PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
1971
Willamette University, Salem, Oregon
August 8-12, 1971

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting, held at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, opened with a meeting for worship at 2:00 p.m., August 8, 1971.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION II: Sunday, August 8, 1971 4:00 p.m.

After a brief period of quiet, the clerk opened the session by reading a letter of greeting from Ben and Mudge Seaver in Hong Kong, PYM Friends in the Orient. They especially appreciate the Chinese sense of lightheartedness in a somber world and hope PYM will consider how all our countries can encourage normal diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

The Clerk introduced to the Yearly Meeting:

Etta Vogel (Orange Grove)  Recording Clerk
Lois Barton (Eugene)  Assistant Clerk
Elizabeth Van Dolsen (Claremont)  Reading Clerk
Doug Feeney (Claremont)  Clerk of Young Friends
John Hubbe (Eugene)  Clerk of the Junior Yearly Meeting

The Assistant Clerk read the roll call of Meetings. A list of those answering the call is attached to the official minutes. There was no one present from Las Vegas, Redlands and Riverside Meetings.

The roll call of Worship Groups, Preparatory Meetings is also shown as an attachment to the official minutes.

At the request of the Assistant Clerk the large number of Junior Friends and Young Friends stood up.

The following visitors were introduced.

Howard Brinton, Pendle Hill, who reminded us that this is the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of the group which became Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Yuki Takahashi, former Corresponding Clerk of Japan Yearly Meeting, who accompanies Howard Brinton. She has translated FRIENDS FOR 300 YEARS into Japanese.

David Stevenson, Argenta Meeting, which is now part of Canada Yearly Meeting.

Frederick and Damaris Parker-Rhodes, Cambridge Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, who carry messages from:

1) Chairman, Quaker World Relations Committee, London Yearly Meeting.

2) Chairman, Elfredo Vipont Foulds, Meeting for Sufferings, London Yearly Meeting.

Barrett and Kay Hollister, Friends World Committee on Consultation and AFSC, who serve at Quaker UN Program.
Delbert and Ruth Replogle, Ridgewood N.J. Meeting, on behalf of Friends World Committee, who bring greetings from Friends in Bolivia.

Lawrence Miller of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Executive Secretary of Friends General Conference.

Howard and Mary Reed, Michael and Nancy, visiting members from Storrs, Connecticut Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting.

Elma Marshall, fraternal delegate from California Yearly Meeting.

YEARY MEETING SESSION III: Sunday, August 8, 1971 7:30 p.m.

The session opened with a short period of worship, followed by recognition of Ruth Wendt's 85th birthday in song.

Epistle Committee

1971-1 The Meeting approved William Scott (Reno) convenor, Margaret Brooks (Redwood Forest Worship Group) and Marion Hoag (Albuquerque) to serve as the Epistle Committee.

State of the Society

Under Ministry and Oversight, Stratton Jacquette, Honolulu, chairman, presiding.

Yearly Meeting welcomes Hayward Area Monthly Meeting, approved by College Park Quarter, after four years of experience as a Preparative Meeting.

Members of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight were introduced:
Betty McInnes (Victoria), Frances McAllister (Flagstaff), John Pezzo (San Francisco), Robert Vogel (Orange Grove), William Scott (Reno), Monette Thatcher (Eugene) and Elizabeth Israel (San Jose).

Questions taken from a compilation of State of the Society Reports fall into four categories and were considered in a worshipful atmosphere.

1) Membership - Its Meaning and Permanence

What should members and Meetings expect and give to each other? How clear an understanding of functions is given new members? How can we fulfill the expectations of Meetings and members?

We need to distinguish between commitment to a way of life and membership in a particular body. Re-evaluation of Meeting relationships is a useful process needed beyond crisis times. Make expectations well known. It is necessary to know others in "that which is eternal."

2) Cohesiveness of Meetings

Are our Meetings truly gathered creations of intimate relationships? Are we guided by the spirit of "Faith and Practice?" Do we lovingly confront those with whom we disagree? Do we demand as much of ourselves as we do of our Meetings?
When we are able to put our first commitment to God, the rest falls into place. We need to share experiences across all lines. Problems faced squarely are solvable.

3) Changing Social Forms

Can we view differing life styles as differing ways of following God? Do we distinguish those parts of the "growing edge" which apply to beliefs of the Society of Friends? How are we helping persons toward a fuller realization of deep commitment and mutual integrity?

We must evaluate each situation with care. To have a continuous meaningful relationship we must live together looking beyond simple sexual relationships. Mere pleasure is not necessarily true joy. Meetings must be concerned with married and unmarried couples; those who view new ways with dread or suspicion. We must look at, search deeply for meaningful life styles which will avoid the "Doomsday!" attitude.

4) Pacific Yearly Meeting Effectiveness

Does Yearly Meeting "strengthen and support each of us in our common search for truth and inward peace?" Does Yearly Meeting strengthen your local Meeting? How will you share your experiences? What effect has attendance here, committee participation and other Yearly Meeting activity had on your Meeting life?

Revelation is never closed. This is the genius of the Society of Friends. Yearly Meeting broadens the vision, helps make answers more available.

The questions raised, "Thoughts for the State of the Society", are attached in full (See Attachment #1).

Mexico City Monthly Meeting issued an invitation to the XI General Annual Reunion of Friends throughout the Republic of Mexico to the annual reunion being held October 30 - November 2.

The meeting closed with the reading of selections from the Epistles from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, 1970; Baltimore Yearly Meeting's 299th session, 1970; and the 311th session of New England Yearly Meeting, 1971.

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION I

Monday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, followed by the reading of the Epistle of Japan Yearly Meeting, 1970.

Howard Brinton spoke to the meeting on the theology of early Friends:

Theology, disguised as philosophy, philosophy, psychology, or sociology of religion, has become popular, but the philosophers and scientists have not been speaking to the search of young people who are looking for a standard to live by. Early Quaker theology has come into its own.
Fox, Penn and Barclay, pathfinders for Quakerism, moulded the Society of Friends. Fox held the group together with nothing but their deep feeling for each other to find them. Penn, the politician, headed the Meeting for Sufferings, which helped those in jail, often rescuing them through his friendship with the two kings, Charles II and James II, in power at that time. Barclay, in "The Apology", based his theology on the writings of John in the New Testament, the thesis being that Christ was the Logos which created unity and community out of chaos and thereby brought an abundant life.

