The twelfth annual session of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and the 28th annual session of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends gathered at Redlands University, Redlands, California, opened its first session Wednesday afternoon, August 6, with a family meeting for worship, followed by singing and introductions.

In the worship session we were asked to think upon the changes which have occurred during this year; changes to and within ourselves, changes in the world. Many parts of the world have become closer to us because our Friends have been there. The voyage of The Golden Rule has become a symbol to remind us that "we are not strangers" and that we need to explore ways to bear a more vigorous testimony of the love of God for all men.

Introductions were accomplished by the Clerk's reading the roll call of the Monthly Meetings and the subordinate meetings. Members present from the following Meetings stood together as families:

Meetings:
- Albuquerque
- Argenta
- Berkeley
- Claremont
- College Park (San Jose)
- Delta
- La Jolla
- Los Angeles
- Orange Grove (Pasadena)
- Palo Alto
- Phoenix
- Riverside-Redlands
- Salt Lake City
- San Fernando

San Francisco
Santa Fe
Santa Monica
Tucson
University (Seattle)
Vancouver
Victoria
Whittier Area
Willamette Valley

Subordinate Meetings:
- Multnomah (Portland)
- Sacramento
- Tacoma

These Friends were introduced:

Walter and Marydel Balderston and family of Lobo Monthly Meeting, Coldstream, Canada, who presented a minute from their Monthly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting.

Lewis, Faye, and Margarita Walmsley of the Monte Verde Meeting, Costa Rica;

La Jolla Monthly Meeting, Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Edna Morris, Providence Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The following members of the AFSC work camp, Tucson, Arizona, were introduced:

Wayne Caudill, Coeur d'Alene; Tim Lachman, Chester, Pa. & Susan Treadwell, Pasadena, Calif.

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from the returned minutes of Gretchen Tuthill from Norway Yearly Meeting and Friends in Tokyo.

Jim Riddles led us in a delightful and exuberant period of singing and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
After an opening period of worship the Reading Clerk read a letter from Bob and Etta Vogel who are traveling in Asia for the AFSC. Their letter was especially timely since this is Hiroshima Day and we were reminded of the burden we share for this "day of death and our need to overcome the indifference on the part of so many to the suffering in the world." The Vogels reminded us of the areas of hope -- one such being the AFSC project at Barpali Village, India, where there is proof that "love does break through the toughest barriers and does create that trust so essential to community."

A letter from London Yearly Meeting and excerpts from the London Yearly Meeting Epistle, 1958, were read.

These Friends were introduced:
Amelia Rockwell, Santa Barbara Meeting.
Cal and Sylvia Rainbolt, recently from projects in Central America and Mexico, en route to Scattergood school.
Donald Campbell, Mexico City Meeting.

The meeting then heard reports on the state of the Society as follows:
(1) Northwest Half Yearly Meeting, Margaret Lorenz reporting.
(2) College Park Quarterly Meeting, David Bruner reporting.
(3) Southwest Half Yearly Meeting, Edith Dewees reporting.
(4) Mexico City Monthly Meeting, Donald Campbell reporting. The meeting expressed particular pleasure in having a representative from Mexico City Meeting present. Friends heard with interest of the increasing intervisitation between Friends in northern Mexico and Mexico City. Stresses and strains from without and within the Meeting have been accepted by the members as challenges and opportunities.
(5) Salt Lake City Meeting, Mildred McAlister reporting. Friends were encouraged by the accomplishments of this small but devoted group of Friends on the periphery of our Yearly Meeting.
(6) Honolulu Monthly Meeting, Ben Norris, Clerk, reporting by letter: "May the clear light of Truth and the tender light of Love shine within all of us."

Mildred Burck, Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, gave a brief statistical report in which she told us that our total membership now is 1127½ adults -- a gain of 17 members.

Madge Seaver, Chairman of Ministry and Oversight, gave a brief report on two concerns considered by this committee:
(1) The problem of attenders at our Meetings who postpone the responsibility of membership for an overly long period.
(2) The problem of eldering attenders whose speaking in meetings for worship is not in keeping with Friends' practice.

It was pointed out that both these concerns need our prayerful and considered attention. Friends were clear that decisions at meetings for business were to be reached by members.

The question of attending meetings for worship near the Yearly Meeting rather than one final meeting of the entire Yearly Meeting is to be considered further and no decision is contemplated at this Yearly Meeting session. Other alternatives considered by the Committee on Ministry and Oversight were:
(1) That we divide into three groups for our last session.
(2) That the worship-fellowship groups continue as arranged, for a fourth session.
Memorials were written or spoken for:

2. Dorothy Murray, Palo Alto Monthly Meeting.
5. The depth and scope of the life and services of Kirby Page and W. O. Mendenhall were recalled, although they were not members of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

After a worship period Friends adjourned to meet Thursday morning in worship-fellowship groups.

Thursday, August 7, 10:45 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a period of worship in which we were reminded that "the Kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power."

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from the Epistle from the 1958 General Meeting for Australia: "We have experienced once again the power of quietness and prayer to fit us for action."

Excerpts were also read from the 1957 Epistle of the German Yearly Meeting held at Eisenach in East Germany. We were asked: "Have we always done enough to spread the truth?"

The following Friends were introduced:

Fritz Bell, a member of Westtown Monthly Meeting, now teaching in Las Vegas, Nevada, who would like to know of other Friends residing in that area.
Ted Hetzel, Director of the Tucson Work Camp, his son, Jonathan, and daughter, Helen Baer, members of Haverford Monthly Meeting.

The minutes of the general sessions of Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening were approved after corrections were made.

Friends were reminded that the Committee on Ministry and Oversight report Wednesday evening needed also to recognize the real contributions made to the life of our Monthly Meetings by non-member attenders.

Recommendations for action from the Interim Committee were received as follows:

1958-1: "We recommend to Yearly Meeting that the name 'Pacific Coast Association' be dropped and that we see to it that those who are not members of Pacific Yearly Meeting be always encouraged to meet with us."

The meeting approved this minute and members expressed a longing for the unity of the Society of Friends when the particular name by which we are called is of no import.

1958-2: "The Interim Committee approved the recommendation of the Ministry and Oversight Committee that members of that committee should be instructed to make a visit to all new Meetings during the year following the Yearly Meeting at which Monthly Meeting status is granted them."

The meeting approved this minute.

1958-3: The meeting welcomed with rejoicing the Multnomah and Tacoma Preparative Meetings to Monthly Meeting status by approving the following Interim Committee minute:

"We accept the recommendation of Northwest Half Yearly Meeting Oversight Committee that Multnomah and Tacoma Preparative Meetings be recognized as Monthly Meetings. (more)
We ask the Northwest Half Yearly Meeting Oversight Committee to continue as a committee of the Yearly Meeting. Members of the committee are: Clara Shaw, Ruth Schmoe, Richard Broughton."

