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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pasadena, California March 4, 1973

Session 1. 9:30 a.m.

Meeting began with a period of silence. Those present introduced themselves; list, with affiliations attached.

Discipline Committee: Lowell Tozer. The new Discipline, under revision since 1969, is now in final draft, will be published before YM 1973. It will be called "Faith and Practice." The main repository will be 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, Ca. 94121

Friend in the Orient: Stuart Innerst. Sang Dal Cha has not gone to South Korea on account of the incredible police state restrictions there since Park became constitutional dictator in October. Clerk of Friends Meeting in Seoul was arrested and tortured two years ago; present clerk is under house arrest. Sang Dal continued the report.

1. He was in the grip of fear remembering the water treatment he received as a prisoner of the Japanese.
2. He was unduly concerned to accomplish a project -- not to waste our money.
3. He had wanted to await a report from Janice Clevenger.

After a sleepless night of meditation he has now concluded "that these heavy concerns were due mainly to weakness of his faith." He has now decided to go. Yoon-Gu Lee added that now perhaps we will see the meaning of Friends in the Orient. The Friend in the Orient Committee announced they would meet at noon to give this further consideration.

Social Order: Jean Flores. The Committee on Friends Investments is active; otherwise no report.

Friends Schools: Charles Croninger. John Woolman School is sponsoring a Theological Conference at JWS July 26-30, 1973. Deans will be Ann and William Scott; main speakers T. Canby Jones and Tom Brown. YM Min. & O. Committee endorses the conference.

Consultative Committee on Organization: Gretchen Tuthill. 1. Letters of withdrawal from PYM have been received from Corvallis, Multnomah, East Side, Albuquerque and Flagstaff Monthly Meetings, and from Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting. University Meeting wrote that it was (and Floyd Schmoer reported that it still is) discussing dual membership. This was referred to the Consultative Committee with suggestions of a General Conference, like Pacific Coast Association, affiliation without financial obligation, cooperation between Yearly Meetings, and the precedent of Canadian Meetings with dual membership paying half dues. We welcome University's wish with enthusiasm. Alice Dart's letter announcing formation of NPYM, which was also published in the Bulletin, was also read.

ECI973 - 1 All of these letters will be acknowledged, recorded, and referred to Yearly Meeting for disposition.

2. The Gretchens Tuthill and Rudnick spent four days in New Mexico in October and learned something about attitudes toward YM's-PYM: There is objection to the quota, to letters from the Nominating Committee, to the numerous concerns of YM, to the many Friendly activities which are not simple worship. New Mexico Q.M. Friends had few questions for the committee; wanted mainly to have the committee explain them to PYM. The committee feels its task is completed here.

Treasurer: Robert Young. The formula adopted at 1972 YM has been applied to departing Meetings, with a total of \$1,559 disbursed to six Meetings, approximately \$8.35 per member. The expense fund is kept intact and will be divided equally among Robert Vogel, Judith Bruff and Margaret Jump. Full report warmly approved and appended.

Session 11 1:30 p.m.

Peace Committee: Earle Reynolds. A called meeting was held December 27-28, attended by 36 from 13 Meetings. A letter on the bombing was drafted for public release and sent to Meetings as a paradigm. The regular meeting was held February 10-11; supported the La Jolla reconstruction project and the several blockades. The committee approved the Friends Journal editorial of February 1 suggesting that Yearly Meetings ask Richard Nixon to resign as a Friend and asked the Clerk (Peace Comm.) to write a letter of support. The letter asked Richard Nixon to resign as a Friend and has received some criticism.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with our reaction to the conduct of the Quaker President. The Yearly Meeting can respond further if members and then Monthly Meetings do something positive now.

Bulletin Committee: Peggy Spear. Dennis Durby has been appointed the new editor.

EC1973 - 2 Expenditure of \$200 for conversion, \$100 for a new address system and travel expenses for the editor to visit NPYM and Intermountain Friends Fellowship were approved.

The new address for the Bulletin is P. O. Box 4367, Pasadena, Ca. 91106.

Finance Committee: Isaiah Meyer. YM subsidies were suggested for impecunious families, and the suggestion was referred to Monthly Meetings.

Holding Corporation: Richard Ernst. Legal niceties on holding Santa Barbara property have been worked out. The corporation is considering help for groups interested in new life styles. The Herbert Jones documents will be transferred to the Archivist. The Monthly Meeting is responsible for the investment policy for funds it leaves with the holding corporation.

Statistics: Isaiah Meyer for Grace Noda. There are no statistics at this time.

EC1973 - 3 The form was inspected and it was agreed to put headings on the questionnaire (page 2) and direct answers to the relevant committees of YM.

New Mexico Quarterly Meeting: Ted Church. Met February 24-25 and reaffirmed separation from PYM this coming August. Albuquerque Meeting constitutes two

thirds of the membership of the Quarter; Santa Fe is the other Monthly Meeting and there are four worship groups and scattered Friends. Las Vegas Meeting has been laid down and has become a worship group under the care of Santa Fe Meeting. The relationship of Meetings and worship groups to Inter-mountain Friends Fellowship is expected to be direct, as confirmed to Friends World Committee.