The Society of Friends is an organism, not a mechanism. It is not dominated by any of its parts. The Inward Light means Inward life, abundant, eternal, and shared. It is a seed within each man, which may or may not grow.

"Salvation" is not a word found in Quaker theology, nor in the Bible. Early Friends used the terms: "regenerate" or "renew". The time of miracles is not over. Life itself is a miracle.

The minutes of Sessions I, II, and III were read and approved as corrected.

Representative Committee Report

The Clerk reported on the two sessions of Representative Committee on August 7 and 8.

Based upon the recommendation of Representative Committee the Yearly Meeting approved the following minutes:

1971-2 The creation of a new office, Alternate-Historian to assist the Historian and serve in the absence of the Historian. The Nominating Committee recommended Catherine Bruner for this post during this present Yearly Meeting.

1971-3 That the Bulletin Committee consist of the Chairman, Editor and two members residing in the publication area, plus a correspondent to be named by each regional body of Friends Meetings. The filling of this committee is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee.

1971-4 The appointment by the Nominating Committee of a Yearly Meeting Site Committee of 3-5 persons now in attendance at Yearly Meeting to begin selection of a 1973 site for Yearly Meeting.

A current "Book of Meetings" is being prepared by Mildred Burck, Statistician, and Brent Howell, Editor of the Bulletin.

The 1972 Yearly Meeting will be held Sunday, August 13 through Thursday, August 17, at St. Mary’s College, Moraga, California. Committees will meet on the preceding Saturday, August 12th.

A travel minute and a letter of introduction to the first meeting of the new Yearly Meeting in the Democratic Republic of Germany was given at our last Yearly Meeting to Gretchen Tuthill. She reported that, as the meeting had been postponed, she could not attend and was advised not to send them on by post. A further travel minute from the Yearly Meeting was not used when she visited two Meetings in England and the Paris Meeting, as she felt restraint in asking for more than the endorsement of the travel minute from La Jolla, her own Meeting. She asked Friends to consider the possibility of revising our thinking on travel minutes.
Frederick Parker-Rhodes indicated that European Travel Minutes were used more as letters of introduction than as official documents to be returned to the originating Meeting. Ruth Wendt has had enthusiastic and positive response to her many travel minutes.

California Yearly Meeting

Ferner Nuhn reported on his unofficial fraternal attendance at California Yearly Meeting where he and Georgeanna Nuhn were warmly welcomed. They renewed old acquaintances and made new ones. Fer ner is much concerned that we work at bridging the gap between the two Yearly Meetings and suggests David La Shana's book, "Friends In California" as a basis for better understanding of each other.

George Bliss of the Friends Committee on National Legislation was introduced and brought greetings from Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

SESSION V: Monday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Friends General Conference

Lawrence Miller, General Secretary of Friends General Conference, reported that, contrary to most beliefs, the Conference is not Philadelphia dominated. Lloyd Bailey, New York Yearly Meeting, is chairman, and Tom Bodine New England Yearly Meeting, is vice-chairman. It is composed of nine Yearly Meetings in the east and mid-west. Conference concerns lay in its committees: Advancement, Religious Life (similar to Ministry and Oversight), Christian and Interfaith, Religious Education and Conference Planning. It is really a service body for these Yearly Meetings and various other Friends groups. Pacific Yearly Meeting has benefited directly from the participation of the Gerlicks of Marin Meeting who attended a conference on Marriage Enrichment." Pacific Yearly Meeting has benefited the most from the Conference's Meeting House Fund and is in a position to advise on the development of this fund. Fer ner Nuhn's booklet, "Friends and the Ecumenical Movement" is a General Conference publication which has proven to be most helpful.

Peace Committee

A panel consisting of Phil Drath, Chairman of the Peace Committee, Dan Balderston, A Quaker Action Group, Larry Miller, Friends General Conference, George Lakey, A Quaker Action Group, George Bliss, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Barrett Hollister, Friends World Committee, spoke on the need for changes in the world it it is to continue to exist and support human population.

George Bliss indicated that FCNL, one of the few Quaker groups working within the present legislative establishment, has effected some slow improvements. Viewing change as a necessity, FCNL worked this past year at putting new faces in the legislative line-up. Of the mere 35 new faces in 1970 Congress, 20 voted against and defeated legislation on S.S.T. There is for the first time inclination to raise serious questions on military spending. In 1968 the military budget passed with 3 hours debate; 1969 - 3 days; 1970 - 3 months and no budget has yet passed this year.
Barrett Hollister in his role with Friends World Committee asked us to consider the necessity of being more than consultative as a world body. This will mean a broader active participation, both financial and personal, by Yearly Meetings. As a result of the 1967 World Conference, the committee, at the request of Friends, has been helping to begin the promotion of closer relationships among various kinds of Friends and established the "1% Fund", a small contribution toward sharing the world's resources.

Dan Balderston Shared his experiences in Puerto Rico where the Quaker Action Group assisted the Puerto Rico Independence Party and a group of clergymen and others to discourage the U.S. Navy's use of the island of Culebra as a gunnery range. They built a small chapel within the target range, it was taken down and re-built and finally the area was filled with barbed wire. Under a court order many of the participants were arrested and served jail sentences. However, permission has been given for the local people to vote whether they want the Navy to continue. In the meantime 20 more people have been recently employed, making nearly two thirds of the employable 150 people on the Navy payroll, thus possibly influencing the outcome of the vote.

Larry Miller, Friends General Conference, indicated that the Conference does not work directly in the peace field, but has been involved, through its membership in the World Council of Churches, in helping to establish a two year program, "Violence, Nonviolence and the Struggle for Social Change" which can be useful to developing countries.

