



- \* Community Functioning and the Child/Family — Convener, Mr G. Gregory.
- \* The Aboriginal Child — Co-conveners, Rev. L. Semple and Rev. C. Jacobs.
- \* The Law and the Rights of the Child — Convener, Mrs H. Southcott
- \* The Declaration of the Rights of the Child — Convener, Mrs H. Beckmann.

IYC in Australia can be summed up as "so far, so good". The IYC REPORT (February 1979) from New York indicates that this is true throughout the world "It is evident that the first part of the General Assembly's mandate — advocacy — is being fulfilled. Indeed, at times it is in danger of being over-fulfilled: can it be possible that individuals, organisations, governments, pop stars, poets, teachers, men of every known kind of religious cloth, can it be possible, one asks again, that they mean to do what they say?"

There are promises being made now which should last the children of the world well into 3,000 A.D., the Fourth millenium. Only a humanity which has gone mad would misuse this reservoir of goodwill."

All associated with IYC are earnestly working towards building into IYC the ongoing mechanisms which will ensure that the "reservoir of goodwill" is conserved, and tapped and not left to evaporate at the end of 1979.

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- South Australian Government.
- \* **Child Care Switchboard** — The New South Wales State Committee is planning radio talk-back programmes between parents/children and health education and welfare workers with inbuilt provision for follow-up.
- \* **March for Millions** — Thousands of Tasmanians participated in the March for Millions which aimed at raising \$100,000 for children in developing countries.

**National Policy for Children and Families**

The IYC National Committee of NGOs has stressed, as a priority in its work programme, the establishment of processes and machinery to develop a National Policy for Children and Families. The IYC National Committee of NGOs has

recommended to the Prime Minister and the Minister Responsible for IYC Matters in Australia that a process be instituted to enable open consultation between all such groups, including government at all levels, federal, state and local, and all interested members of the community.

The 26 member IYC National Committee of NGOs has established a sub-committee structure. The nine sub-committees are:—

- \* The Child in the World — Convener, Mr W. Langshaw
- \* The Developing Child — Convener, Dr. C. Isbister.
- \* The Child in Play and Creativity — Convener, Ms. S. Macauley.
- \* The Child, Education and the Media — Convener, Mr Greg Taylor.
- \* The Child Under Threat — Convener, Lady Thomson.