PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
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WHITTIER COLLEGE, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA
7-12 August, 1978

YEARLY MEETING SESSION I: Monday, August 7 1:30 p.m.

The thirty-second gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting opened at Whittier College with a period of worship. Lowell Tozer, Clerk, greeted us with the following minute:

1978-1 Welcome, Friends, to the first plenary session of the 32nd annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting. A year seems a long time to wait for such a happy occasion, but here we are—and happy to be together!

Our joy will do much to carry us through the busy days before us, including the inevitable fatigue. The true stabilizer, however, like the hidden gyroscope below the heady excitement that is so evident, is the knowledge that we are gathered here in the Spirit. We shall conduct all business simply and in right order, holding all views in the Light—lightly and in love. Let us save ourselves from busy-ness by being constantly sensitive to the fact that the only business that can contribute to the inner quality of our lives as individuals and as a Society is the business that springs from worship. Those are some of the actions that make love visible, and bring joy to our lives.

The Clerk introduced Charles Browning, a member of the Whittier College Faculty. He welcomed us to the College on behalf of its President, Faculty and staff.

Fred Bewley, Clerk of Whittier Friends Meeting, welcomed us in the spirit of the common ground for work and friendship shared by all Friends. He extended an invitation to us to visit the Church on Wednesday for the tea which has been arranged.

The Yearly Meeting Clerks were introduced.

Jeanne Lohmann, Reading Clerk, read from the epistle of Sweden Yearly Meeting dated October 77.

The Clerks of Young Friends, Mike Turner and Lauralyn Barns; Junior Yearly Meeting, Karen Kulsar; and Junior High Friends, Alex Ridgeway, announced the time and place of the first meetings of their respective groups.

Asenath Young called the roll. The following Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship groups responded:
Meetings: Berkeley, Claremont, Davis, Delta, Fresno, Grass Valley, Hayward Area, Honolulu, La Jolla, Logan, Los Angeles, Marin, Marloma, Mexico City, Monterey Peninsula, Orange Grove, Orange County, Pacific Ackworth, Palo Alto, Palomar, redwood Forest, Reno, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Fernando, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, University, Visalia, Westood, Whitleaf.

Preparative Meetings: Strawberry Creek, Salt Lake

Worship Groups: West Marin, Mendocino and Humboldt, Maui

The Clerk read letters from Erica F. Vere, Clerk, Meeting for Sufferings, London Yearly Meeting, and Lou Schneider who wrote on behalf of A.F.S.C.

The Clerk welcomed visitors, asking them to introduce themselves.

Caroline Series brought greetings from Osthouse Meeting, Cambridge, England, and particularly from Frederic and Damaris Parker-Rhodes.

Carl George, Downers Grove Meeting, Illinois Yearly Meeting introduced himself, The Clerk read Carl's letter of introduction from his meeting.

The following Friends and friends introduced themselves:

Virginia Gilcoro, Illinois Yearly Meeting
Kay White, Phoenix
Gary Massoni, AFSC-SW Regional Office
Mildred Burks, Corvallis Monthly Meeting
Jim Best, Philadelphia, Yearly Meeting
Ed and Barbara Janoe and Brennan and Blair Gardner, Multnomah Monthly Meeting
Leon Ray, Pima, I.M.Y.M.
Jay Thatcher, N.P.Y.M.
Allan Cashman
Ann Goertzen, Deadwood, Oregon

The Clerk read a letter from Norma Adams Price, Clerk, Intermountain Yearly Meeting. The letter expressed appreciation of and gratitude for Shirley Ruths presence during their yearly meeting sessions last June.

1978-2 Eleanor Foster, Clerk of Ministry & Oversight, introduced the Epistle Committee: Paul Niebanck, Convener
Catherine Bruner
June Manners

Meeting approved.

Regarding our business, she expressed the hope that we would begin with worship, finding the still point in its center from which to begin our work.

Willow Burnett described the Children's Program.
John Draper described the information needed for statistical purposes.

Margaret Edwards told us about Worship-Fellowship groups.

Mickey Graham, Arrangements Clerk, made several announcements about arrangements. She then introduced those working in specific arrangements areas.

- Clifford Cole - Camping
- Mary Miche - Simple lunches
- Dot Bonner - Communications
- Bill Lovelady - Equipment
- Jon Vogel - Rooms
- Margie Baker - Food Service
- Phyllis Jones - Space
- Walt Jones - Assistant Arrangements Clerk

Session I closed with a brief period of worship.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION II: Monday, August 7, 1978, 3:00 p.m.