A further example of doing was outlined by Lauri Leshan, San Diego Non-Violent Action, where an action group is hoping to prevent the sailing of the Constellation for Vietnam in October. The group mailed a letter to each crew member explaining what it was doing and why. These were confiscated and destroyed by the Commanding Officer, against whom a court suit is pending for destroying U.S. Mail. The group hopes to hold an election in September in which the people of San Diego will vote on whether or not they want to see the aircraft carrier sail.

There has never been a time when society in general has been so much in sympathy with our ideas for change, but we must work at all levels to make use of this climate. Certainly, it will not come in large measure from the established institutions.

George Lakey outlined the lack of real progress in the past 20 years: No change in the economic situation; lack of housing for the poor; continued racial discrimination; progressive deterrent of democratic solutions (a few people make all the important decision); the U.S. is still supporting reactionaries abroad, and profiting mightily. The lack of perspective among the young is a source of concern - and a reason for the turning attention inward for a growing group. It is no accident that the personal religious revival is being financed by a certain large corporation.

Those involved with the Quaker Action Group are proposing "A Movement for a New Society" in which the people will help to make important decisions all along the way. There will need to be many small ad hoc action groups (to be called "Non-Violent Revolutionary Group" - "N R G") committed to an action, but available for support of other groups which need national attention focused on them. It will be necessary to establish communities of refreshment and learning (perhaps what Norman Whitney has called "Colonies of Heaven").

In answer to questions George Lakey indicated that profits should go to those who help produce them. There is need to prevent power falling into the hands of a few - always keeping a true democratic decision making chain. The means must determine the ends sought.
The meeting closed with a time of silent worship and the prayer, on the 26th anniversary of the atom bombing of Nagasaki, that we can build a society which will prevent destruction and promote a joyous life for all mankind.

SESSION VI: Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.

The session opened with a time of silent worship. The Reading Clerk then read from the 25th annual Epistle of East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends in Kenya, 1971 and the 1971 message from Young Friends in New Zealand.

Barrett Hollister, Director of the Quaker United Nations Office, under AFSC and the Friends World Committee, said that in his opinion the American Friends Service Committee is the best staffed, the best financed and the most effective of all Quaker organizations. For these and other reasons, it has the most problems.

There are four trends, or factors, which have helped to make it so and are crucial now: First, the formal establishment of the now ten Regional Offices and their various area offices. Yearly Meeting's help is needed immediately in steering the direction of the AFSC Peace Program. What have we learned from the experience with the past program and in what direction should it now go?

Second: The involvement of young adults, which has been important from the very beginning and in which regional offices have been very successful. The recent establishment of a sort of "free wheeling" Youth Activities Office within the general structure of AFSC has proven useful. However, AFSC was able to use only a small fraction of the devoted, able youth who offer themselves for Quaker Service. There is need to develop within groups of Friends more opportunities for these people, as well as for early retirees whom the AFSC has not been able to use adequately.

Third: The confrontation (or lack of it) of "AFSC-Establishment" and the "Quaker Radical". Both groups need to communicate more adequately with each other and to feel mutual support, if we are to make a useful reorganization of society.

Fourth: The need for AFSC to be as only a part of the national or world network (or maze) of problem solving. In many instances, the most effective work can be done as part of a wider representation of Friends. We must learn to part with our money and take direction from beyond our shores.

David La Shana, President of George Fox College, was introduced.

St. Louis Conference on the Future of Friends

The call from six concerned Evangelical Friends for all Friends "to seek, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a workable, challenging and cooperative means whereby the Friends Church can be an active, enthusiastic, Christ centered and spirit directed force in this day of revolution," resulted last October in the attendance in St. Louis of representatives of all but three of the twenty nine Yearly Meetings in this country. Pacific Yearly Meeting representatives were Ed Sanders and Nina Lawrance, accompanied by Jane Webster and Charles Cooper.

The fact that Evangelical Friends wanted this conference and that the theme was "The Future of Friends" made for a time of true searching, as well as one of understanding and fellowship.
The heart of the conference was contained in three position papers: "A Call to a Prophetic Vision" by Lorton Heusel, Executive Secretary of Friends United Meeting (comments by George Bliss); "A Common Quakerhood" by Dean Freiday, of Friends General Conference (Nina Lawrence commenting); and "A New Approach for Friends" by Everett Cattell, Evangelical Friends Alliance and President of Malone College (comments by David La Shana).

Lorton Heusel represented a middle position as he called for Friends not to be over occupied with a "Survival Anxiety." He sees three obstacles to the future of the Society of Friends: ecumenical absorption (a growing trend in religious circles); erosion due to external influences (a tendency to copy other groups); and subversion from within (bypassing of historical precedents). How much does the Society of Friends want to survive? Is there a synthesis which will permit moving forward? Can prophetic vision open the channel of Divine Help and the responsibility to grow?

Dean Freiday posed the view of Friends akin to Pacific Yearly Meeting in defining "Quakerhood" as a common vision worked out together. He felt that these must be agreement on a standard for reading early Quaker history, and on what steps must be taken to get beyond the immediate past. He urged that we not gloss over our differences, but use the sacramental approach to recognize and go beyond these differences.

Everett Cattell regretted the fragmentation of the Society of Friends and suggested three approaches to unity: synthetic - the approach we now use, a forced or artificial grouping; symbiotic - or the linking of two dissimilar groups; systematic - in which we see the picture as a whole and can move to a systematic recognition of "The Lordship of Christ" as "...Biblically revealed."

Questions raised by Friends in response to these reports included the query as to how ready Friends are to move into this change; the importance of searching for new ways of meeting the needs of our time; the possibility of actual exchange of people between the groups for a longer period of time; of whether Friends are really trusting enough to set individuals free to explore; the possibility of going deeper than the literal word of the Bible; a query as to the recognition of the authority and power of Jesus Christ and the Light of Christ or Logos being the same; the possibility that those gathered in St. Louis were thinking in advance of the general memberships they represented.

Ronald Crecelius, Chaplain of George Fox College was introduced.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Session VII: Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 p.m.

Memorials

Elizabeth Israel read the names of those who have died within the past year, whose lives continue as a part of ours.

Berkeley Meeting  Antoinina Yavden

Claremont Meeting  Kay Rector
Renate Allen and David Bruner died on the same day - one at each end of the scale of life. Each contributed their important part. David is remembered for his interest and deep concern for students, Friends activities and criminal justice, especially.