1958-4: The meeting approved a one year experiment to substitute a report of the Yearly Meeting for the full minutes in the Friends Bulletin. It was understood that the full minutes will be mimeographed or printed and distributed to Monthly Meetings, Friends Libraries, other Yearly Meetings, and those individuals who wish to have their own copies.

1958-5: Because Friends care for one another and because for many years we have not been able to communicate with or visit our Meeting in Shanghai, Friends expressed a deep longing for contact with our member Meeting. The meeting approved the action of the Interim Committee and Clerk in preparing the letters which could be presented to the U. S. government on behalf of the request of Bob and Etta Vogel to pay a pastoral visit to the Shanghai Meeting.

1958-6: The meeting accepted the recommendation of the Interim Committee that the time had come to lay down the Committee on the Home for Elderly Friends and leave this concern to the Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings in our various regions to follow further.

1958-7: The Interim Committee's request was approved that "the Nominating Committee appoint a Coordinating Committee for Arrangements. This committee is to be made of three members with three year terms. It is asked to see that local committees are formed to find a location for Yearly Meeting, take charge of the arrangements at Yearly Meeting, arrange a program for the children, and see that accumulated experience is recorded and passed on from one arrangements committee to the next. The 1960 Arrangements Committee is to be appointed by the new coordinating committee." (Rescinded by subsequent action -- See Minute 1958-22 (B)

1958-8: The Interim Committee recommended that a registration fee be discontinued and the expenses of Yearly Meeting be added to the budget. No decision was reached on this matter and it was referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation to this year's meeting, for action. (See Min. 1958-27, P. 10)

1958-9: The Second Race Relations Conference is to meet at Westtown School, August 29, 1958. The meeting approved the recommendation from the Interim Committee that Charles Gritzner and Edwin Stephenson be named as our delegates. The Race Relations Conference is supplying $150 for one delegate and the Finance Committee was authorized to spend $150 in order to send our two representatives.

1958-10: Bad Pyrmont Conference: Jane Baumann will be unable to go. The meeting approved naming Rega Engelsberg to take her place. The Finance Committee is authorized to assist her financially if she needs it and in proportion to the aid given our other delegates. (See amendment: Min. 1958-29, Page 11)

After a brief pause, the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m., Thursday evening.

Thursday, August 7, 1958 -- 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with a period of worship. We were asked to consider two important questions: Where art thou? Where is thy brother?
The Reading Clerk read parts of a letter from our Friend, Cecil Thomas, who has visited Hongkong Meeting, Calcutta Meeting, Honolulu Meeting and Barpali Meeting. Portions of a Call to a Meeting for Worship and Business in Washington, D.C., August 2-9, 1958 were also read. We felt a sense of unity with Friends who were meeting in Washington during the same time we were to consider "What Can Friends Do about Peace?" We hoped for guidance in our deliberations so that we too might say:

"There will be prayerful consideration of the world's headlong preparation for its own destruction and what is most effective for us to do in this crisis of the world's history. We know that the light of truth, the spirit of Christ, will reveal to us what we are to say, where we are to go, and what we are to do that the will of our Heavenly Father may be done."

Orion Sherwood of Oakwood School and a member of the crew of The Golden Rule was introduced.

The minutes of the general session Thursday, August 7, were approved after corrections were made.

1958-11: The following were named to the Epistle Committee on the recommendation of the Interim Committee: Ed Sanders, Convenor; Hugh Campbell Brown; Madge Seaver.

1958-12: The meeting approved the appointment of Alice Plympton to the Nominating Committee in place of Beulah Thornburg who could not attend this session.

Young Friends joined this general session of the Yearly Meeting to consider the question! "What Can Friends Do About Peace?"

During the past few months members of this Yearly Meeting (as well as thousands of persons in the world) have been stirred and challenged by the testimony of the crew of the Golden Rule against continued nuclear testing.

Orion Sherwood, a member of the crew, told us of the compelling reasons why they carried out this project. The dreadful apathy which chills all feeling men in the face of the catastrophic changes we face, was a basic reason for their witness. Orion Sherwood shared with us the following statement by Albert Bigelow, written in the Honolulu jail, in reply to the question, "Why did you do this?"

"The crisis is colossal and catastrophic; we can barely comprehend its meaning. Whether we like it or not, it has brought revolutionary change in our lives. We ignore it because we don't want to change. We don't want to understand it; therefore, we resist. The result is a dreadful apathy -- a fool's paradise.

"But our hearts are troubled, guilty. We know inwardly that we justify monstrous evil and consent to explosions even now crippling, contorting, and corrupting the very life essence of the children of today -- and tomorrow, and tomorrow.

So the crisis is psychological -- whatever its physical horrors. We know we have no policy, we are drifting, helpless, lost. There is military, economic political bankruptcy. Our real horror is that we feel no horror. We dare not feel at all; and thus we are failing the human challenge, giving up the God-like promise of being a man, a human being.

"12 Points We had Hoped to Make by Our Action:

"1) Awake the conscience of nation and world to the impossibility, the inhumanity, and immorality of preparation for nuclear warfare.
"2) Expose and question policies, acts, and insane rivalry of governments of USSR and USA to prepare for a war which none can win and all must lose.
"3) Point out that these two mighty military powers hold themselves superior, above and removed from men, women, and children of the world -- threaten all, undemocratically, without their consent.
"4) Show that these two warlike states wastefully, wantonly thwart the creative growth of mankind - contemptuously - against repeated protests.
"5) Ask if the ways of fear and force do not increasingly downgrade democracy; can be justified only by the Communist dogma, 'The end justifies the means.'

"6) Examine whether these two governments do not ruthlessly deny the sacredness of each human life, do not defy the scriptures of all faiths, do not ignore the wisdom of the sages and the love of the saints.

"7) Search our hearts and common sense to see if we are cowards by consenting, and thus collaborating in, evil acts. See if we Americans, with the highest heritage, are not sinking to become the very thing we fear.

"8) Realize the crucial part each one must play; listen to Emerson: 'No one can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.'

"9) Try to live the Golden Rule: Act openly without violence, and in loving kindness -- particularly if considerate (civil) disobedience is the only way.

"10) Appeal to the best in men; compete for good - not evil.

"11) Be men of faith; high-minded and big-hearted - 'Without vision the people perish'.

"12) Realize the compelling truth, the need to act, in Gandhi's words: 'The only escape from the impending doom is the complete adoption of the way of non-violence.'"

The voyage of Earl Reynolds' family on the Phoenix was described and the meeting felt a deep kinship with this single family concern which has now caught the imagination and deep heart of men everywhere.