Santa Fe Meeting participated in a candle carrying vigil at St. Francis Cathedral shortly before the signing of the Vietnam cease fire agreements. Albuquerque families meet for light breakfast an hour before meeting, with one family dramatizing the lesson.

Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting: Jane Webster. The October meeting was rained out and the camp ground washed out! Three minutes were approved in February: 1) Help for this year's PYM hospitality. 2) Meetings are asked to write their own letters to PYM. 3) The Half-Yearly Meeting will withdraw from PYM at the end of YM 1973, and wish a representative of PYM to help plan future sharing. Two new Meetings were accepted: Las Vegas, Nevada and Tempe, Ariz.

Southern California Quarterly Meeting: Harry Bailey. The Meeting is alive and well and now has State of the Meeting reports read for one third of the Monthly Meetings at each of its three Quarterly Meetings.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Isaiah Meyer for Ellie Foster. Deep sadness attended report of the murder of Herb and Ellie Foster's daughter, Joan, and her husband Jim Gianera. Their baby Monica escaped and is now in the care of the Fosters. Santa Cruz Meeting has established a fund for help in the care of Monica.

The Quarterly Meeting was deluged January 20, but joined an ongoing vigil at Port Chicago. There is renewed interest in a Northern California retirement home for Friends. A conference for Meeting Ministry and Oversight committee members was well attended at Ben Lomond.

EC1973 - 4 Shirley Tweed will write a note to the Fosters in behalf of Executive Committee.

Education Committee: Lee Steelman. At YM small groups will be organized to learn more about Friends' ways; also sex. They will co-opt Friends as resources; no lectures. The YM library is being catalogued; Meetings can send for materials.

EC1973 - 5 The title of "Coordinator of Children's Programs" is changed to "Coordinator of Educational Programs."

Session III 3:40 p.m.

Friends World Committee: Robert Vogel. PYM expense fund will give each representative about \$667, whereas expenses will total about \$1,000 each. Agenda items in Australia will include: Missions and Service, Quaker Presence at the U.N., World Resources, Quaker Simplicity. Herbert Hadley may visit PYM en route to Australia.

A special meeting early in YM was requested to give representatives guidance on the agenda.

Arrangements Committee for PYM 1973: Charles Swift. The committee is pretty well staffed except for:

Equipment
and Camping
on which Northern Meetings are asked for help.

EC1973 - 6 We will experiment with one meal (midday) in which all share.

If we do this, all may enter the beverage and table section for the other two meals. Many suggestions were made for financing, with decision left to Arrangements Committee.

Division emerged on "creative" swimming: Charles Swift said the college would not mind; Frank Burnham said college would mind, not protest.

Berkeley Meeting will give early hospitality; BART stops 6 miles from St. Mary's College.

Junior Friends raised the question of head tax of \$2.50 and were reminded that this was self-imposed, at their request; it can be raised in other ways. The fact that subsidies should be Monthly Meeting responsibility should be put in the Clerk's letter.

The Burnhams reported on Registration. The forms will be constructed so that instructions are left in the Bulletin.

EC1973 - 7 We will reinstate the 10% late charge; cut-off date July 6.

EC1973 - 8 The appointment of Registrar was assigned to the Nominating Committee.

Space will be made in the registration form for the address of Young and Junior Friends, as well as their sponsors.

Children's Programs: Marian Sanders. We need infinite cooperation from Monthly Meetings. Need leaders that the young people want. Three areas of growth:
1) Place: Poetry, play, recreation, crafts, feeling, dance -- all ages.
2) Goals: Responsibility, flexibility, resolution of conflicts, unspoken problems, vulnerability to new insights.
3) Opportunities: Hand skills, listening, worship-fellowship.

We will have four guests at YM: The Tom Browns, Howard Bartram, T. Canby Jones. We are starting a resource file of esoteric and exotic skills among Friends, coordinated with Service Committee's people yellow pages.

Young Friends: John Pizzo. Forty plus YF's met to plan at Ben Lomond New Year's Eve. Most planning will be done at next College Park O.M. May 19. We will work more closely with Junior Friends. We plan a dance Friday after Family Night for all of us.

Junior Yearly Meeting: Kari Johnson. We will work more closely with Junior High Friends. Plan Thursday lunch outside. Going on Wednesday field trip with Junior High. Interest groups on self-sufficiency, alternative schools, Quakerism as a religion. Wednesday night at 9, dance with a rock band. Thursday night at 9, improvisational theater as long as it lasts.

Junior High Friends: Karen Kulsar. We need our own big room with a record player; more equipment and people in crafts. We will have early-day dialogues, a field trip Wednesday - need transportation, night get-togethers with folk dancing. We request that the pool be open mornings and afternoons. We will offer instruction in balancing three evenings.