Esther Elliott and Lillian Conover were joyous people who would have liked us to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord."

We feel the enriching, guiding spirit of those who have gone. "The good men do lives after them. It is not interred with their bones." Joy is given us to know a bit of what heaven is like, but joy is remembered with tears.

One Friend suggested that death is the most beautiful adventure in life. Through it is feared by some and welcomed joyously by others, under the care of God it is not to be deplored. Another told of a Toas Indian custom of grieving (a selfishness) for only four days so as not to hinder the journey of the loved one's spirit.

Early Christians sang joyously on the way to a burial, "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, but their labors go on."

Carla Taylor fulfilled a promise to Bill Fitzhugh as she danced in his memory.
Friend in the Orient

Stuart Innerst reported that the Seavers have hope now of getting into China. It has just come to our knowledge that Bronson and Elinor Clark and Russ and Irene Johnson have been invited to visit Peking and will be leaving soon.

The Seavers have been appointed as Wardens at the Friends Center in Auckland, New Zealand, beginning in September, 1972. Arrangements will be made for them to report to Pacific Yearly Meeting some time next year.

The committee appreciates the generous response of Meetings to the financial appeal for the Friend in the Orient program and hopes it will continue next year.

A new paper, "Next Steps in China Policy" is being published by AFSC. It will cover the seating of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations; the problems involved with Taiwan; and the withdrawal of all military support from Asia.

Discipline Committee

Lowell Tozer reported an item printed in the July-August Bulletin. The "dividing" of Yearly Meeting will have no effect on the work on the Discipline which will probably be ready for Yearly Meeting in 1973. In the meantime, copies are obtainable from the AFSC Book Store, 980 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91103.

The proposed queries will be used by all Meetings until November of this year. Comments, after a year's use, will be most welcome and the committee will work on them after that date.

Available now are some "Guides to Practice" proposed by the committee, which will welcome comments, and a summary of thinking on marriage and family patterns from the College Park Quarter upon which Catherine Bruner would like comments.

It has been suggested that the name be changed from "Discipline" to "A Guide to Faith and Practice."

Comments on St. Louis Conference Report, Session VI

One Friend was disturbed by the morning meeting because his point of view couldn't be expressed. He lacked the printed booklet, and the lack of time to discuss the statements made in the session. We may be encountering an invasion of the sort that split the Society in the 1800's. The effort to unite Friends may be simply wasted effort. The Clerk expressed the hope that the Interest Group on the St. Louis Conference would help to broaden our understanding.

The Clerk expressed appreciation for the patience of Friends with his preoccupation with "good order" and the clock.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

SESSION VIII: Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with worship and the reading by the Clerk of two songs made familiar during his stay in Africa: A children's song, "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
and in praise of a new day "...like all first things" morning becomes. Friends joined together in singing a hymn of praise to a new day. One Friend spoke of feeling at one with the larger Meeting family and another of worship as a time when details become smaller and more easily dealt with.

Housekeeping Details

The Clerk reported on a discussion with University officials about some disturbing incidents of disrespect and destruction. We need to reinforce the fact that we are renting the facilities of Willamette University and must act as good guests and Friends. Plans have been made to reimburse the University, consult with the parents of this 5-7 grade age group to make plans for coping with the excess energy and to provide more adequate oversight of our Yearly Meeting family.

The Reading Clerk read an informal letter of greeting and concern from France Yearly Meeting.

The minutes for Session VII were read, corrected and approved.

William Scott read the draft of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle for the first time.

Junior Friends Report

Officers for 1971-72:

- Margaret McInnes (Victoria)
- Sara Hubbe (Eugene)
- Noelle Leshan (La Jolla)
- Barbara Wallace (Multnomah)
- Scott Maler (University)
- Brian Hallman (Sacramento)
- Joy Davis (Corvallis)

John Hubbe, Clerk, reported that the above will be the Planning Committee for Junior Yearly Meeting next year. He also indicated that Junior Friends experienced some difficulty in their first meeting, in loving, friendly listening. However, a second meeting last night devoted to singing and fellowship has eased the atmosphere.

Bay Area "Inter-pleader" Suit Against the U.S. Government

Phil Drath explained that this suit has been filed by a group of people who are refusing to pay the 10% telephone tax on the Vietnam War. The courts are being asked to decide if it is legal to make citizens pay taxes in support of an illegal war. The litigants are asking for permission to pay the amount (which is now being held by a bank) to the American Friends Service Committee to wage peace. Phil Drath will be glad to furnish information to anyone interested.

Civil and Human Rights for the Homosexual

Leo Laurence presented to the Yearly Meeting his concern for the civil rights and human relations of homosexuals in society at large and in Pacific Yearly Meeting in particular. He asked that Friends give this subject further consideration. The meeting referred this request to the Representative Committee for such consideration.
Deibert Replogle who with Ruth Replogle will be leaving Yearly Meeting early, expressed his appreciation of the Friendly experiences they have had and made particular reference to the Clerk's skill and dedication in his job.

The meeting closed with a period of quiet.

SESSION IX: August 11, 7:30 p.m.

The session opened with a quiet period.

The Reading Clerk read the Epistle of South Central Yearly Meeting held in Texas, 1970 and one from German Yearly Meeting held in Bad Pyrmont, 1971.

The minutes of Session VIII were read, corrected and approved.

Concern for a Dedicated Life

Chloe Damus (La Jolla) presented a concern from a group of young Friends:

"Several of us feel moved to live together in a deepening commitment to the spirit within us. This commitment leads us into concrete planning of a rural community in which we could love and grow in the spirit we feel. In this living situation, we want to be open to leadings to the traveling ministry and social witness as well as to the concrete needs of our own community. We seek simplicity, the dropping of all that is inessential to our lives as we are called by the Holy Spirit.

"As 17th century Friends used Swarthmore Hall as a center for religious recuperation and growth, so we hope that our community can be open as a center for Friends. We ask for Friends' material aid in our search for house and land and for their spiritual guidance."

