

SOUTH COAST WINS PEACE PRIZE AGAIN

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The Illawarra Mercury and the South Coast branch of the Australian Peace Committee yesterday received a gold citation at the 1982 Australian media peace prize awards.

It is the second year the two organisations have shared a gold citation.

Federal Education Minister Sen Peter Baume presented the awards at a United Nations Day ceremony at Macquarie University, Sydney.

The Mercury and the South Coast branch of the APC received the citation for the newspaper's weekly Peace Focus column and for a youth essay competition conducted earlier this year.

The essay competition invited high school students to write on the theme of peace. The

Mercury, branch receive citation

winner, Belinda Butterfield, 15, of Narooma, flew by Qantas to Japan to inspect the A-bomb sites of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The media peace prize is an activity of the peace program of the United Nations Association of Australia.

The peace program seeks to provide a forum for the study of peace, and the discovery and application of non-violent solutions to conflict.

The media peace prize has been awarded since 1979.

Judges this year were Mr Justice Michael Kirby, Justice Elizabeth Evatt and Prof Hugh Philp of Macquarie University's School of Education.

The winner of the principal media prize in print, television and radio categories received a replica of a Frederic Chepeaux sculpture depicting a human hand holding a fragile egg of peace.

The media prize for print was awarded to The Melbourne Age's Accent page.

The television award went to the Channel 9-28 Special Broadcasting Service and Generation Films for the program Women of The Sun.

The ABC's Radio 2JJJ-FM won the radio award for peace programs, particularly those broadcast during Nuclear Week.

There were more than

600 media peace prize entries this year.

Sen Baume told a packed Macquarie Theatre the cause of peace must be pursued relentlessly.

"There is no more urgent task for governments and people around the world than the pursuit of peace," he said.

Prof Philp, quoting the United Nations charter, said: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."

● PICTURE: Federal Education Minister Sen Baume presents a gold citation to the president of the South Coast branch, Australian Peace Committee, Mr David Borrow (left) and Illawarra Mercury editor Mr Peter Newell (right) at yesterday's media peace prize ceremony at Macquarie University.