

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1977

at Craig Hall Complex, Chico, California

August 9-13, 1977

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE Session I, Monday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Lowell Tozer, after an opening period of Friends' worship, welcomed Representative Committee members to the first working session of the 31st annual gathering of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. He then reminded assembled Friends of the limited role assigned to Representative Committee: to prepare, revise, and set agenda; to offer brief preliminary consideration to committee reports; to discuss without taking any substantive action issues involving a "new principle". He also reminded Friends that they should represent PYM in and to their respective monthly meetings and wondered if more stability in the succession of representatives from each monthly meeting might not be possible. He predicted "the fatigue that inevitably sets in late in the week" and hoped Friends could work to minimize the friction that results at such times.

Corrections for the minutes of the Interim Session of Representative Committee held in March were suggested and made. Leonard and Martha Dart, visiting in India for a year, are there as the officially designated Friends-in-the-Orient. Gretchen Tuthill's name was misspelled "Tuttle". Ellie Foster's report for Ministry and Oversight Committee did not include statement that "fellowship is the primary purpose of PYM".

77-20 Charles Swift not being present, a third member for the PYM Committee to Name the Nominating Committee was required. Jan Tappan's name proposed and approved.

77-21 In response to a letter received from Australia Yearly Meeting requesting permission to borrow language from the PYM Faith and Practice in revising their discipline, Representative Committee approved the Clerk's recommendation that such requests received from Friends' bodies recognized by the FWCC be automatically granted; further, that the Clerk's automatic granting of permission should be accompanied by an invitation to contact the PYM Discipline Committee for information regarding changes currently under consideration.

Clerk Lowell Tozer listed some gifts made over the past year to PYM: to the Brinton Visitor Fund, \$200 from Pacific Northwest Yearly Meeting, \$300 from North Pacific Yearly Meeting, \$300 from University Monthly Meeting, \$30 from Vancouver Monthly Meeting, and a promise of \$152 from Intermountain Yearly Meeting; to PYM general funds, \$250 from University Monthly Meeting; to the fund to publish Margaret Simkin's China Letters, \$100 from University Monthly Meeting and \$1000 from Los Angeles Monthly Meeting. He also mentioned the gift by Osmyr Stout of the P.A. system used by PYM.

In response to a request from the Clerk, Chris Laning volunteered to prepare a report on PYM for submission to the Friends Bulletin.

Clerk Lowell Tozer mentioned a request received from the New Call to Pea-
making, for PYM funding; this request had already been referred to PYM
Finance Committee for their recommendation. He also explained a concern
raised by Berkeley Monthly Meeting regarding the days of the week on which
the PYM annual sessions are held; this issue was referred to the PYM Sites
Committee for study.

77-22 In response to a letter received from Dwight Wilson of the Friends
General Conference proposing the idea of holding the 1979 FGC in
British Columbia or the State of Washington, Representative Committee
approved Clerk's drafting a letter, to be read and considered at
plenary session, expressing enthusiastic interest.

77-23 In response to a minute received from Marin Monthly Meeting,
Representative Committee approved in principle the idea of
contributing toward the easing of the \$9000 deficit incurred by
the Conference of the Friends in the Americas held in Wichita,
Kansas, in June. The minute was referred to PYM Finance Committee
for their recommendation as to the amount of the contribution.

Preliminary reports from PYM Committees were heard: Micki Graham for
Arrangements and Registrar, Asenath Young for Interest Groups and Sharing
Groups, Alice Newton for Worship-Fellowship Groups, Susanna Calderon and
Kerri Hamilton for Junior Yearly Meeting, Laurelyn Barns for Young Friends,
Bill Lovelady for Education, and John Mackinney for Discipline.

Ellie Foster spoke for PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee. M&O has
considered the question of whether the Presiding Clerk should have to
preside at the Representative Committee as well as plenary sessions, but
recommends no change in our current practice at this time. M&O has also
dealt with the issue of "inactive membership" and its effect on each
monthly meeting's financial responsibilities to PYM. M&O felt that the
question of PYM finances should be considered separately from those of
the nature of membership and nurture of members; they have asked PYM
Finance Committee for ideas on alternative assessment patterns for
monthly meetings. A third item was the request from CPQM that PYM M&O
assume sponsorship of the annual Theology Conference the weekend prior
to PYM; M&O had no recommendation at this time but wished to continue in
dialogue with interested Friends. M&O did have a minute ready on the
practice of recording vocal ministry in PYM meetings for worship, which
will be presented to plenary session.