We met together in worship. Meeting rose at 4:05 p.m.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION III: Monday, August 7, 1978, 7:30 p.m.

We gathered in silence. Lowell Tozer began the meeting with announcements so that the spirit of our State of the Society session would not be disrupted by announcements at its conclusion.

Lowell Tozer gave the remainder of the session into the hands of Ministry and Oversight through its Clerk, Eleanor Foster.

After a careful reading of all of the State of the Meeting reports in our Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Oversight saw three themes running through all: our Meeting for Worship
our Meeting for Business
our Community (how we care for one another and how we reach out in our public communities)

These three themes would form the basis for our corporate consideration of the State of our Society.

Eleanor explained the format for the session. Each theme would be dealt with separately from the others and in the order listed above. Three members of Ministry and Oversight would read pertinent excerpts from the State of the Meeting reports. A period of worship and reflection would follow. A member of Ministry and Oversight would then read a query devised by the committee for this particular occasion. Another period of worship would follow. This procedure would be used with each theme. And so it was. Often more than one query was read.
Ministry and Oversight asked the following queries of us:

Meeting for Worship
1. When you come to your meetings... what do you do? Do you then gather together bodily only, and kindle a fire, compassing yourselves about with the sparks of your own kindling, and so please yourselves, and walk in the "Light of your own fire, and in the sparks which you have kindled"?... Or rather, do you sit down in the True Silence, resting from your own Will and Workings, and waiting upon the Lord, with your minds fixed in that Light wherein Christ has enlightened you, until the Lord breathes life into you, refresheth you, and prepares you, and your spirit and souls, to make you fit for his service, that you may offer unto him a pure and spiritual sacrifice?

2. Does the meeting for worship continue to serve as a vehicle for spiritual growth?

Meeting for Business
1. Is repetition in our meetings for business from frailty or from God?

2. To what extent are we limited by older more experienced Friends; and to what extent are younger, less experienced Friends taking their place in the meeting?

3. Regarding inward order:
   - Do we speak briefly enough?
   - Do we really weigh the value of what we say, or does it turn out to be trivial?
   - Are we careful to address ourselves strictly to the point?

Care of one another, Community
1. In your meeting, do you feel part of a caring community? Do your children feel a part of your meeting?

2. Has a particular concern sprung from corporate worship? Has it resulted in corporate action?

Our responses (to these queries) varied from silence after the queries on worship to verbal response after the queries on business and community.

We expressed needs and desires common among us: for helping our children to know themselves a beloved part of our community; for corporate social witness which grows out of worship; for business meetings which are, in fact and practice, meetings for worship; for a way to bridge the distances of geography and time. We found no common solutions, save, perhaps, that implied by the following quote from a State of the Meeting report: "In spite of our imperfect selves, meeting for worship happens and we leave meeting refreshed."

In closing, Eleanor Foster spoke to us about a practice common among early Friends—that of daily inward retirement. We were queried: Are our meetings for worship and business lightened by inward personal retirement by our members?
We closed with a period of worship in silence.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION IV: Tuesday, August 8, 1978, 1:30 p.m.

We gathered together in worship to remember and to celebrate the beauty of the lives of Friends who have died since last Pacific Yearly Meeting. Patricia Niska of Ministry and Oversight introduced the names of our deceased.

"O Father of All, we pray Thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in Thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of Thy perfect will."

Friends reflected on the quality of life of those we remember: from Berkeley Meeting, Ann Bruner, the young granddaughter of Catherine Bruner, who had a deep influence on her friends even though her life was short; Harry Helson; and Florence Conrad; from Claremont Meeting, Harriet Reitveld, dedicated to improving the conditions of Mexican-Americans; from Mexico City Meeting, Héber Sein, a peace-worker, whose strong charismatic personality was a blend of English Quaker and Latin gallantry; from Monterey Peninsula Meeting, Arzella Pici.

"Lord of All Worlds, we thank Thee for all those who are now perfected in Thee. We thank Thee that now they are released from their apprenticeship, and behold Thee face to face at last, Dwelling forever in light and joy with Thyself."

We thank Thee for their steadfast faithfulness, For their loyalty and trusty friendship, For their ready answer to thy call.

We thank Thee for the high inspiration of their example, For the hope which is given us, as we think of them, That we also--though our probation be longer-- May like them be faithful and self-denying.

Friends reflected on the lives of: from Orange Grove Meeting, John Dorland, Robert Leinair, and Josephine Benton; from Palo Alto Meeting, Georges H. Heber, Eric Cockroft, and Josephine Duvnek. Friends testified to the Light in Josephine Duvnek's life, how she carried safety pins in her pocket to remind herself of the presence of God; how she held an infant, as she must have been held by an elderly Friend as an infant; of how she offered the hospitality of Hidden Villa Ranch to Friends.