Gretchen Tuthill, La Jolla Meeting, who has just returned from travelling around the world under a concern for peace, brought us special greetings from Saburo and Tayeko Yamanuchi, and from Margaret Gibbins of London Yearly Meeting whom she met again at Norway Yearly Meeting.

In her travels in Japan, India, Africa and Europe Gretchen Tuthill was asked many questions about her country which were hard to answer: "How can the U.S. justify its continued testing of nuclear weapons?" "How can a democratic nation defend its attitudes and practices of discrimination against the Negro and the American Indian?" All were glad to hear of the other America as our Friend attempted to share her ideas with them.

The meeting heard a report from Elinor Ashkenazy, one of our delegates to the Disarmament Conference in Ohio in March, 1958. Regional Conferences on disarmament in Northern and Southern California were cited as direct results of the Ohio meeting.

1958-13: Ed Sanders presented a minute from Orange Grove Meeting in support of the Fall-Out Suits. Friends were reminded that this undertaking is a moving example of how the vital concern of one person can grow in scope and depth in a relatively short time. The Fall-Out Suits Committee has filed suits in the U.S. courts in the name of plaintiffs from various countries, including the Marshall Islands, American Samoa and Japan.

Friends approved naming a committee to draft a minute to be considered by this Yearly Meeting in support of the Orange Grove Meeting concern regarding the Fall-Out Suits.

The meeting approved the following committee: Will James, Convenor; Ed Sanders; and Ben Seaver. (See 1958-16)

1958-14: David Bruner presented a minute from Delta Monthly Meeting, seconded by College Park Quarterly Meeting, that Friends come together for worship, ministry and active witness on an appointed day in November, with the focal point for action suggested at or near Camp Cooke at Lompoc, California (an ICBM base) or something as vital in disarmament.
Friends spoke vigorously and with deep feeling to this concern. We considered many questions: What can we do? How can we act? How can we combat evil? Friends were reminded that there are many ways to action and that the test of rightness is the spirit in which the action is undertaken.

How can we raise up among us men who have the capacity to love -- who can speak truth to power? This is our great perplexing challenge. One Friend spoke of the power that resides with such real promise in our growing number of children and young Friends. "Every child born is a promise that God is not yet weary of man."

Friends approved naming a group to examine what we could say and/or do in the matter of stopping the drift toward war and destruction. The following Friends were named to consider this problem and report to the Yearly Meeting: Georges Weber, Convenor; Walt Raitt; Ben Seaver; Gretchen Tuthill. All deeply concerned Friends were invited to meet with this group. (See Min. 1958-21, page 9)

After a closing period of worship the meeting adjourned to Friday, August 8, at 10:45 a.m.

Friday, August 8, 10:45 a.m.

The meeting opened with a brief period of worship.

The Reading Clerk read from the 1958 Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland:

"Whatever man may do to suppress man, the spirit is bigger than all the oppressive things. It is something that cannot be vanquished, but will rise again."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the 76th Meeting of the Madagascar Yearly Meeting of Friends (October 1957) were read:

"We await the Conference of Friends World Committee, that is being held in Bad Pyrmont in 1958, and pray that God will bless the meeting, that we may be better able to understand problems that face us, and be 'Friends' in proclaiming the spirit of fellowship and love between all men, and thus help to break down the middle wall of the partition whether national or racial; and thus all men may know us as living epistles of the family of Friends throughout the world, and unified in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour."

Iris Darlington, a member of the AFSC staff in Pasadena, was introduced.

1958-15: A minute for Carl and Hazel Hedeen from the First Friends Church in Pasadena was read. The Clerk was instructed to endorse and return it with appreciation for their visit.

Minutes of the general session Thursday evening, August 7, were corrected, enlarged and approved, the statement by Albert Bigelow read by Orion Sherwood to be included in full.

1958-16: Will James read the following minute prepared by a committee under instruction by the Thursday evening general session: (See Min. 1950-23, page 6)

"A representative of Orange Grove Meeting presented the concern of David Walden which has resulted in the formation and activity of the Fall-Out Suits Committee.

"The Committee filed two suits in the Federal Court to enjoin specific and responsible individuals in the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defense Department from conducting nuclear bomb tests. Simultaneously, suits were filed in the U.S.S.R. Similar suits are being prepared for submission in England and France. The purpose of the suits is to stop present and future testing, and to determine the facts about damage to health when tests are held."

The Pacific Yearly Meeting strongly endorses this action and urges all Meetings to find as many ways as possible to implement this endorsement.

1958-17: A panel consisting of the following Friends who are members of the Executive Committees of various Regional Offices of the AFSC discussed several provocative
The questions considered were as follows:

1. **How can the AFSC help the local Meetings?** The AFSC was compared to a window through which we can see and hear the way in which we testify to the dignity of all men.

2. **How can the AFSC play a part in uniting Friends?** We look out of windows together. One regional office could report that theological differences have not prevented unity in service.

3. **In what ways does the AFSC increase membership in our Monthly Meetings?** The growth of this Yearly Meeting is evidence of the influence of the AFSC in this regard.

These stated questions raised additional questions and we were urged to consider these further in our local Meetings:

1. **Could certain AFSC activities become divisive rather than uniting?**
2. **Does AFSC activity hinder the growth of local concerns?**

Friends were reminded that the life and strength of the Service Committee stems directly from our meetings for worship.

> "The work of this world will not be done from the sky or by angels. It will be done by men's hands, but if it is well done, it will be done under divine guidance and divine inspiration." -- Rufus Jones

Monthly Meetings were advised to have one member responsible for communication with the nearest regional office of the AFSC.

1958-1Q: The Reading Clerk read a telegram from Lewis Hoskins, citing an urgent need for additional funds for a feeding program in both rebel and government territory in Lebanon.

The Finance Chairman recommended that the Meeting send $300 immediately from the Yearly Meeting budget and that local meetings be reminded of the need for additional funds. The meeting approved this expenditure.

The Discipline Committee report was presented by Ferner Nuhn, Chairman. The Discipline is a growing, changing document which represents our best effort at a given time to say in writing what our beliefs and practices are.

Certain proposed Queries were presented for Monthly Meeting study and use. The chairman asked for continued responses from Monthly Meetings and concerned Friends and that we compare these proposed Queries with those of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as we consider them.

The meeting thanked the committee for its diligent work and looks forward to further reports during the year as well as at next Yearly Meeting.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Friday, August 8, 7:40 p.m.

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

A summer school in January, as recorded in the epistle from the General Meeting for Australia, seems to be incorrect unless one immediately understands the circumstances. Friends were admonished to think of ideas which seem to them to be incorrect in terms of the circumstances behind them -- to see how it looks from "the other side of the equator".

Our Clerk spoke a line from an old hymn to introduce the reading of epistles from other Yearly Meetings: "His faithful follower I would be."