77-24 Representative Committee approved nominations to the Epistle
Committee: Esther Morgan, convenor; Paul Niebanck; Richard Sanders.

M&O continues its concern for the quality of PYM meetings for worship;
clerk Ellie Foster urged Friends to be seated and silent five or ten
minutes in advance of scheduled worship meetings. M&O had spent considerable
time discussing whether and how a Friend could dissociate her-himself with
any particular PYM action. The question evoked thoughtful responses from
several Friends before being referred back to M&O for further study.
Another continuing concern of PYM M&O is the upgrading of monthly meetings
capabilities to respond to families in need within the meetings. A draft

of queries related to family functioning in general, prepared by the New England Yearly Meeting, is available and should be shared by each representative with his-her monthly meeting.

77-25 Representative Committee approved changing the composition of the M&O Subcommittee on Visitation, which is to be comprised of a clerk who is also a member of PYM M&O, and one representative from each of the Quarterly Meetings' visitation subcommittees. The problem was referred to Nominating Committee for specific Friends to fill these three jobs.

77-26 For the Nominating Committee, Marie Schutz proposed the following Friends to fill vacancies for the remainder of the 1976-77 terms: to Ministry and Oversight, Margaret Brooks replacing Leonard Dart; Rosalie Pizzo replacing Hilary Balderston; to Friends Schools Committee, Foy Van Dolsen replacing Pratt Spellman, and Elizabeth Jones replacing George Turner as convenor; to the Discipline Committee, John Mackinney replacing Brent Howell as convenor. All nominations approved, for consideration at plenary session.

77-27 Representative Committee approved the Nominating Committee recommendation that the PYM Statistical Clerk, the PYM Historian-Archivist, and the PYM Treasurer should be appointed for three-year terms, with the option to reappoint for additional terms.

77-28 Nominating Committee proposed, and Representative Committee approved, for consideration at plenary session, the following Friends as PYM representatives to the regional conference on the New Call to Peacemaking, to be held at Ben Lomond Quaker Center in September: Van Ernst, Anne Friend, Colleen Wells, Ben Seaver, Pegge Lacey, Robert Schutz, Pat Brown, Micki Graham, Mary (Kit) Glover, Patricia Ender, Ferner Nuhn, Robert Piper, Earle Reynolds, Scott Drysdale, Calvin Cope, Eric Moon (alternate), Gladis Innerst (alternate).

77-29 In response to repeated requests by the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC), Representative Committee approved, for consideration at plenary session, the Nominating Committee recommendation that the term of appointment for PYM representative to FWCC be three rather than five years, in conformance with FWCC practice.

Elizabeth Jones reported for PYM Friends Schools Committee on those Friends' discussions of the possibility of laying down that committee, as several schools originally within its area of interest have since ceased formal ties with Friends or come under the care of new Yearly Meetings.

77-30 Upon recommendation of Shirley Ruth, reporting for PYM Finance Committee Representative Committee approved a correction to RepCom Minute 77-9. The effect of that minute and this present one is to set the PYM Peace Committee's 1976-1977 budget at \$450. The error in RepCom Minute 77-9 apparently arose from a misunderstanding as to the figure approved for Peace Committee at 1976 PYM.

77-31 Representative Committee approved a Finance Committee recommendation that the format of the PYM budget be changed to enable better planning;

specific figures will be added to reflect the costs of the Arrangements Committee, the Children's Program, the subsidy for the PYM session, and any costs incurred in sponsoring special guests to PYM.

Shirley Ruth also mentioned that the budget allocation for travel had been overspent, which will require approval of a supplemental allocation by PYM plenary session. This situation results from holding PYM at some distance from both Southern California and the Bay Area.

The first Representative Committee session closed with a short period of Friends' worship.

PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE Session II, Tuesday, August 9, 8:30 a.m.

Following a period of silent worship after the manner of Friends, Representative Committee listened to M&O Clerk Ellie Foster read and explain a proposed minute regarding the "corporate nature" of membership in PYM. She also asked for Friends' help in considering our decision-making process; is the recording of the names of Friends standing aside from a corporate decision, provided for in PYM Faith and Practice, the opening wedge for some form of majority-minority voting? After some discussion, Friends agreed that questions of such significance will require more time for productive analysis, and referred the proposed minute back to M&O.