Friends remember, from Palomar Meeting, Lucille Inke and Edith Vail. As a Friend told us, "We miss Edith Vail very much, but feel her spirit often. When any puzzling situation comes up, I say to myself, 'How would Edith have handled this?' Often the needed idea comes to me. We need to expect to feel the presence of those who have gone on."
"Death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity."
(William Penn)

Friends commended to God the lives of our Friends, from Redwood Forest and East Lansing, Michigan Meetings, Harrison Hunt, who gave housing in East Lansing to two Friends unable to find decent housing; from Riverside Meeting, Horace Cook, the grocer who helped Asenath Young as a small girl to choose her candy when she was entrusted with her family's marketing; from San Fernando Meeting, Anne Rudenko, who died of cancer, who hadn't wanted to die, but who had finally accepted death and was able to say good-bye; from San Francisco Meeting, Nellie C. Dorn, an elderly Friend who came each year to Yearly Meeting and sat quietly, and who said she might come to this Yearly Meeting; from San Jose Meeting, Frances Atkinson; from Santa Barbara, and also La Jolla, Meetings, Dorothy Cassell, who recently learned to sail.

Two Friends shared poetry:

The Partisans

When I come to dying,
(or dying comes to me)
I hope I will be given
A long clear memory
Of loved and loving friends
Who vanished suddenly.

I do not claim uniqueness
In love or death or grief;
My testament's in answering
When summoned out from sleep.
My responses measure me,
Advocates with seal and brief.

I must do my dying
As others did their own,
Go through the room I question,
Myself though not alone.
I call upon my partisans
When leaving flesh and bone.

Encircle me in courage
Commend the hopes you know,
Harvested in darkness
The ways you had to go.
Grounded in your wisdom
I would not tremble so.

The final gift, companions;
Answer when I cry,
Clothing me in memory
Who naked comes to die.
Wrap me in your banners
Loose against the sky.

Jeanne Lohmann
Until your pain retreat, enclose your wound,
Examine well the nature of your loss.
In sorrow learn the qualities you mourn
And stamp their imprint deep upon your heart.

Although they are no more, a flame might rise,
The sparks they kindled leap beyond the grave.
You now remain for them, their labor yours.
Do not put out the candle in the night.

Caroline Series

"I feel that love is victorious; that there is no dark it cannot light,
no depth it cannot reach." (John Greenleaf Whittier)

Friends recalled the beauty in the lives of, from Santa Cruz Meeting,
Lester B. Schaeffer, "Shae," who refused to be superficial, and Grace Cope, who welcomed each person into Meeting with her eyes, and who gave warm hospitality to many Friends; from University Meeting, Bronwen Craven and Barbara Bryan Mills.

Friends remembered Friends from places other than Pacific Yearly Meeting: from Eastside Meeting, Joe Strittmatter, Kenneth Scott, and John Willard; from Albuquerque Meeting, Rachel Mason Zimmerman; from Phoenix Meeting, Veilin Pemberton; and from Pasadena First Friends Church, Hedwig Hubbe, "Heddy" who quietly left birthday presents each year on a Friend's doorstep.

A Friend reflected how Friends have learned that matter is insignificant, but the Spirit endures; that if we live in things Eternal, we never die.

"In many human hearts there is even now a home for those whose bodies have dissolved. And that home will last, while the heart lasts. God's heart lasts forever." (A. Herbert Gray)

"O Lord, support us all the day long, though the joys and sorrows and troubles of this life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in Thy Mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord." (John Henry Newman)

The memorial Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Patricia Enders, Co-recording Clerk
Meeting for Worship for the conduct of business began with a period of silent worship. The Clerk noted the sounds of young people playing, and hoped we are not made nervous by these sounds. He remarked that it will be a sad day for Friends when and if those sounds are not around.

Jeanne Lohmann, the Reading Clerk, reminded us that we receive epistles from all over the world, only a few of which are read at Yearly Meeting. The letters are available in a folder in the communications room.

The Reading Clerk read a portion of the epistle from New Zealand Yearly Meeting where Friends asked themselves "What canst thou say?", as they examined the state of the Society. New Zealand Friends noted that while it sometimes seems that discipline kills love, and love undermines discipline, both are necessary to emphasize the positive and omit the negative in our approach to Friends' affairs.