The Reading Clerk then read excerpts from the Epistle of the Mid-India Yearly Meeting:
"Let world peace and world friendship be established and the conscience of every individual be awakened in this world, so that the Spiritual Light may begin to shine in every human life; this is our earnest prayer to God."

Portions of the 1957 Epistle from the Religious Society of Friends in Sweden were read:

"Discussion on 'being a peacemaker' made us feel strongly how essential it is for us to really trust in God and in one another. Life cannot exist without tension, but our aggressiveness must be conquered in a way which makes us free. We felt above all that prayer is the source of power to which we must ever turn. There was in the time of Jesus, as there is in the world today, conflict and unrest, yet his advice was directed primarily to the inner life. 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.'"

Elmer and Lois Brown, First Friends Church, Pasadena, were introduced and warmly welcomed.

The minutes of the General Session, Friday morning, August 8, were read and approved.

1958-19: The following minute to First Friends Church, Pasadena, was approved by the meeting:

"It has been a joy to us to have Carl and Hazel Hedeen with us in our 1958 sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting. We appreciate the spirit in which they have come and in which their minute has been given. May the wall of division that organizations can make be broken down as we seek closer friendship with each other."

1958-20: The following returning minute to Coldstream Monthly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting was approved:

"We of Pacific Yearly Meeting have been very happy to have Walter and Marydel Balderston and their children with us at our 1958 meeting and because of their visit do indeed feel more keenly aware of the love that unites Friends."

1958-21: The following minute was presented by those instructed by the general session on Thursday evening to consider the concern of Delta Monthly Meeting: (see min. 1958-14)

(1) Pacific Yearly Meeting has considered and endorses the minute of Delta Monthly Meeting, forwarded by College Park Quarterly Meeting, expressing concern for the need of Friends to come together to search for clarification of our responsibility in the crisis symbolized by the development of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile bases.

(2) Pacific Yearly Meeting instructs its Peace and Service Committee members in the areas involved to ascertain from Friends their interest and support in appointing meetings for worship, ministry and public witness at or near the bases being constructed at Lompoc, California and Spokane, Washington; and to seek the cooperation of the California Yearly Meeting Peace Board, the AFSC and the Friends Committee on National Legislation for meetings in California; and of the AFSC and Peace & Service Committee of Oregon Yearly Meeting for those in Washington and Oregon. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Canadian Yearly Meeting.

The meeting approved the minute as amended.

1958-22: A minute from a special interest group concerning the work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation was read to the meeting. It was presented in the form of a minute to be adopted by Pacific Yearly Meeting and sent to the President of the United States regarding the appointment of a commission to study peace making. After discussion, the meeting approved naming the following committee to re-draft the minute and present it to a later general session: Ben Seaver, Convenor (USA); Bob Boyd (Canada); Donald Campbell (Mexico).
1958-23: The Nominating Committee report was read. The introductory statement regarding the functions and procedures of the committee follows:

1. The Nominating Committee is not the place to solve particular problems of Meetings; these should properly be referred to the Committee on Ministry and Oversight.

2. If a Friend is not re-appointed to a committee, this is in no sense to be construed as a lack of appreciation but rather as an effort to spread the work of the Yearly Meeting as widely and equitably as possible.

3. Appointments to committees ought not to be thought of as rewards or as punishments.

4. In making appointments, the Nominating Committee has had to keep in mind a time schedule which goes beyond the 1959 Yearly Meeting. The names of many qualified and interested Friends have been suggested; those who are not serving for the coming year will be referred to succeeding Nominating Committees for future service in the Yearly Meeting.

The meeting approved the report with some additions and deletions, together with the following suggestions and statements to clarify certain changes of duties of various officers: (See Attachment #1 for list of appointments.)

A. That members of the Friends World Committee be assigned staggered terms of three years each.

B. That the Alternate Clerk be assigned to supervise Yearly Meeting Arrangements and be responsible for seeing that arrangements are submitted to the officers of the Yearly Meeting in good time. This replaces the previously approved Coordinating Committee on Yearly Meeting Arrangements. (See Min. 1958-7, page 4.)

C. That the Recording Clerk assume responsibility for the minutes of the Interim Committee.

D. That the Secretary take charge of statistical reports, files and permanent records of the Yearly Meeting.

1958-24: The report of the Treasurer, Robert Simkin, was received with thanks and gratitude of the meeting for his services. The report will be audited. (See Attachment #2.)

1958-25: The meeting then heard the report from the Finance Committee, Vern James, Chairman. The 1958-59 budget was discussed and approved after certain additions and changes were made. (See Attachment #3.) The contribution to the AFSC for relief work in Lebanon is to be considered as an exception to our customary budgeting practice but Friends were clear that it was right to do this at this time for this particular need. It is suggested that further contributions by individual Friends be made through their Monthly Meetings.

1958-26: The Finance Committee recommended that there be no registration fee for the 1959 Yearly Meeting. Friends approved this action. (See Min. 1958-8, p. 4)

Friends were united in expressing their thanks to the Lord for sending us his good servants to help us do His work.

After a brief period of worship the meeting adjourned to meet at 10:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday, August 9, 10:45 a.m.
The meeting opened with a period of worship.
The Reading Clerk read excerpts from the Epistles from three Yearly Meetings:
1. Oregon Yearly Meeting, August 19, 1957:
"We extend to you our Christian love and prayerful sympathy as you, together with us, labor for the glory of Christ in the bright anticipation of His personal appearing. May his blessing abound as He gives us strength for each day."

(2) New York Yearly Meeting, August 1, 1958:
"We feel the breath of God in our meetings but have yet to hear his voice speaking clearly. We have been urged to dream dreams and to put foundations under them; to combine skill and spirit so that our traditional testimonies may live again. We need your prayers and help."

(3) California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, June 28, 1958.
"One basic consuming desire runs like a golden thread through all of these messages of Christian love, namely, the passion to know Him and the power of his resurrection as a means for meeting the giant challenges of the present hour."

Theodore and Catherine Arvig of Azusa, California were introduced.
Everett Loomis and Christine Jones of Hemet were welcomed.
The minutes of the general session Friday evening, August 8, were approved.

1958-27: The committee instructed by the general session Friday evening (see Min. 1958-27) to re-draft the minute presented as a concern of a special interest group on peace-making presented the following minutes as read by Ben Seaver, Chairman:

(1) Governments spend vast sums of money and employ thousands of scientists and other experts in research on the problems of war. No comparable effort is being made to explore and solve the political, economic and social problems which must be dealt with if a peaceful world is to be attained.

(2) On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting the Clerk shall write the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Canada, and the President of Mexico, urging each government to appoint a commission to enlist from among the best minds in each country men and women who will seek diligently those ways by which we and other nations in the world can live peaceably together.