Reporting for PYM Peace Committee, Gladis Innerst explained that Committee recommendation that PYM representation on the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace be laid down. Colleen Wells of the Peace Committee and Herb Foster of PYM Social Order Committee outlined the activities and groups in those areas to be held at PYM.

Rose Lewis, reporting for the Friends Bulletin Committee, told Friends that the Bulletin's office was being moved from Palo Alto to Santa Rosa and that printing of the Bulletin was now being done by the AFSC. A three-year costs study shows a steady figure of about 1400 subscriptions, with an actual cost of about \$9 per subscriber. The Committee will recommend that PYM continue to subsidize each subscription at the present level, producing about \$3600 from PYM budget, an additional \$750 to be provided by North Pacific Yearly Meeting. Robert Schutz will continue as Bulletin editor through 1978 PYM, but the Committee would like to have his successor selected by the interim session of Representative Committee in March 1978, so that the new editor can spend some time working with Robert Schutz prior to taking over in August. Any suggestions as to possible candidates for Bulletin editor are earnestly solicited.

Catherine Bruner of PYM Friend-in-the-Orient Committee reported Friends' regret that Margaret and Mike Yarrow had found themselves unable to serve as our Quaker Family in Korea. The Friend-in-the-Orient Committee will offer for plenary consideration a minute protesting the sentencing in Korea of five Japanese-born Koreans.

77-32 Representative Committee approved, for plenary consideration, the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee's recommendation that PYM authorize

that Committee to appoint and sponsor a representative to the planned Hong Kong Conference of Asian Friends, if invited to participate, and also to assist with Friends-in-the-Orient Project funds in subsidizing the travel to the conference of Korean Friends, if needed.

Catherine Bruner further reported that Margaret Simkin's China Letters is being published by Seigo Press. Orders are now being taken for a forthcoming book by Stewart Innerst, China Gray, China Green. She also brought sad news of the death of Reginald Price, who ably served as an advocate for Friends' Asian concerns, in Washington.

77-33 After listening to Micki Graham, Clerk of PYM Sites Committee, Representative Committee approved, for plenary consideration, that Committee's recommendation that they be authorized to continue negotiations toward acquiring the use of Whittier College, Whittier, California, as the site of 1978 PYM.

Having finally been asked, Whittier College seems eager to host PYM. Room and board costs will be an estimated \$11.75 per day, with no additional fee superimposed for general usage. Camping would be possible at Whittier Narrows, five miles away, at a cost of 40¢ per person per day, and shuttle bus service hiring of a couple of Friendly security guards could make this an attractive option. A county ordinance forbids camping except in specially designated areas. A tennis clinic will be running concurrently with PYM. The buildings, although not air-conditioned, seem comfortable. At this point, it seems that the Sites Committee's recommendation for 1979 PYM will be a return to Craig Hall, but St. Mary's will also be available.

Reporting for the PYM Holding Corporation, Richard Ernst mentioned that the Committee will bring to plenary session a minute amending the articles of incorporation of that legal entity.

Elizabeth Gustafson, clerk of the PYM Committee on Creative Aging, explained that concerns regarding aging Friends and others had been actively pursued by the Creative Aging committees of the two Quarterly Meetings, and that the PYM Committee had functioned chiefly as a forum for acquainting PYM participants with the work of the Quarterly committees.

77-34 Representative Committee approved, for plenary consideration, the recommendation to lay down the PYM Committee on Creative Aging, with the proviso that any concerns related to aging which need PYM attention could be brought to PYM under the aegis of M&O Committee.

77-35 In response to a minute received from Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting and first considered at the interim session of Representative Committee in March, Representative Committee again referred to PYM Finance Committee, this time with an explicitly positive recommendation, this minute urging that PYM put into its annual budget a \$500 contribution to John Woolman School. Referral with recommendation to Finance Committee, approved.

Following reports from Marie Parker, representing Southern California Quarterly Meeting, Elsa Sabath representing Honolulu Monthly Meeting, and Dick Lewis for University Monthly Meeting, on the spiritual lives and social actions of those meetings, the Representative Committee session closed with a brief period of Friends' worship.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE Session III, Friday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

After a silent period of Friends' worship, Clerk Lowell Tozer reviewed a accepted additions to the agenda for this session.