The Reading Clerk then read from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's epistle to Friends everywhere--Philadelphia Friends wrote that while each person has a portion of the Light Within, it is sometimes imprisoned beneath the surface--Friends must reach out to that Light, to other Friends and beyond the circle of Friends; peace within will radiate, leading to peace without.

Intermountain Yearly Meeting wrote it is encouraged by the search for new unity among all Friends, and the effort to open their suffering to the Light of God.

The Clerk introduced Charles Browning of Whittier Meeting, California Yearly Meeting, who had welcomed us at the first session of Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk received the travel minute for Leonard and Martha Dart, and noted that it now had five endorsements.

The Clerk read a letter of introduction for Jay Thatcher from the Friends Consultation Group on Youth Involvement of the AFSC. Jay Thatcher is traveling under a concern of AFSC, YFNA, FWCC, Philadelphia YM, and FGC to explore how Young Friends may become more involved.

Young Friends of North America commends Jay Thatcher to our loving care and sends loving greetings through him. The Clerk of PYE has endorsed the travelling minute from YFNA and will return the minute to Jay Thatcher.

The Clerk read the letter of introduction for Amy Kurkjian from Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting. Amy Kurkjian is moving to California, where she will be a graduate student. Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting commends her to our loving care, and asks her to convey their warmest greetings and prayers for our Yearly Meeting sessions.

The Clerk read a selection from Wiltshire Quarterly Meeting, 1678 on Meetings for business:
For the preservation of love, concord and a good decorum in this Meeting, 'tis earnestly desired that all business that comes before it, be managed with gravity and moderation, in much love and unity, without reflections or retorting, which is but reasonable as well as Comely, since we have no other obligation upon each other but love which is the very bond of our Society: and therein to serve the Truth and one another; having an Eye single to it, ready to sacrifice every private interest to that of Truth, and the good of the whole Community.

Wherefore let whatsoever is offered, be wildly proposed, and so left with some pause, that the Meeting may have opportunity to weigh the matter, and have a right sense of it, that there may be joynt concurrence of the whole. And if anything be controverted that it be in coolness of Spirit: calmly debated, each offering their reasons and sense, their assent, or dissent, and so leave it without striving. And alsoe that but one speake at once, and the rest hear. And that private debates and discourses be avoyed, and all attend the present business of the Meeting. So will things be carryed on sweetly as become us, to our comfort: and love and unity be increased: and we better serve Truth and our Society.

Minute Book, Wiltshire Quarterly Meeting, 1678.
Quoted in the London Friend, Vol. 34, No. 22
(May 28, 1976)

Barbara Perry, co-recording clerk, read the minutes from Session I, roll call, which were corrected, augmented, and approved. She then read the minutes from Session II, Meeting for Worship, which were approved as recorded.

Barbara Perry read the minutes from Session III, Ministry and Oversight's report on the State of the Society. Friends requested that Barbara Perry include some of the participation of Friends in Session III. A Friend suggested that although in the past we have had minutes almost like a diary, Barbara Perry, as recording clerk, is offering us simple minutes. After a period of quiet worship, Friends agreed we do not wish to specify what kinds of minutes we want. Barbara Perry will recast the minutes from Session III and present them again to the Yearly Meeting for approval.

The Clerk introduced Eric Moon, representative committee recording clerk, to report on representative committee. Eric Moon analogized representative committee not to a steering committee, but to a group who bails out, plugs up and cleans the barnacles off a ship before the real steering begins in the plenary sessions.
The recording clerk of representative committee reported that Eleanor Foster had brought two items from Ministry and Oversight to representative committee. M & O recommended that Yearly Meeting lay down the subcommittee on visitation; representative committee approved this recommendation. M & O also asked whether the presiding clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting plenary sessions needs to preside over representative committee as well; this discussion was referred back to Ministry and Oversight.

Disciplinary Committee reported to representative committee that the groundwork is being laid for a new edition of Faith and Practice. The Committee is examining PYM minutes, considering issuing the sections on structure as a separate publication, exploring the ways we look at our testimonies, and consulting with Nominating Committee on new officers and functions within the Yearly Meeting.

At the second representative committee session, Virginia Croninger reported that Finance Committee is considering the cost of Friends’ travels to committees and functions, the special situation of Monthly Meetings with more than one Yearly Meeting affiliation, and the report of an ad hoc committee on assessments and contributions.

Friends commented on the representative committee report: Robert Schutz reported that representative committee had approved Robert Schutz as acting clerk for Social Order Committee.

Eleanor Foster reported on the reasons for M & O’s recommendation on the subcommittee on visitation—requests for visitation have usually come to the regional quarters, so the Yearly Meeting subcommittee has not been active. In the cases of two or three Meetings who are not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting, M & O would receive and respond to visiting requests.