(3) We recognize in all men the deep yearning for a peaceful world, and believe that governments in so implementing this desire would set in motion practical and spiritual resources which have the potential to do what our most powerful military weapons cannot do.

(4) Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that Monthly Meetings write similar letters to their heads of government.

(5) Pacific Yearly Meeting, mindful that the Legislature of the State of California has memorialized the United States Congress to explore the steps necessary to change from a war to a peacetime economy without large scale unemployment, urges Monthly Meetings to write their Congressmen in Washington, D. C. to inquire what progress is being made in this study.

These minutes were approved by the meeting with a request that copies be prepared immediately for members to take back to their Monthly Meetings. Minutes also are to be carried to Bad Pyrmont by our delegate.

1958-27: The meeting approved the appointment of three Friends to assist the Clerk in drafting the letter to be sent according to the above minute.

1958-27: Vern James recommended that the Interim Committee Minute #8, 8-21-57, be changed by deleting the phrase "dividing the money equally among those who attend." This is done because of the change in our representatives which involves a change of circumstances; two of our delegates are already in Europe.

1958-20: The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of greeting from Pacific Yearly Meeting to the Bad Pyrmont Conference.
1958-31: The Clerk was instructed to prepare a minute for each of our delegates to Bad Pyrmont.

1958-3**: Bob Boyd reported for the committee appointed by the 1957 Yearly Meeting to give consideration and study to our relation to inter-Yearly Meeting organizations. The committee asked the Monthly Meetings to consider information sent to them. Replies were received from: University Meeting (Seattle); Delta Monthly Meeting; Willamette Valley Monthly Meeting; Argenta Monthly Meeting; Santa Fe Monthly Meeting. Meetings were reminded that information can be obtained from the following sources:

1) Five Years Meeting, Friends Central Offices, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana.
2) Friends General Conference, 1515 Cherry St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

It was clear that we have not yet given enough study to our possible relationships to an inter-Yearly Meeting organization other than the Friends World Conference, to which we already belong.

The committee was asked to continue another year and to encourage all Monthly Meetings to acquaint themselves with: 1) The Five Years Meeting; 2) The Friends General Conference; 3) The Friends World Committee.

Margaret Simkin reported for the Friends World Committee and brought us information from the annual report of the American Section and Fellowship Council, 1957-58. Topics reported on briefly were the Wilmington Conference, Intervisitation, Quaker Leadership Grants, the Wider Quaker Fellowship, New Meetings, the Quaker program at the United Nations, Anniversary dinners, the Midwest Office and the Bad Pyrmont meeting.

Leslie Spelman, who has been a member of the Friends World Committee, returned a minute from Pacific Yearly Meeting which he had carried to various Friends Meetings during a recent European trip. He spoke of his concern to share with Europeans our American achievements in music and art as a means of building bridges to understanding.

A letter from Herbert Hadley, General Secretary of the Friends World Committee for Consultation was read. The following excerpt closed his letter:

"We have planned this meeting at Bad Pyrmont with the real conviction that God wants Friends to share, and not to withhold from others, the Truth revealed to us. We also believe that our faith leads us to a reconciling ministry in a divided world. But we need God's continual guidance if our communication with others and our service are to achieve His purpose. May our Bad Pyrmont meeting bring to the Society of Friends a fresh sense of this guidance."

A communication from the Friends World Committee containing a concern of the Switzerland Yearly Meeting was read:

"If and when a summit meeting should occur, may we count on every Friend to pray earnestly that the participating heads of governments shall approach their task with humility and with good will, that the Love of God may be permitted to work through them.

"In connection with united prayer for the right achievement of a summit meeting let us assume:

'(1) That Friends will not make of prayer a demonstration, but that we shall pray with faith.

'(2) That in our local communities we will unite with others who pray for the rule of peace.

'(3) That Friends whose homes and Meetings are in the country where a summit meeting is held should carry a particular responsibility for the concern which all Friends will feel."
“(4) That if a special group of Friends should be formed to go under concern to the city in which the summit meeting is held, they shall have the prayerful support of all Friends.

"Some Friends are living in areas now torn with tension and violence. Let us remember especially in our prayers our Friends in the Lebanon and Jordan, in Cyprus and in Cuba."

Friends were urged to take this concern to their Monthly Meetings for prayerful consideration.

Ed Sanders, Chairman of the Epistle Committee, read a tentative draft of the 1958 Epistle. Friends were requested to give comments and suggestions to the committee at the rise of the meeting.

After a brief period of worship the meeting adjourned until 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

Saturday, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting moved directly to consider business because the Young Friends were to join us later at worship.

John Callender of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, an attender at La Jolla Monthly Meeting, was introduced.

Mary Peckham of Pasadena was welcomed.

Judge and Mrs. P. J. Cormack of Redlands were introduced.

The minutes of the Saturday morning general session were read and approved.

1958-33: The minutes of the Interim Committee for March 22 and August 6, 1958 were approved as circulated.

1958-34: The minutes of the August 9, 1958 Interim Committee were read and approved.

1958-35: The meeting approved adding names to the following committees: (1) Peace and Service, (2) Inter-Yearly Meeting Organizations, (3) Meeting House Fund, these names to appear on the final Nominating Committee report.

Ed Sanders read a re-draft of the 1958 Epistle for the Epistle Committee.

The meeting approved the following three minutes prepared on behalf of the meeting by Phillip Wells for our delegates to the Bad Pyrmont Conference:

1958-36: "John Ullman of La Jolla Monthly Meeting is representing Pacific Yearly Meeting at the Friends World Committee meetings at Bad Pyrmont, Germany. On his journey he will visit with Friends in Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, and Austria.

"At our Yearly Meeting in Redlands, California, August 6-10, 1958, we remember with love and appreciation our Friends in these countries. Through John Ullman we send greetings to them and to the Friends assembled at Bad Pyrmont."

1958-37: "Rega Engelsberg of Orange Gove Meeting in Pasadena, California, has been appointed to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting at the meeting of the Friends World Committee in Bad Pyrmont. At our meeting in Redlands, California, August 6-10, 1958 we are happy to remember again our European Friends and send greetings through Rega Engelsberg to all Friends that she meets and especially to the Friends assembled at Bad Pyrmont."

1958-38: "Clifford Kaeor of Corvallis, Oregon, has been appointed to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting at the meeting of the Friends World Committee in Bad Pyrmont in September, 1958. He is at present traveling in Germany as a guest of the German Government.

"Through him our Yearly Meeting sends loving greetings to Friends meeting at Bad Pyrmont and to others whom he visits in his travels to and from the meeting."
The meeting then turned its attention to the Education Committee and the Yearly Meeting Young Friends.

Gretchen Rudnick, Chairman of the Education Committee, suggested that family gatherings can take many forms. Tonight our family gathering is to be an exercise in listening on the part of the grown-ups. She reminded us of a statement in Douglas Steere's book, ON LISTENING TO ANOTHER, which encourages us to be able to listen with such utter abandon that the person speaking to us can become clearer in his own mind of the thought he is attempting to express.