Young Friends of North America

Demi Miller, 57th Street Meeting, Chicago, traveling with a group of Young Friends of North America, told the meeting of plans for the summer gathering of Young Friends of North America, August 29 - September 5, Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin. The theme of the conference, "Vocation for Life" is to be explored in all its implications from financial to spirit satisfying. It is his hope that a number of young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting will join in this conference.

Other members of the group are:

Ellen Deacon - Austin, Texas.
Pam Haines - Rockland, N.Y.
Stephanie Judson - Chicago, 57th Street Meeting.
Christopher Moore - Wilmington, Delaware

Report of Representative Committee (3)

1971-5 The Yearly Meeting approved the recommendation of the ad hoc committee to name a Nominating Committee (Ad Hoc Committee: John Draper, Chairman, Barbara Fitz, Monette Thatcher and Gretchen Tuthill):
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Olive Goodykoontz (Phoenix) 1974
Grace Noda (Davis) 1974
Barbara Perry (Berkeley) 1974
Alternate: Esther Morgan (San Fernando)

Those whose term is through 1972 and 1973 serve as listed in Nominating Committee Report.

At the recommendation of the Representative Committee, the Yearly Meeting approved the following minutes:

1971-6 The three regional bodies of the southwest - New Mexico Quarterly Meeting, Arizona Half Yearly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting are to be asked to serve as host for the 1973 sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

1971-7 Ed and Molly Morgenroth, on behalf of the Schools Committee, have been asked to visit all Friends Schools and Regional Meetings in the Yearly Meeting area and report to a Plenary Session of 1972 Yearly Meeting.

1971-8 The concern for homosexuals, which was brought to the VIIIth Session of Yearly Meeting is to be referred to the Committee on Ministry and Oversight.

1971-9 The Discipline Committee is asked to clarify the function of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Education Committee so that its future programs do not duplicate programs now under the Peace Committee.

1971-10 Those involved with the education program at Yearly Meeting, 1972, are asked to:

1. Appoint a director and arrange a separate program for children in grades 5 - 9.
2. Arrange an orientation meeting for parents of all concerned in this program before Yearly Meeting, and one for all members of the Yearly Meeting as one family.
3. Make a special appeal to college age Friends and all older Friends to become involved with the children's program.

Yearly Meeting Children's Program

The Education Committee is planning an enlarged committee with sub-sections in the north and the south. A conference is planned for November to gather and outline methods for the use of materials on Religious Education for the benefit of Meetings. It is hoped another conference can be held in May.

Comments from Friends on the children's program indicated that definitive work must be done before next Yearly Meeting to outline goals. It is planned that the children themselves will have a part in the planning. There is need for an evaluation of the total program in terms of the total community. (Confer with Ruth Dart Smith). Perhaps this is an opportunity to begin to find our own meeting facilities.
Finance Committee

1971-11  The Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report for inclusion in these minutes. (See attachment #2).

1971-12  The Yearly Meeting approved the budget as presented, except that the item for Education Committee is increased to $800.00. (See attachment #3)

In approving the contribution to Friends General Conference, the Yearly Meeting asked that Monthly Meetings consider making a regular contribution to Friends General Conference.

The Friendly Way

This publication received a special grant last year. The Yearly Meeting encourages individuals and Meetings to subscribe and make contributions. The editor of Bulletin is asked to make an appeal for this support with the appropriate information included.

Friends for Human Justice

It has seemed more suitable that this concern be directed to Monthly Meetings and individuals. Anne Mackinney has offered to put Friends in touch with this group.

Friends Schools Scholarship Fund

This is a recently established fund by which the Yearly Meeting receives contributions for the fund which is administered by the Schools Committee. Persons interested in this fund should consult with Charles Croninger, chairman of the Schools Committee.

The Yearly Meeting wishes to thank the Finance Committee for the heroic job it has done with great sympathy and understanding.

The meeting adjourned after a period of quiet.

SESSION X: Thursday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

The Reading Clerk read a letter of greeting from Tayako Yamanouchi of the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Letter from California Yearly Meeting

The Clerk read a letter from California Yearly Meeting introducing their fraternal representative, Elma Marshall, and a minute from her Monthly Meeting, First Friends Church, Whittier, California.

1971-13  Meeting approved sending greetings by Frances McAllister to Phil and Marguerite Wells, Argenta, whom she will be visiting at the close of Yearly Meeting.
Site Committee

Julie Spenner, convenor, reported that the Site Committee has met and plans to explore vigorously for a site for the 1973 Yearly Meeting. They will meet together again November 13-14. She asks that Friends give her as soon as possible any suggestions of any sort for possible places to meet.

Nominating Committee

1971-14 The Nominating Committee report was read and approved with corrections. (See attachment #4)

The Yearly Meeting thanked Richard Derby as chairman of the Nominating Committee for his patience and perseverance, and Richard Derby expressed his appreciation of the many hours of work which committee members have given with such helpfulness.

Young Friends Report and Epistle

Doug Feeney, Clerk, presented the following report from Young Friends which they have discussed lengthily and approved:

The Nominating Committee of the 1971 Pacific Yearly Meeting of Young Friends named the following officers for 1972:

James Balderston (Davis) Clerk
Ronald Probasco (Phoenix) Representative to Young Friends of North America

As a trial for next year, to aid the clerk in arrangements and programming the following are named:

Norman Cotton (Monterey Peninsula)
Ted Etter (Eugene)
Keith Falconer (Orange Grove)
Zona Gray (Claremont)

Young Friends are to be in contact with the clerk and this committee with suggestions for specific programs. The committee will meet immediately prior to the 1972 Yearly Meeting sessions for the finalization of programming and arrangements.

1971-15 The Young Friends Epistle was accepted and is attached to these minutes. (See attachment #5).

Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting Friends

1971-16 The Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle was read and accepted. (See Attach. #6)

Yearly Meeting Epistle

William Scott read the Yearly Meeting Epistle after explaining that it has gone through three different style changes.

1971-17 The Yearly Meeting approved the Epistle. (See Attachment #7)

The clerk expressed our thanks for the forthright way in which these Epistles have been worded.