1978-3 Friends approved that the Pacific Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Oversight Committee, Subcommittee on Visitation shall be laid down.

Sandy Farley suggested that Friends might like to know that Tom Farley submitted to representative committee a proposal for an association of Friends on the Pacific Coast. The PYM representatives to FWCC have been asked to review this proposal and to bring it back to representative committee.

1978-4 Representative committee accepted Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Patricia Ender for co-recording clerk.

Friends approved.

1978-5 Representative Committee approved Nancy Springer as clerk of Nominating Committee through 1979.

Friends approved.
1978 Representative Committee approved the recommendations of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee, and recommends Lawrence Perry, Bill Lovelady, and Lee Steelman.

Friends approved.

It was suggested that a summary of the matters of action from representative committee would be helpful; that there is no need for a general summary of representative committee's activities, and that a distinction could be made between the actions taken at representative committee which do not require Yearly Meeting approval, and those actions which do require Yearly Meeting approval. A session of a past Yearly Meeting was noted where this distinction was discussed and terminated. The matter will be raised at representative committee meeting.

Lawrence Perry of Nominating Committee presented the committee's report. He noted that there are proposed changes in the structure of the Education Committee, and there has been difficulty in finding a clerk for this committee. Lawrence Perry noted that "Many Lights make hands work" and that Nominating Committee welcomes Friends' assistance. The Clerk hopes we will take this work seriously.

Barbara Perry presented a report of her representation to Friends United Meeting. Barbara Perry travelled there with an interest in learning of different Friends, but with prejudices of Friends in FUM nonetheless. At first, these prejudices were confirmed, but were washed away through the deeply rooted spiritual ministry of pastors and laypeople alike. It was an illuminating and shaking experience. The power and the presence of God's love were manifest in a diverse body of Friends.

Barbara Perry reflected that there is indeed, "a Spirit among us, common to us all." She thanks Pacific Yearly Meeting for our gift to her in allowing her to represent us at Friends United Meeting and thanks Friends United Meeting for their gift of allowing her to participate with them in the presence of God.

Ron Steelman reported on his representation to Friends General Conference. Friends at FGC gather together to worship together and to enjoy each other, there is no "business" conducted. Ron Steelman remarked on the experiences of speaking with Friends of a more diverse background and deeper roots than in Pacific Yearly Meeting. He encourages us to increase our communication, because we share so much, and have so much to offer each other. We can give each other new paths, and new Lights.

The Clerk thanked Barbara Perry and Ron Steelman for their reports as representatives to Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference, and for their reminder that we are all part of Society of Friends.

Meeting for Business in Session V closed with a period of Friends' worship.

Patricia Ender, Co-recording Clerk
Lowell Tozer, Clerk, called upon us to begin with a period of worship.

Jeanne Lohmann, Reading Clerk, read from the epistles of:
- Western Yearly Meeting
- Missouri Valley Friends Conference
- North Pacific Yearly Meeting

Lowell Tozer reminded us, "The reading of epistles is a live contact with other Friends throughout the world." The Epistles are appended to the minutes.

Randy Pyle, a member of Whittier Friends Meeting, was introduced.

Report: North Pacific Yearly Meeting 1978

Rose Lewis, University Meeting, brought us greetings from North Pacific Yearly Meeting. She reported that of some 350 members 260 attended this year's sessions. They had many visitors:
- Ben and Madge Seaver and Shirley Ruth of Pacific Yearly Meeting;
- John and Nina Sullivan;
- Margaret and Mike Yarrow

who addressed a plenary session on the subject of "Friends in Conflict," led an interest group on "Children in the Meeting," and spoke of their experiences in Belfast, Ireland.

Five visitors from South Africa Yearly Meeting whose trip was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and Friends World Committee made a significant contribution to the Yearly Meeting. These Friends were Rosemary Elliott, Clerk of Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and her husband, Talbot; Jennifer and Colin Kinghorn; and Henrik van der Meuve. Friends in South Africa do a small but significant amount of work toward changing the situation in that nation. They spoke of the risks they take, of the dilemma they face as part of the privileged white minority, of their special distress over the Friends families which find the stress of conscience unendurable and so leave. When great admiration was expressed for the work of these visiting South African Friends and the spirit with which they returned, Rosemary Elliott is quoted as having said, "Remember, we are not the ones oppressed."

Lowell Tozer thanked Rose Lewis for her report.

Reminding us that we were about to receive the Social Order Committee report, he cautioned us against a contentious spirit.