After a short interval the meeting re-opened by the Reading Clerk who read portions of the Epistle from the Young Friends Conference of North America held near Paris, Ontario, Canada, August 24-31, 1957:

"We notice that almost every concern that has come before us has had to do in one way or another with the need for better communication. It is because of this and of a renewed sense of our need for one another that we feel moved to write to you, our friends and spiritual teachers."

In the worship period which followed, we were asked to think upon the meaning of the word 'integration' -- that it refers to a whole person in a whole society. It was pointed out that our joint meeting tonight was an experiment "in the communication of truth for the purpose of integrating youth with age."

Many Young Friends spoke to us of their experiences at this Yearly Meeting, their plans for activities between Yearly Meetings, and their hopes for what we might plan together for the 1959 Yearly Meeting. They shared with us the concerns which had occupied their time in the areas of recreation, personal relationships, inter-group relationships, the possibility of a work project at a Yearly Meeting, and the peace testimony. Many suggestions were made by Young Friends regarding their program which will prove helpful to next year's planning committee.

Undergirding all our discussions seemed to be a need to discover creative ways in which to keep the channels of communication open between varying age groups within the Young Friends group, and between adult and Young Friends committees. Older Friends asked questions which have been perplexing them:

1) How can we relay our experiences here at Yearly Meeting to Friends at home in our Meetings so they, too, can know the strength and joy of fellowship we have found here?

2) Are Young Friends really getting an idea of what the Society of Friends is all about?

A Young Friend told us that they were seekers, too, and hoped we might find answers together. An older Friend suggested that there were varying degrees of maturity and sometimes adults did not behave as if they knew where they belonged. We all vary in our ability to handle responsibilities but those adults who have been close to our Young Friends feel we need to have more faith in the good judgment and right action of our children.

Ken Stevens reported on the First Friends Secondary (Summer) School which is now in session in Claremont, California. This project has grown out of a concern of parents in Northern California for greater academic and spiritual challenge for their children. Seven members of the staff of eight, and 23 students were introduced to the meeting. Thirteen students come from the Bay Area, nine from Southern California, and one each from Washington and Maryland. A corporation has been formed under the care of College Park Quarterly Meeting to manage the school.

Elizabeth Van Dolsen, who is the Director of the school, spoke of the curriculum, the methods of teaching, the many staff volunteers from the Claremont Meeting, California Institute of Technology and Claremont College.
The Clerk expressed the wishes of the meeting in thanking our Young Friends and the school staff for giving us an instructive and stimulating report.

Friends asked the Clerk to express our deep thanks to Leslie Spelman for his organ concert and friendly conversation-demonstration especially for our children, but enjoyed by all on Saturday afternoon.

The minutes of this Saturday evening session were read and approved.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned to meet at a short closing session at the rise of the Sunday meeting for worship.

**Sunday Morning, August 10, 12:00 noon**

Following the meeting for worship, which began at 11 o'clock, Hugh Campbell-Brown read the 1958 Epistle:

**TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:**

Gathered in Yearly Meeting sessions on the peaceful and comfortable campus of the University of Redlands on the 13th anniversary of Hiroshima, we have felt oppressed by the weight of our responsibility. A report from Orion Sherwood of The Golden Rule brought us to account for this responsibility. We have sought for ways to match the witness of this crew with our lives.

The Yearly Meeting plans a time of conference, prayer and demonstration this autumn at the new sites near Lompoc, California and at Spokane, Washington, where the United States Government plans to install its intercontinental ballistic missile bases. Friends recognized that this is a new emphasis for members of our Yearly Meeting to be making in our peace program, but it is a practice which created and characterized our ancient peace testimony.

The world's needs have come into our session. The Yearly Meeting has felt compelled to respond to an appeal for funds for relief in Lebanon. We have rejoiced at the return of our member, Gretchen Tuthill, who has traveled around the world with a concern for peace. She has brought our world Society of Friends closer to this Yearly Meeting. The two questions which she heard asked most frequently were: "How can the United States justify its continued testing of nuclear weapons?" and "How can a democratic nation defend its attitudes and practices of discrimination against the Negro and the American Indian?"

Our decision to devote ninety minutes of each morning to worship and fellowship in smaller groups has been a happy experiment. Here in particular we have experienced the vitality that comes from fellowship with the Spirit of God.

We share with you words from John Woolman's Journal: "The God of our Fathers who hath bestowed upon us so many benefits, doth now mercifully call on us to serve him more faithfully."

Sue Freedman read the Young Friends Epistle for 1958:

High School Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting met at Redlands University, August 6-10. We divided our conference into three parts, spending one day on each part. We had one speaker per subject to stimulate thought, followed by discussion groups to explore the ideas presented.

David Bruner compared Quakerism to some of the great non-Christian religions of the world and asked us to judge them as we judge Quakerism, by their highest aspirations, not by the ways in which they fall short of their founders' insight. In discussion groups we asked ourselves if the "Inner Light", the idea of the intimate relationship between man and God was not, in one form or another, the cornerstone of all the great religions. We thought that perhaps authority was one of the main elements that turns religions from their original goals.
Walt Raitt spoke about the Quaker peace testimony. Afterwards we discussed the Peace Walk to the United Nations this spring and asked what Young Friends can do to work for peace.

Ed Sanders discussed the problem of how teenagers can turn their beliefs into action. We felt that Young Friends are old enough to be responsible for their actions in many areas if adults would have more faith in them.

One of the chief concerns which has come to us as we have talked, swam, and danced together is that Young Friends should start at home in facing the great problems of the world by trying to show a basic concern for other teenagers in their communities.

-- Susan Freedman

George Millikan

Nancy Pinney read a minute from the Junior High Yearly Meeting:

Over 20 Junior High Young Friends met this year at Redlands. We organized into a Junior Yearly Meeting with Nancy Pinney, Clerk, Laurel Thomas, Secretary, Ruth Dart, Recorder, Bill Bruff, Editor of the newsletter, ORBIT, Adele Polifroni, Treasurer, the Steering Committee to be the above officers plus Margarita Walmsley, and Chris Stevens. Bill Bruff printed the first edition of the newsletter during Yearly Meeting. It will be printed every other month and sent to Young Friends to keep them in touch with each other.

For next Yearly Meeting we suggest that the adult counselors again be John Way and Emily Burns and that the Steering Committee be our planning representatives.

-- Nancy Pinney, Clerk

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1958-59: The meeting accepted both the Junior and Senior High minutes and Epistle with a sense of joy in the joint participation of young and old in our common task. The suggested names from the Junior High Yearly Meeting for adult counselors for next year was referred to the Nominating Committee for action at the March, 1959 Interim Committee.