The minutes of Session IX were read, corrected and approved.
For clarification it should be noted that the Yearly Meeting Children's Program now has three staff members: Program Chairman for the Children's Program, Junior Friends sponsor, and a Director for Program for grades 5-9.

Peace Committee Minute and Letter to the President

Phil Drath, Chairman of the Peace Committee, read a letter to President Nixon, urging him to begin serious negotiations to end the war in Vietnam.

1971-18 Meeting approved the letter which will be sent to the President and released to the press. A copy is attached to these minutes (See Attach.#8)

Phil Drath also presented a statement indicating that the Yearly Meeting approves of the seating of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations.

1971-19 Meeting approved this statement. This will be sent to all Monthly Meetings, as well as to Senators and Representatives of the states encompassed by our Yearly Meeting. It is urged that Monthly Meetings arrange publication of both documents in their local press. (See Attachment #9)

Our Thanks

The clerk expressed the Yearly Meeting's appreciation to the administration and staff of Willamette University; to the Arrangements Committee who have coped so valiantly, especially to Vance and Elizabeth MacDowell; to members of all committees who have worked so faithfully for the past year; and to those who begin their duties now for the coming year.

A Friend indicated appreciation for the work of all the clerks.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at 11:00 a.m. for a final meeting for worship.

SESSION XI: Thursday, August 12 11:00 a.m.

We now close our 25th Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Are we better for it? Really better as persons, as members of our Meeting? Are we better mothers and fathers for having been here? Are we better sons and daughters for these days together?

Do we know more of how God wants us to work on the problems of this world everywhere? Have we learned the meaning of His Presence - God's spirit which James Nayler called "that Spirit which delights to do no evil" from our life together on this university campus?

The answers to these questions are blowing in the winds everywhere, and may these questions vibrate in our heads and hearts all the way home.

And now as we prepare to leave - to go our many ways, driving the long road with Friends, or just the short trip, a few miles taking the bus, or boarding the plane which flies north or south or to the east -- go well, stay well.

Whatever this Yearly Meeting is, it is you and you carry it to show others and you carry it for your own nourishment. You carry it and to bring back and build again our 26th Yearly Meeting Session. And so for that session:

We are now adjourned to meet, August 13-17, 1972 at St. Mary's College, Moraga, Calif.

Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk
Etta Vogel, Recording Clerk
Membership

Varying concepts of membership have caused problems for several Meetings during this year. What does membership mean and what should it mean?

1) Is there a distinction between sharing in the worship experience of the Meeting (as all attenders may), and assuming responsibility for corporate acts which a Meeting might take?

2) Should membership be a lifetime commitment? What would be the effect of an annual re-evaluation of our willingness to assume responsibility for the Meeting?

3) What responsibility do we assume when we become members? Are we agreeing to attend meetings? To serve on committees? To contribute financially? To apply certain principles such as harmony, equality, community, simplicity to our daily lives? To communicate our needs and seek help, as well as to offer it to others?

4) What do we expect from a Meeting when we assume membership? Spiritual fellowship? A chance to work toward common goals? Counselling in times of stress? Physical and economic assistance?

5) What does a Meeting owe to a person when it accepts him into membership? Do we clearly understand his expectations and feel able to fulfill them?

Cohesiveness of the Meeting

Are all meetings for worship and business "gathered" meetings?

When meetings for worship seem barren do we look to the ways Friends have long used to change this condition? What new ways have we found?

Are our meetings gathered, individually and collectively, in sincere commitment to wait upon and head the workings of the spirit?

Do we create opportunities for intimate relationships grounded in the life of the spirit?

In our efforts to find, express, and encourage our individuality do we maintain and nurture our faith in the collective wisdom and good will of Friends?

Do we who are growing up in the Meeting look to our parents and elders for examples of Quaker faith and practice? Do we find them?

Do we make the opportunity to expose members and attenders to Quaker practices and the ideas that have given rise to them?

Does our emphasis on individuality lead to misunderstandings of the equally important emphasis on regard for truth, respect for rights of others, and awareness of our existence in the corporate life?

With awareness of who really sits at the head of a Quaker meeting, do we relate to our clerks as facilitators, or do we burden them with greater responsibility?
Cohesiveness of the Meeting (continued)

Do we demand of ourselves the same degree of responsibility and sensitivity that we expect of our corporate entities?

Do we openly confront our differences and explore to understand their sources, or do we instead judge those we don't agree with with silent hostile tolerance?

Changing Social Forms

Changes in life styles and how to relate to them are in the minds of many members of our Meetings, Are we able to view differing life styles as different ways of taking part in the Kingdom of God?

Have we looked beyond the superficial levels of appearance and attitude to the deeper elements of social and personal relationship involved in new styles?

Can we distinguish between new styles of life that represent the growing edge of our Society and those who seem to be in contradiction to our Quaker ways?

Several Meetings are struggling with their relation to couples living together outside of recognized marriage. Are we able to accept such couples lovingly with sensitivity to their particular situations?

Do we bear witness to the deep elements of commitment, caring and responsibility that underlie genuine and full relationships between men and women?

What are we doing in our Meetings to assist those who need help in their relationships, especially with respect to fuller realization to mutual commitment and individual integrity?

The Relationship of Monthly and Regional Meetings to the Yearly Meeting

The purpose of Pacific Yearly Meeting is described as:

"...to strengthen and support one another in our common search for truth and inward peace. The exchange of experiences, feelings and insights through the Bulletin, correspondence, intervisitation, and annual conferences, as well as in our Monthly Meetings, is the life-blood of our fellowship."

Is Yearly Meeting attendance and service in its committees of importance to your Monthly Meeting?

Do all Meetings take part in the work necessary to sustain the Yearly Meeting?

Does your Meeting's participation in the life of the Yearly Meeting enable it, more fully to enjoy the work of other Friends' fellowships as they emerge?