Report: Social Order Committee

Robert Schutz, Acting Clerk, supervised the presentation of the Social Order Committee report. While the Committee had not met preceding Yearly Meeting, it had met four times in the past three days. It is small in size. The members shared the reading of the minutes. After the reading of each minute, comments were received from the floor.
The first minute concerned California State Proposition 6, the school employees-homosexuality statutory initiative. Concerns were expressed: all of us need to understand the specifics of the proposition, therefore, please attach a copy of it to the minute; wording of the minute is confusing and editorially weak; desire for a simpler minute dealing clearly with the repressive aspects of the proposition.

We did not unite on the minute as worded.

1978-7 Social Order. Meeting approved returning the minute to the Social Order Committee, asking them to clarify and strengthen it. Meeting requested the Committee compile supplementary material to aid Monthly Meetings in their work opposing this proposition.

We next considered a minute about California Proposition 7, which proposition would expand the uses of the death penalty. Concerns were voiced, many similar to those expressed about the minute on Proposition 6. Additionally, Friends said that: the minute must reflect the Proposition with absolute accuracy; yearly Meeting minutes are guides for our lives when we return home and we must be aware that our Yearly Meeting includes several states and two nations, all with their particular legislative difficulties.

We did not unite on the minute as worded.

1978-8 Social Order. Meeting approved returning the minute to the Committee, postponing consideration to a later plenary session.

The third minute considered was about economic investments in South Africa and elsewhere. Considerable comment ensued. It revolved around three main points: the attachment of supplementary information; arguments against divestment; use of the adjective third when describing the world. (Two changes were made in the minute.) Meeting approved the following minute:

1978-9 Social Order.

INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE

We call Friends to assume responsibility for what their money is doing in promoting apartheid in South Africa, hunger in other areas, and economic oppression wherever their banks and corporations operate in the world. Friends in conscience cannot support these corporate policies. We urge all Quaker organizations and individuals to examine their investments and those of their banks and to open dialogue with these companies bringing their moral concerns for justice repeatedly and effectively to the attention of corporate management. In particular, we urge Friends to bring their protests to banks that make loans to oppressive governments such as South Africa.
Meeting approved, without discussion, the following minute.

1978-10 Social Order.

PRISON CONSTRUCTION
We, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, congratulate the California Legislature for opposing the huge amount budgeted by Governor Brown for construction of prisons. Since incarceration has rarely been found to rehabilitate an inmate, and since various alternatives to prison have begun to be successfully introduced in California's criminal justice system, we urge the Legislature and criminal justice authorities to channel their activities and available monies toward increased and improved alternatives to prisons.

Meeting approved, without discussion, the following minute.

1978-11 Social Order.

THE OLYMPIC PRISON AT LAKE PLACID, N.Y.
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends deplores the plan to convert the dormitories for the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, to a prison thereafter for young people. We oppose the conversion of a facility constructed for an event intended to further world friendship and peace to a place of punishment and detention. We urge you, President Carter, to find some other public use for these facilities more consistent with a free and humanitarian society.

1978-12 Social Order. Meeting approved sending a copy of PYM minute 78-11 to New York Yearly Meeting.

An "Economic Bill of Rights" was presented for study by monthly meetings. Comments focused on wording, feasibility, and the possible loss of control over their lives which people might suffer should such a bill become law.

We were unable to unite on sending this to monthly meetings. It was left in the hands of the Social Order Committee.

The session closed with a period of worship.

Barbara Perry, Co-recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VII: August 9, 1978, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting began with worship.

Jeanne Lohmann read the 1978 epistle of Ireland Yearly Meeting (attachment # 4).

Lowell Tozer, Clerk, noted that visitors were with us. David Edinger, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, Whittier Friends Meeting, introduced himself. He expressed appreciation of our attendance at the authors tea (hosted by Whittier Friends Meeting).

Camping

Lowell Tozer told us that some campers had been staying on the campus. Several comments were made about possible reasons for "crashing": rumor of vandalism at camp-ground; difficulties of transportation. Additionally, it was noted that this was campsite for families with small children. The clerk suggested that those campers who stayed on campus register with Lonnie Harvey.

1978-13 Meeting approved that as individuals we contribute money through the Registrar for the use of those campers who chose to stay on campus but could not afford to do so.

Minutes

1978-14 Friends approved the minutes of Session III as read.
1978-15 Friends accepted the minutes of Session IV as read.
1978-16 Friends approved the minutes of Session V as corrected.

Friends indicated their appreciation of the minutes read at this evenings session.

One Friend expressed mild reservation at the abundant detail in parts of the minutes. Another replied "If friends are concerned that minutes are overfull of detail, they should consider that the minutes may accurately reflect the business session."

