

address by Prof Philip Alston. Later the same day, Justice John Fogarty will speak on "Child Protection: the Time for a National Approach." On Friday, Dale McLeod of SNAICC will address the Conference on "Aboriginal Children, their rights, their future".

ACT young people will speak on their experience of children's and young people's rights violations in the ACT at both the opening and closing sessions.

More information can be obtained from Barbara Refshauge on 06-249-6176 or fax 06-247-0278.

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A paper was presented by Pearl Duncan to DCI Conference at Carseldine Campus QUT titled "Aboriginal Infant Mortality: A Human Rights Issue".

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

DCI-Zaire has written with a proposal for a research project into Female Genital Mutilation in the north eastern area of Zaire. DCI-Senegal has also proposed a collaborative project with DCI Australia on the same issue. A request for support for DCI-Cameroon to work on this and other children's rights violations was reported in the last issue.

We are looking for assistance with funding aspects of these projects from an Australian overseas aid organisation. In the meantime, donations and fundraising by our members and branches would be most welcome.

Any members who have ideas about how these projects could be supported from Australia, please contact Helen Bayes in the National Office, 06-247-9395.

DCI-Peru has called on the international community to condemn the armed conflict between Peru and Ecuador and to demand that the Peruvian and Ecuadoran Governments work towards a lasting peace, promote the rights of both peoples and above all protect the rights of children and adolescents in both countries. Arbitrary detention of Peruvian students who are resident in Ecuador is a major DCI concern. Please demonstrate your concern about the protection of children in Peru from armed conflict by writing to the Embassy of Peru, FAI Building, London Circuit, Canberra, 2600 and from arbitrary detention and armed conflict in Ecuador by writing to the Consulate of Ecuador, 388 George Street, Sydney, 2000. A letter to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Gareth Evans, Parliament House, Canberra, 2600 would also be worthwhile.

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The next National Committee meeting will be held in Canberra on 11 March 1995.