How will you share with your Meeting the insights you may gain here?
INCOME

**BUDGETED ITEMS:**
- Contributions from Member Meetings $13,701
- Contributions from Individuals $75
- Interest 731
- Transfer from Reserve (General Fund) 806

**NON-BUDGETED ACTIVITY RECEIPTS:**
- Friend in the Orient Fund 3,170
- F.W.C. "1% More" Fund 427
- Scholarship Fund 260

**TOTAL OF INCOME ITEMS**

$18,364

EXPENDITURES OR APPROPRIATIONS

**BUDGETED ITEMS:**
- Bulletin - Expenditures $6,036
  - Subscriptions and Contributions 3,371
- Yearly Meeting Session - Net 254
- Young Friends 34
- Junior Yearly Mtg. - Expenditures
  - Contributions (2) 405
- Travel to Sessions - Representatives, Officers, Chairmen 3,265
- Clerk's Travel Fund 734
  - Expenses of Clerk, Sec'y., Treas. and Archivist 158
- Insurance, Legal and Audit 332

**COMMITTEES:**
- Discipline 1,100
- Education 800
- Finance 10
- Friends In the Orient 250
- Friends Schools, incl. Jr. Y.M. Co-Ordinator 261 (3)
- Ministry and Oversight 1,000
- Nominating 263
- Organization 162
- Peace 655
- Social Order 500

**CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXPENSE - P.Y.M. REPRESENTATIVES:**
- Friends for Human Justice 250
- Friends World Committee (To Reserve) 500
- A.F.S.C. 675
- Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation (U.S.A.) 300
- Friends United Meeting - Reserve 80
- Friends General Conference ($125 from Prior Reserve) 454
- Nat'l Conference of Friends, St. Louis 125

**SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS:**
- Young Friends of North America 50
- Friends World Committee 400
- Quaker Program at the United Nations 100
- William Penn House (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.) 100
- "The Friendly Way", India 100

**NON-BUDGETED ACTIVITY DISBURSEMENTS:**
- Friend in the Orient 4,245
- F.W.C. "1% More" Fund 427
- Scholarship Fund 200

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

$17,455

See Statement of Fund Balances on Next Page.
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## NOTES:

1. In U.S. Dollars.
3. Committee $202, Coordinator $59.
## INCOME BUDGETED ITEMS:

| Contributions from Member Meetings | $13,701 | $13,100 | $13,600 |
| Interest | 806 | 750 | 750 |
| Transfer from Reserve (General Fund) (actual addition) | -1,924 | 6,425 | 6,950 |
| **Total Income** | $12,583 | $20,275 | $21,300 |

## EXPENDITURES OR APPROPRIATIONS

### BUDGETED ITEMS:

- **N. Pacific Gathering of Friends, July, 1972**
  - Bulletin $2,665 $1,950 2,500
  - Yearly Meeting Session - Net $2,000 $2,000
    - (Incl. Children's Program) 254 2,000 2,000
  - Young Friends (Incl. YFNA Conf. Transportation) 34 300 350
  - Junior Yearly Meeting 405 500 500
  - Travel to Sessions - Representatives, Officers, Chairmen 3,265 4,500 4,500
  - Clerk's Travel Fund -0- 090 -0-
  - Expenses of Clerk, Sec'y, Treas. & Archivist 734 1,750 1,250
  - Insurance, Legal and Audit 158 250 200 (12,500)

### COMMITTEES:
- Discipline $332 1,100 1,550
- Education -0- 800 800
- Finance -0- 10 10
- Friends in the Orient (Committee Expense) 25 300 400
- Friends Schools (Incl. Jr. Y.M. Coordinator) 261 600 600
- Ministry & Oversight (Incl. $35 for W-F Subcomm.) 211 1,000 635
- Nominating 263 500 500
- Organization 162 300 300
- Peace (Incl. $50 to Fr. Coord. Com. for Peace) 655 960 650
- Social Order -0- 300 300 (5,745)

### CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXPENSE - P.Y.M. REPRESENTATIVES:

- Friends for Human Justice -0- 250 -0-
- Friends World Committee 500 500 500
- A.F.S.C. (3 Reps. up to $300 each authorized) 675 500 750
- Friends Committee on Nat. Legislation (USA) (Incl. FCNL to PYM) 300 300 600
- Friends United Meeting - Reserve 80 80 80
- Friends General Conference 250 125 125 (2,055)

### SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS:
- Friends General Conference 150
- Young Friends of North America 50 50 150
- Friends World Committee 400 400 400
- Quaker Program at the United Nations 100 100 150
- William Penn House (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.) 100 100 150
- "The Friendly Way," India 250 250 -0- (1,000)

**Total** $12,583 $20,275 $21,300
REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

Presiding Clerk.......................... Edwin Sanders (Orange Grove)
Assistant Clerk.......................... Shirley Tweed (La Jolla)
Recording Clerk.......................... Margaret Brooks (Marin)
Recording Clerk for Representative Committee, Van Ernst (San Francisco)
Reading Clerk.......................... Elizabeth Van Dolsen (Claremont)
Statistical Secretary...................... Mildred Burck (Corvallis)
Assistant to Statistical Secretary....... Elizabeth Draper (Davis)
Treasurer................................ Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)
Assistant to Treasurer.................... Asenath Young (Pacific Ackworth)
Historian-Archivist....................... Walton Raitt (Delta)
Alternate Historian-Archivist........... James Riddles (Delta)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Term Expires
Lowell Tozer, Chairman (La Jolla) 1973
Mary Feeley (Claremont) 1973
Marie Schutz (Palo Alto) 1973
Arlene Hobson (Pima) 1973
Catherine Bruner (Delta) 1973
Roland Schinzinger (Orange County) 1973
William Bruff (Palo Alto) 1973
James Newton (Phoenix) 1973
Esther Richards (Multnomah) 1973
Molly Morgenroth (Orange Grove) 1973
Historian-Archivist

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Term Expires
Stratton Jaquette, Chairman (Honolulu) 1972
Amy Howell (Orange Grove) 1972
Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth) 1972
Janice Vogel Tappan (Orange Grove) 1972
Barbara Fritts (Pima) 1972

Term Expires
Asenath Young, Chairman (Pacific Ackworth) 1972
Patricia Brown (Pacific Ackworth) 1972
Barbara Perry (Berkeley) 1973
Jody Young (Tacoma) 1973
Eleanor Foster (Santa Cruz) 1974
Eva Kersey (Sacramento) 1974

