1,093 million will be available for projects in the States in order to enrich and support the education of children living in Institutions.

Institutions are encouraged to make joint approaches and could include programs such as tutoring, excursions, library programs, educational services, resources for developing social competency, consultancy or conduct of workshops to help personnel in institutions develop programs.

Further information may be obtained from the "Children in Residential Settings Committee", which will be located in the department responsible for education in each State.

---

## CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL CONFERENCE

---

The Association for the welfare of children in Hospital has received more than 500 enquiries from intending delegates to the Association's National Conference to be held at the University of Sydney from the 26th-29th May, 1977.

The Conference will focus on the theme, "The Emotional Needs of Infants and Young Children — Implications for Policy and Practice."

The Conference will be led by James and Joyce Robertson, world-renowned authors and researchers in child welfare who now head up the Robertson Centre — an educational trust to provide understanding of the emotional needs of infants and young children.

Australian speakers include Marie Coleman, Director of the Office of Child Care, Department of Social Security; Spencer Colliver, First Assistant to Director General, Social Welfare Division, Department of Social Security; Ms. Anne Deveson, Commissioner, Royal Commission on Human Relationships; and Mr. Al. Grassby, Commissioner for Community Relations, Canberra.

---

## JEAN VANIER TO VISIT

---

Jean Vanier, a French-Canadian layman, who has devoted his life to the intellectually handicapped, will be in Australia from the 20th April to the 2nd May, 1977.

Jean Vanier is the founder of a movement in France known as L'Arche and in North America as Daybreak.

The visit is being sponsored by Brother Damian Keane, Prior of Yarra View, a centre for intellectually handicapped boys in Lilydale, Victoria.

"We are sponsoring the visit because we want people to be inspired by this magnetic man, to go out, as he does, and work with others in small close communities" said Brother Keane.

Information regarding Jean Vanier's visit can be obtained through the Children's Welfare Association in Melbourne, telephone 03 266210.

---

## YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

---

Unemployment figures released on the fourth of March revealed little cause for optimism. Over 50,000

---

## ANNUAL CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

---

The Annual Child Care Conference in Victoria will be held at Erskine House, Lorne, from Friday, 15th July, 1977 to Sunday, 17th July, 1977.

The Conference will focus on Child and Family Welfare programs that have been initiated in the State during the past three years. Staff involved in the implementation and direction of new services will discuss with participants the aims, the structures and the effectiveness of individual programs.

Professor Boss, Professor of Social Work at Monash University, will Chair the Conference and deliver the Keith Mathieson Memorial Lecture on the Sunday morning.

Those interested in participating in the Conference should contact:—

Mrs. Jane Waterman  
Children's Welfare Association,  
25 Queens Road,  
Melbourne, 3004

(Note: Intending participants are advised to book early as the Conference was over-subscribed by 100 in 1976).

\* \* \* \* \*

school leavers have registered for unemployment benefits since the start of December. This did not take into account those who had found work or who had returned to school.

Jeff Hook's cartoon is re-published with his and the Melbourne Suns kind permission.



THE AWKWARD YEARS!