The Clerk expressed for the meeting our thanks to God for the good services of all those Friends who assisted in the program for children and Young Friends.

The Clerk read the closing minute:

We have known the joy of seeing each other again and of meeting and worshipping together as members of the household of God.

We have all, young and old alike, learned more of what it means to take responsibility both toward each other and in the world. We have felt oppressed by man's preparation for his own destruction, but we have remembered that we, too, are "man".

We cannot escape being involved inevitably in this preparation; and yet humbly we have become more aware that we are called to witness against evil with our lives insofar as we find strength and way opens; and called as a Society of Friends to a ministry of reconciliation among ourselves and in the world. We have sought, and seek always, guidance we sometimes do not know how to ask for, from the light of Divine Presence in our midst.

The meeting adjourned to meet next year in Northern California, probably in the Santa Cruz Mountains, in Quaker simplicity.

Catherine Bruner, Clerk

Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS

MADE AUGUST, 1958

Presiding Clerk................. Catherine Bruner (Delta)
Alternate Clerk ............... Harold Carson (University, Seattle)
Recording Clerk ............... Edwin C. Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
Reading Clerk .................. James Riddles (La Jolla)
Statistical Secretary .......... Mildred M. Durck (Willamette Valley)
Treasurer ...................... Robert L. Simkin (Los Angeles)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE:
Madge Seaver, Chairman (San Francisco) Stephanie Ullman (La Jolla)
Esther Richards (Multnomah) Phillip Wells (Palo Alto)
Edward Thatcher (Eugene) Margaret Lorenz (Vancouver)
Margarette Coe (University, Seattle) Grace Lawrence (Willamette Valley)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:
Ferner Nuhn, Chairman (Claremont) (1 yr)
Hugh Campbell-Brown (Vancouver) (1 yr)
Margaret Jump (Multnomah) (1 yr)
Robert Dann (Willamette Valley) (1 yr)
Mary Kershner (Los Angeles) (1 yr)
Edwin Sanders (Orange Grove) (1 yr)
Den Seaver (San Francisco) (2 yrs)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: (One year term) This committee has been set up on a one-regional basis at the request of the chairman in order that they may complete a project already begun. The chairman suggests, and this suggestion is concurred in by the Nominating Committee, that a new committee, from a northern area of the Yearly Meeting, be appointed in 1959.

Gretchen Rudnick, Chairman (La Jolla) Edwin & Molly Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
John and Alice Way (Orange Grove) John Penery (La Jolla)
Dorothy Pinney (Orange Grove) Frank DuBois (University, Seattle)

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Vern James, Chairman (Palo Alto) (2 yrs)
Charles Gritzner (Phoenix) (2 yrs)
Ellis Jump (Multnomah) (1 yr)
Robert Young (Orange Grove) (1 yr)
Hilda Seligman (University, Seattle) (3 yrs)
Georges Weber (Palo Alto) (3 yrs)

INDIAN AFFAIRS (Advisory capacity):
Patience Maclean, Chairman (Victoria)
Alice Shoemaker (San Fernando) William Matchett (University, Seattle)
Albert Kramer (San Fernando) Richard Thomas (Whittier Area)
Harold Barton (Eugene) John Salyer (Tucson)
Isabel Bachels (San Francisco) Charles Davis (Orange Grove)

MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT:
Olivia Davis, Chairman (La Jolla) (1 yr)
Thuth Schmoe (University, Seattle) (2 yrs)
Patricia Stewart (Palo Alto) (2 yrs)
Subanks Carsner (Riverside-Redlands) (2 yrs)
Clara Shaw (Tacoma) (1 yr)
Clarence Cunningham (Berkeley) (1 yr)

ATTACHMENT #1
MEETING HOUSE FUND COMMITTEE:
Ellis Jump, Chairman (Multnomah)
Vern James (Palo Alto)
William Taylor (Orange Grove)

PEACE & SERVICE COMMITTEE:
Floyd Schmoe, Chairman (University Seattle)
Hazel Johnson (Vancouver)
Edwin Duckles (Mexico City)
Olin Byerly (Eugene)
Liss Elkinton (Tacoma)
David Line (University, Seattle)
Esther de Gally (Mexico City)
Marjorie Weber (Palo Alto)
Roga Engelsberg (Orange Grove)
Don Elton Smith (Onterey)

VISITATION COMMITTEE: (One year term)
Richard Broughton, Chairman (Victoria)
Mildred McAllister (Salt Lake City)
Lola Bellinger (Willamette Valley)
William and Anna James (Berkeley)
John and Ann Salyer (Tucson)
Leslie Spelman (Riverside-Redlands)

INTER-YEARLY MEETING ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:
Robert Boyd, Chairman (Argenta)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside-Redlands)
Perner Nuhn ( Claremont)
William James (Berkeley)
Harold Carson (University, Seattle)

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:
Russell Thornburg (Willamette Valley)
Vern James (Palo Alto)

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVES:
Elinor Ashkenazy, Chairman (Orange Grove)
Georges Weber (Palo Alto)
Bruce Brown (Missoula)
Ethel Miller (University, Seattle)
George Clauss (Multnomah)
Sylvia Loomis (Santa Fe)
Ann Salyer (Tucson)

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:
John Ullman, Chairman (La Jolla) (2 yrs)
Dorothy Lash (Victoria) (3 yrs)
Frank DuBois (University, Seattle) (3 yrs)
Clifford Maser (Willamette Valley) (2 yrs)
Lyra Dann (Willamette Valley) (2 yrs)

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE (Pacific Rim):
Robert Vogel (Orange Grove)

AMERICAN FRIENDS CONFERENCE ON RACE RELATIONS (Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 at Westtown, Pa.)
Charles Gritzner (Phoenix)
Edwin Stephenson (Berkeley)

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
August 1957 to August 1958

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**ATTACHMENT #2**

Robert L. Simkin, Treas.
**BUDGET 1958-59**

**RECEIPTS:**
- Balance on hand: $3,109.26
- Monthly Meetings ($4 for 1127½ adults): $4,508.00
- Bulletin Subscription: $1,300.00
- Interest: $70.00

**Total Receipts: $3,987.26**

**EXPENDITURES:**
- Bulletin: $2,600.00
- Clerk & Secretary Expenses: $200.00
- Discipline Committee: $50.00
- Ministry & Oversight: $300.00
- Visitation Committee: $100.00
- Education: $100.00
- Friends World Committee & UN Work: $400.00
- * Young Friends Program: $150.00
- ** Yearly Meeting Expenses, 1959: $400.00
- Indian Committee: $25.00
- Peace and Service: $25.00
- Travel to Yearly Meeting & Interim Committee: $1,400.00
- AFSC for Lebanon: $300.00
- Travel to Conferences:
  - Kansas Youth: $150.00
  - Race Relations: $150.00
- Reserve for Conferences: $1,024.72
- Reserve: $1,324.72

**Total Expenditures: $8,987.26**

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* Young Friends Program (newsletters & other expenses during the year).
** Expenses at Yearly Meeting, 1959 (all expenses: adults, children, youth).
The adult membership of Pacific Yearly Meeting has been reported as 1127½ on June 1, 1958. We have 29 Meetings and we received reports from all but Shanghai. In addition, we wish to commend ten Meetings which included a list of members with their reports. These were very helpful.