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Lowell Tozer, in introducing the report on Friends World Committee for Consultation, read a letter from William Barton, General Secretary, FWCC. William Barton sent affectionate good wishes to our Yearly Meeting, trusting that God has invested his love and faith in us.

Lowell Tozer introduced Van Ernst. Van described the international nature of FWCC; spoke of the various programs and involvements of the committee; and introduced the speakers.

Akke Reynolds described the Quaker-United Nations work in New York City and Geneva, Switzerland. She assured us that we do have our own channel for participation in the United Nations--what is needed is our active involvement.

Madge Seaver described the Asia-West Pacific Meeting of Friends held January, 1978. A very happy fellowship resulted, with conferees intending to meet again in two years. Meanwhile, they will pray for each other as many are in danger or suffering; sacrifice some of their money for inter-visitation; encourage Friends’ groups to study our faith and
spiritual heritage. They concluded with the query "Can we live up to the testimony of simplicity. . .simplicity in the Oriental sense?"

Anna Alexander described her travels with her husband Will, who teaches at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Their visits to small development projects in British Honduras, Zambia, Kenya and India, were in part made possible by the Right Sharing of Resources section of FWCC.

Jorge Hernandez, Mexico City Meeting, made a bi-lingual presentation on the Friends gathering in Wichita Kansas, July 1977. At this conference, Latin American Friends met each other face to face for the first time. Many spoke of their distress at the silence, the fear to speak out, of Friends and other Evangelical Churches in the face of political and economic oppression. Since then they have had gatherings and inter-visitations. They have many needs: good translations in Spanish of Quaker literature and history; gatherings to strengthen their identity as Quakers. Jorge concluded, " . . . it is in His action, His work, and His love that we meet.

New Call to Peacemaking

Van Ernst, introducing the New Call to Peacemaking report, noted that several Friends would speak to us. . .and they did.

Ferner Nuhn reviewed the Quaker historical events which led to the birth of a new call to Peacemaking under the care of FWCC.

Jim Navarro and Colleen Wells described the impact of New Call on their personal lives.

Eric Moon warned us to be wary lest we be guilty of spiritual pride in our dealings with others, and that we remember we are members of communities--communities which give us not only support and comfort, but strength and balance.

Carl Reynold's comic relief delighted us. It served to emphasize the deep importance of peace-making, peace action, and an unshakable faith in the power and love of God.

Robert Piper gave us insights into the gathering together of the delegates of the Historic Peace Churches--"we did not stint on work or honesty--it was a labor of love."

Ben Seaver called us to be mindful of the biblical basis for our Peace Testimony, an understanding abundant among Brethren and Mennonite, bringing with it the power to work in increasingly discouraging situations.

Anne Friend closed this session with a quote from a Mennonite minister, "We are lost if we see this as a call to spiritual renewal, or a call to peace action. Only when we see it as a New Call to Living our Lives in
the spirit of the Prince of Peace will we move forward in the power and grace of God."

Yearly Meeting Session VII closed with a period of worship.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARNLY MEETING SESSION VIII: August 10, 1978, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting for Worship for the conduct of business began with a period of Friends' worship. Friends sang and prayed from the silence, calling upon us to witness to the kingdom of God which is among us.

Jeanne Lohmann, Reading Clerk, read selections from the Epistle from Japan Yearly Meeting where Friends heard the message of the ever-presence of Christ in us all. Japan Yearly Meeting calls on Friends everywhere to be vigilant against nuclear armament.

The Reading Clerk read portions of the Epistle from Pyrmont Yearly Meeting in Germany where the theme for 1978 was "Our Social Responsibility." German Friends began their session by considering the responsibility of man for fellowmen before God.

The Reading Clerk read the Epistle from Young Friends of North America, whose theme this year was "Days to serve." Young Friends wrote of the need for humility in service, and of how differences fade in the presence of God.

The Clerk introduced Susan Zuechner of Cambridge Monthly Meeting.

A Friend reported on our Friends who were called to witness at Diablo Canyon against nuclear power. We hold these Friends in the Light.

Friends heard the report from the Friend in the Orient committee. There will be no "Friend in the Orient" next year and Friends are asked to ask themselves "Can I serve in this capacity?" Earle and Akie Reynolds will carry a letter of introduction and a message of continuing concern to Korean Friends. Margaret Simkin's book, Letters from Szechuan is now available; gratitude was expressed to Meetings who helped this to come about.

Leonard and Martha Dart reported on their ministry in India. They described the present political situation in India and the history of Quaker Centers there. The Quaker Center in New Delhi is now closed, but a small Meeting for Worship continues.