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Term Expires
Isaiah Meyer, Chairman (Davis) 1973
Robert McInnes (Victoria) 1972
Joseph Magruder (Marin) 1972
Harriet Schaffran (Berkeley) 1973
John Draper (Davis) 1974
Anne Penery (La Jolla) 1974

 Term Expires
Treasurer Ex Officio
Statistical Secretary Ex Officio

PYM HOLDING CORPORATION

Term Expires
Richard Jay (Berkeley) 1972
E.Kellogg Peckham (Orange Grove) 1972
Paul Davis (Corvallis) 1972
Jane Webster (Pima) 1973
Stanley Shaw (Tacoma) 1974
Pratt Spelman (La Jolla) 1974
Richard Ernst (San Francisco) 1975
Anna James (Monterey) 1975
Presiding Clerk Ex Officio
Treasurer Ex Officio
BULLETIN COMMITTEE
Margaret Spear, Chairman (Pacific. Ackworth)
Beach Langston (Orange Grove)
Laura Smalakis (Orange Grove)
Editor - Ex Officio

Regional Correspondents:

(Arizona)
(College Park)
(New Mexico)
(Pacific Northwest)
(Southern California)
(Willamette)

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
Term Expires
Elizabeth Campuzano, Chairman (Marloma) 1973
Robert Schutz (Palo Alto) 1972
Bruce Brown (Sacramento) 1972
Lisa Selker (Multnomah) 1973
Elka Herz (La Jolla) 1974
Molly Warn (University) 1974
Anne Dale (San Jose) 1974

Regional Representatives:

(Arizona)
(College Park)
(New Mexico)
(Pacific Northwest)
(Southern California)
(Willamette)

Representative to Friends Committee for Human Justice - Ex Officio

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Term Expires
Ladonna Wallen, Chairman (Corvallis) 1972
Gregory Berleman (University) 1972
John Penery (La Jolla) 1973
Lee Steelman (Orange County) 1973
Nancy Springer (Hayward Area) 1974
Walter Jones (La Jolla) 1974

Regional Representatives:

(Arizona)
(College Park)
(New Mexico)
(Southern California)
(Willamette)

Ladonna Wallen (Corvallis) (Willamette)
Mildred Ludwig (Pacific Northwest)
PEACE COMMITTEE

Phillip Drath, Chairman (San Francisco) 1972
Franklin Zahn (Claremont) 1972
Tom Stevenson (Argenta) 1973
Earle Reynolds (Santa Cruz) 1974

Regional Representatives:

Earle Reynolds (Arizona)
Lee Bennett (New Mexico)
Dean Spitznagel (Pacific Northwest)

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Stuart Innerst, Chairman (La Jolla)
Stephen Thomas (Berkeley)
Richard Lewis (Berkeley)
Rose Lewis (Berkeley)
Leonard Dart (Claremont)
Sam Lindley (Honolulu)
*Marion Lindley (Honolulu)
Sang Dal Cha (Honolulu)
Gordon Currier (Palo Alto)

FRIENDS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Charles Croninger, Chairman (Grass Valley)
Mio Polifroni (Orange Grove)
Edwin Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
Chloe Winans (Pacific Ackworth)

SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Robert and Marilyn Heilman, Co-Chairmen (Sacramento)
Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)
Mary Jorgensen (Berkeley)
Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth)

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING ADVISORS

Edward Janoe (Multnomah)
Barbara Gardner (Multnomah)

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Edwin Morgenroth, Chairman (Orange Grove) 1973
Grethcn Rudnick (La Jolla) 1973
Paul Davis (Corvalis) 1973
Dorothy Bruff (Palo Alto) 1973
Charles Minor (Flagstaff) 1973
Jay Thatcher (Eugene) 1973
Leonard Walther (Honolulu) 1973

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Julie Spanner, Convener (Santa Barbara)
Ted Church (Albuquerque)
Jane Webster (Pima)
Ronald Steelman (Orange County)
REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS:

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*To be confirmed.*

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TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting gathered at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, August 8-12, 1971.

On the first day, we met in joyous reunion.

In our next three meetings, we sought with words and failed to find the Spirit.

Our fifth meeting became a meeting for worship.

Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Doug Feeney, Clerk
to friends everywhere

junior friends met this year hoping for a feeling of unity but felt tense and awkward, not knowing how to find it. the business of our sessions seemed irrelevant to many, particularly due to our span of age and the range of life styles among us. the assurance of firm enforcement of rules prohibiting the use of drugs and alcohol created uneasiness in some and a feeling comfort in others which resulted in distrust, this distrust was also responsible for our lack of unity.

despite these, we found that through singing, dancing, discussions, sensitivity experiences, and games such as football, volleyball, and frisbee, we achieved feelings of fellowship with individuals and at times a knowledge of our community.

the junior friends
of
Pacific Yearly Meeting
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

We have met each other, all 356 adults and 283 young ones of us, at the Twenty Fifth Session of our Yearly Meeting family.

We have embraced and hugged each other.

We have been joyous at our reunion after a year of being apart.

Howard Brinton, father of our Yearly Meeting, came to us in his 87th year to open us to a vision of our own theology as it is based on the Gospel of John. We continued, both in our sessions and out of them, to discuss our Christian background, while holding to our Quaker insistence that no specific set of words can capture the range and depth of our beliefs.

We have found a new sharing between young and old with trusting but painful baring of souls as we talked over new life directions and new kinds of man-woman relationships.

Our frustrations at getting leverage on the problems of peace and social order were lighten by accounts of the non-violent work of A Quaker Action Group, creative international Quaker work at the United Nations, creative national work on legislation in Washington, and the creative work of the Seavers, our Friends in the Orient, who touched us with their accounts of the Chinese sense of light.

The supervision of our children broke down during our session. We were appalled by the results and by our failings. We prayed and thought together and tried to make amends and adopted new plans for next year, in deeper knowledge of our limits and our responsibilities. Throughout our sessions we have felt the sturdiness and strength of our Yearly Meeting.

We leave riding on the paradox of deep sadness at parting and profound joy at having been together this brief time.

We send our love to you all.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends at
Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk

August 12, 1971
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