There are 952 children under the care of our Meetings; 291 are permanent members, 155 are temporary members, and 506 are attenders. Other adults attending our Meetings are: 31 associate members, 112 members of other Meetings, and approximately 550 attenders.

During the past year there have been 70 additions to the membership by transfer, 52 by conviction, and 18 by birth or request of parents. The increase in adult membership over the total reported last year is 67. Losses in membership were: 12 by death, 38 by transfer, and 19 by withdrawal or release.

Twenty-four Meetings reported the regular reading of Queries and 18 have First-Day Schools in connection with the Meeting. Eighty-eight members were reported as attending work camps or AFSC projects, as well as a number of attenders.

Fifteen Meetings have been able to hold public meetings, some in connection with other groups. The following guests and topics were reported: Kirby Page, Raymond Wilson, William Worth, Norman Whitney, "Golden Rule" protest voyage, Institute of International Relations, Ralph Victor, nuclear testing, John Raitt, Clarence Fickett and James Walker, Quaker approach to contemporary problems, Africa, China, seminar on the Gospel of St. John led by John Magee, seminar on the meaning of Quakerism, Grigor McLelland on "China Today", Vincent Duncan Jones, Secretary of the World Council of Peace and AFSC regional meetings.

Twenty-two Meetings have had organized programs of study. Among the topics mentioned were George Fox's Journal, current concerns, Sharman's Life of Jesus, Fawsett's Love based on scripture and Eric Fromm's book, Prophets, peace testimony, psychological implications of the teachings of Jesus, concerns raised by the FCNL, National and international organizations of Friends, Rachel Cadbury's The Choice Before Us, New Testament, and Non-Christian religions.

Our Meetings have had a great variety of projects and activities. The reports mentioned support of All Faiths Home, new meeting house, Friends Secondary School, material aids for AFSC, camperships, peace walks and mass meeting, shipped radioactive vegetables, immigrant family, cooperation with others on the Committee for a Safe Nuclear Policy, local Council of Churches, United Church Women, prison visitation, newsletters, support of Korean orphan, activity in support of "Golden Rule" voyage, Pala Indians, weekly family night gatherings, support of Koinonia Community, Meeting retreats, All Mexico Friends Conference, mitten tree, burial plan worked out with local undertaker, opposition to non-disloyalty oaths, forums, jail auxiliary work with families of prisoners, nursery school, play school, Meeting house library, monthly visits with ward patients at the state hospital, fund raising for the Los Angeles Indian Center, Youth for Service involving youth from underprivileged areas, parolee revolving fund, well project for a school in India, Korean orphanage, improvements at the Friends Center, and four weddings.

In fifteen Meetings the Clerk has been able to turn over the job of record keeping to another member of the Meeting. This shows a growth of membership responsibility. Every Friend should know who is keeping the records in his Meeting and help make it possible for the Clerk to be relieved of this care.

-- Mildred C. Burck
Secretary
"Ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" This query from Matthew was quoted in a recent American Friends Service Committee statement on the missiles race. The AFSC tries to shape its work to current conditions, viewed in the perspective of spiritual truth. Here briefly are some of the ways we are trying to respond in Christian love to men's present needs (a more detailed report is available on request):

1. Need for international contacts: As mankind develops the means for global destruction, the understanding that comes from personal association is ever more essential. The AFSC held its second Asian conference for younger diplomats of many countries in Ceylon in December. Eight such conferences in Switzerland since 1952 and one last summer for members of national parliaments have also been part of this phase of AFSC effort. The on-going Quaker program at the United Nations, a mission to Poland last summer and other international seminars and centers stressed East-West contacts.

2. Urgency of peace action. The basic elements of a democratic society are alert citizens and their voluntary organizations. The AFSC has tried to rally many Americans to work for peace. Besides the widely distributed statement on the missiles race, a petition campaign opposing continued nuclear weapons tests has provided a focus for public discussion. Special resources are offered church and labor groups that want to educate for peace.

3. Call to relieve human misery. New groups of refugees have required material and other assistance during the past year or so. AFSC representatives were able to see the emptying of Yugoslav camps, in which they had provided welfare services to Hungarian refugees. But loans and counseling have continued for many refugees remaining in Austria and Germany. A staff member has begun working on a plan with the Israeli government and displaced rural Arabs living in Israel with a view to their permanent settlement. In India a village development project reported encouraging achievements as it passed the halfway mark in a 10-year program. Food, clothing and other material gifts totalled nearly 10,000,000 pounds last year. We tried to use this assistance in a way that would maintain the recipients' self-respect and build toward self-help.

4. Challenge of community relations. Local reaction to racial and cultural diversity in the United States often has had good initial response as it has worked, especially in North Carolina, to give guidance and inspiration to some Southern communities where there was a willingness to move toward desegregation. The AFSC has also encouraged housing and job opportunities for minorities in several parts of the country. Programs with American Indians have grown both on and off the reservations.

5. Opportunities with young people. In a time of confusion and conformity, high school and college-age young people need a chance to develop and test their ideals. A thousand young people enlisted in AFSC service and study projects last summer. Since only about a tenth of these were Friends, the AFSC continues to urge Meetings to take greater advantage of this approach to strengthening local leadership. Over 400 volunteers participated last year in week-end mental hospital units in five regions; there were also 75 week-end
work camps over the country. And there were other ways for youth to grow -- through affiliations of U.S. and overseas schools, Washington and United Nations seminars, children's friendship projects.

With profound gratitude, the AFSC can record that about 100,000 persons took part in its work in some way during the past year -- as project volunteers, clothing workroom helpers, committee members and financial contributors. The regular staff numbered about 420 persons, including a substantial proportion of Friends; two-thirds of overseas appointees were Friends. But more applicants are invited, especially for summer and year-round project leadership.

We hope that Friends will always consider the AFSC as one meaningful vehicle for expressing their concerns, not as a substitute but as a supplement for individual and Meeting action. Henry J. Cadbury wrote in the latest annual report: "Today, as 40 years ago, little groups like ours have responsibilities and opportunities far out of proportion to our size and means." The AFSC needs the continued guidance, personal participation and support of Friends as we try to discern the signs of the times.

Lewis M. Hoskins
Executive Secretary

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