Ad Hoc Committee to Name Three Members of Nominating Committee; and the Clerk of Nominating Committee; and to report its recommendations to the third session of Representative Committee:

ECI973 - 9 Asenath Young, Convenor
Richard Ernst
Jane Webster
Harry Bailey, Alternate

Session IV 7:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Perry.

- ECI973 - 10 The name 'clerk' is adopted for all heads of committees instead of 'chairman,' 'chairwoman,' 'chairperson.' X
- ECI973 - 11 Lois Bailey was approved pro tem clerk of Ministry and Oversight's Subcommittee on Visitation subject to confirmation by YM.
- ECI973 - 12 Beach Langston, clerk, Laura Smalakis and Miriam Swift were approved pro tem Bulletin Committee subject to confirmation by YM.
- ECI973 - 13 Margaret Jump is asked to continue as representative of PYM to Friends World Committee; we also approve if NPYM wants her to be their representative.
- ECI973 - 14 We encourage Nominating Committee to name or to ask NPYM Nominating Committee to name Friends to be members of or in some relation to PYM Discipline Committee, Bulletin Committee, Nominating Committee. X
- ECI973 - 15 Nominating Committee is encouraged and supported in helping define structure and method of appointment of YM committees. X

California Yearly Meeting has appointed three of a six member committee on Faith and Life Conference to explore areas of commonality and difference between California and Pacific Yearly Meetings.

- ECI973 - 16 We approve Ferner Nuhn, Ed Sanders and a woman from College Park Quarter to be named by Nominating Committee as pro tem members of this committee subject to confirmation by YM.

Ad Hoc Committee to Study Functions of Representative Committee: Ferner Nuhn.
After some discussion the report of this committee was tabled.

Ministry and Oversight: Stratton Jaquette. The 17 item agenda was judiciously pared to 11 between sessions III and IV.

1) Revisions of structure of M & O and its two subcommittees.

EC1973 - 17 The term of office of members of M & O Committee will be three years, overlapping.

EC1973 - 18 The term of office of members of Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee will be two years, overlapping.

Lois Bailey has already been appointed. The Subcommittee on Visitation will do some active work.

2) There will be a working paper on homosexuality. Larry Jackson will clerk this ad hoc group with four additional co-optees. They will meet twice before YM.

3) There will be a booklet of advices on death, burial and memorials. The mailing last fall to all Monthly Meetings will be expanded. A draft will be ready by YM. Margaret Brooks, clerk.

4) The advice on marriage done in 1966-67 will be updated and reissued. We approved a change in wording:

EC1973 - 19 The good order of Friends normally requires at least three months between sending of the request and the requested time of the wedding.

5) Membership.

EC1973 - 20 A request for membership should normally be read as soon as possible to the Monthly Meeting for business.

6) Sharing Fund. There have been no requests since establishment of the fund. In case of request, M & O desires to follow normal procedure which should be confidential. M & O would view dimly pressure from the Executive Committee. M & O again offered to lay down the fund, saying that \$5,000 is only \$2.50 per head and very difficult to administer from YM standpoint.

7) M & O endorses the Theological Conference July 26-30. (See p. 1, Schools)

8) The difficulty resulting from a breakdown in our registration procedure of 1972 YM was reviewed wherein Junior Yearly Meeting overruled M & O in allowing unsponsored juniors to register. The Janoes "met the situation." All agreed that this situation would not happen again.

EC1973 - 21 Executive Committee approves the registration procedure as established and supports Ministry and Oversight in every way in its role in this procedure.

9) Agenda and Interest Groups.

EC1973 - 22 The Agenda Review Committee will again consist of the Clerk, Assist. Clerk, Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, Clerk of Junior YM, Clerk of Young Friends.

ECI973 - 23 Interest Groups will be scheduled in the 3:30-3:35 p.m. slot up to Tuesday evening by the Agenda Review Committee. Other Interest Groups may meet at odd times.

10) Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee. The present form for W-F Groups will be retained as this is a unifying Quaker experience peculiar to YM. Other activities may happen at odd times, Interest Groups or evenings. There will be a full session W-F group meeting each of the four days of YM.

11) Nude Swimming. The Clerk suggested that the attitude of St. Mary's is irrelevant; we should decide our own way. M & O could find no good reason not to have it; just as people have worshipped through dance, yoga, walks in the hills, singing -- and these activities have at times been frowned on by Friends. There is no inherent value here contrary to Friends' principles. BUT, given the feelings of various Friends, we would do best to do without it, or go ahead as before -- an unofficial activity for those who are interested.

Emotional discussion ensued and the following minute was adopted.

ECI973 - 24 Nude swimming will not be authorized at PYM 1973 due to great disunity on this subject in PYM. There will be an Interest Group on this subject and Monthly Meetings are urged to consider it.

Objectors were urged to attend the Interest Group.

Our grateful appreciation was voiced to the American Friends Service Committee in whose building we met, to members of Orange Grove and Pacific Ackworth Meetings in whose homes we stayed.

The meeting closed with several moments of silence.

Edwin A. Sanders
Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk

Robert R. Schutz
Robert R. Schutz, Recording Clerk