77-36 In response to a request from Ed Duckles that PYM be represented at the upcoming Reunion General of Mexican Friends in Ciudad Victoria, Representative Committee approved, for plenary consideration, the recommendation of the PYM Nominating Committee that Carmen Broz be our representative at that gathering, her travel expenses to be paid out of Clerk's discretionary funds.

77-37 In response to the PYM Peace Committee recommendation discussed at the previous session, Representative Committee approved, for plenary consideration, the laying down the practice of having a representative travel to the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace.

77-38 Requested to nominate a new clerk from among the second-year members of the Nominating Committee, three new members, and one additional nomination to fill a one-year vacancy, the ad hoc Committee to Name the Nominating Committee proposed Nancy Springer as clerk; Ernest von Seggern, Patricia Ender, and Kitty Barragato as new members; and Larry Perry to fill the one-year vacancy. All nominations approved, for consideration in plenary session.

77-39 Following a brief report from Barbara Janoe, Representative Committee approved her proposal that we establish an ad hoc committee to explore possibilities for a gathering of Friends from Pacific, North Pacific, Intermountain, and Canada Yearly Meetings; the names of Frances Ridgeway, Leon Ray, and Larry Perry were also proposed and approved as members of that ad hoc committee.

Ferner Nuhn reported on the work of the Faith and Life Conference. Elizabeth Jones, reporting for PYM Friends Schools Committee, announced that several newly-discovered and much-needed functions for that Committee had been identified and that there now seemed no possibility of laying it down. Marie Schutz requested that a written statement of the re-defined Friends Schools Committee role be provided to PYM Nominating Committee. Friends urged that the Friends Schools Committee serve as a resource for Friends engaged in public as well as private education.

Micki Graham, speaking for the PYM Site Committee, assured Friends that that Committee was eager for comment on the idea of Whittier College as a site and that Friends might hear a new site proposed as late as 1978 Representative Committee interim session. Friends cautioned that trust must be carefully nurtured when encountering a different social climate; one Friend wondered if "inside camping" might not prove more convenient than the Whittier Narrows campground. Others asked if Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting might not have special priorities regarding site selection.

77-40 Representative Committee approved the proposal that should the Whittier College site turn out to be unavailable or undesirable in some way, the Site Committee is authorized to commence negotiations with Craig Hall Complex or any other suitable site for 1978 PYM.

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- 77-41 Representative Committee also approved the recommendation that the PYM Site Committee be authorized now to pursue negotiations toward acquiring the use of Craig Hall Complex for 1979 PYM, as way opens.
- 77-42 Representative Committee approved, for consideration in plenary session, the dates of August 7 to 12 for 1978 PYM. The Site Committee explained that it still had the question of scheduling PYM to include weekend days under consideration and would welcome Friends' comments and suggestions.

Shirley Ruth, reporting for the PYM Finance Committee, urged Friends to give more attention to careful procedure in handling minutes and concerns. Chris Laning urged the traditional Friends' practice of hearing, re-working, and re-hearing the exact wording of each minute as an exercise conducive to clear thinking during meetings for business.

- 77-43 Representative Committee approved the recommendation of PYM Finance Committee that PYM initiate, in consultation with the Monthly Meetings, reconsideration of the funding structure of our budget, including examination of (1) the assessment or quota structure currently used, and (2) the present structure of contributions from PYM to Friends-related organizations. Finance Committee will prepare background materials for consideration by Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Committees.

- 77-44 Representative Committee further approved the accompanying recommendation from the Finance Committee that all items of business involving any expenditure of money be referred to Finance Committee for their consideration and recommendations before such items are presented for approval at either Representative Committee or PYM plenary session.

Harry Bailey of the Finance Committee hoped that the extensive discussion regarding these minutes had sensitized Friends to the need for presenting recommendations in the most concrete and specific form possible.

Herb Foster, speaking for the PYM Social Order Committee, distributed copies of two minutes regarding the New International Economic Order, but Friends found themselves "not in unity" to approve these minutes for plenary session consideration. Friends suggested that the minutes be sent out to Monthly Meetings for their consideration during the year.

Following a brief and silent period of Friends' worship, the Representative Committee concluded its third and final session at 1977 PYM.

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