They spoke of the work of Laurie and Kuni Baker, who have worked against leprosy and to provide low-cost housing. There was a special report on the Quaker "cyclone team," which works in the wake of two disastrous cyclones in the Krishna Delta, to demonstrate to local people and the government the potential of such housing, and to train the local populations in constructing similar units. The pilot project will also provide a center for literacy training, a medical clinic, and a prawn farm for local fishermen.

The Darts told of Meetings for Worship at Lady Doaks College, where they were struck by the many aspects of the search for God. They met in England with Marjorie Sykes, who is preparing a book on Friends' links.
with India. They spoke of their meeting with Yvon Gu Lee, who provided a Korean dinner in honor of Pacific Yearly Meeting and our concern for Korea, and of a sharing session where Friends sang in Swahili, Dutch, Korean, Hindi and English. Among the voices there was that of Hyoung Kyu Park, a leader of the Korean March First Movement, who sang "Once to every man and nation, there comes the moment to decide," as he had each day in prison.

Sang Dal Cha reported that Hae Sok Han and his colleagues have formed a group to assist non-organized labor in Korea. The Korean movement continues to be a movement of religious witness. We are reminded that "Quakers are changers; if we don't change history, it will change us."

The Peace Committee presented its report; a copy of the printed report is attached (Attachment #5). The Peace Committee reminds us that "our actions are meant to be the fruits and flowers of our contemplative lives." In that Spirit, the Peace Committee invited us to re-examine the Peace Testimony and its place in the life of the Meeting:

"Do we live today in that life and power that takes away the occasion for all war? What do we mean by "that life and power?" To what does the Peace Testimony testify?

Do we live our lives as a witness for peace in the individual, family, business and group relations?"

Friends spoke of the inspiration of John Woolman whose example calls upon us in our daily lives to look for and remove the seeds of war. A Friend spoke of the peace witness of Ed LaShana.

A Friend recalled the first Friends' communication on the Peace Testimony, "We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever; this is our testimony to the whole world. The Spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it; and we certainly know, and testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ, which leads us into all truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, either for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the kingdoms of this world." Our Friend advised us to remember where we came from, because that Spirit of Christ is missing from our actions.

The Peace Committee asks us to bring the remaining queries (which are attached) (Attachment #6) to our Monthly Meetings, for discussion.

The Peace Committee proposed a minute concerning nuclear weapons. After brief discussion, when Friends expressed concern for loving outreach to employees of weapons laboratories and discussed the influence of monthly meetings in Hawaii, Mexico City, and Washington, Friends approved the following minute:
1978-13 Peace.

Pacific Yearly Meeting supports Davis Monthly Meeting's concern expressed in their letter to the Regents of the University of California regarding the University's management of the laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos which are engaged in research and development of nuclear weapons.

Therefore we ask all Monthly Meetings of Friends to follow the lead of Davis Meeting and bring this concern both to the Regents of the University and the Department of Energy which funds the laboratories.

We also ask the AFSC to increase its attention and involvement in this concern through the U.C. Nuclear Weapons Lab Conversion Project.

A copy of the fact sheet and letter to UC Regents is attached. (Attachment No. 7)

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Patricia Ender, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION IX: August 10, 1978, 1:30 p.m.

Friends gathered for meeting for worship. Meeting rose at 2:40 p.m.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION X: August 11, 1978, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting opened with a period of worship.

Jeanne Lohmann, Reading Clerk, read from the epistle of South Central Yearly Meeting (Attachment # 8).

Minutes

1978-18 The minutes of Session VI were approved as corrected.

1978-19 The minutes of Session VIII were approved as corrected.

Ministry and Oversight

1978-20 Meeting approved sending a minute of warm greeting to John Ullman who is not with us for the first time in 26 years.

Anna Koster will design a card for John which we may sign.

Lowell Tozer read a telegram of greeting from Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends attending London Yearly Meeting: Bill & Dorothy Proctor, Wilma Gurney, Elka Herz, Meta Ruth Ferguson, Marie Parker.

Eleanor Foster told us that all the campers had been moved to the campus for safety reasons.

1978-21 Meeting approved the following minute: Contributions to help share the extra cost incurred by campers should go to Stratton Jaquette, Treasurer, labeled sharing fund.
Statistics

John Draper, Statistical Clerk, reported. He asked all meeting representatives to pick up from him the blank forms for next year's statistical reports. He thanked all recorders for their careful work. After describing in some detail the statistics, including a large increase over past years in the number of released inactive members, John concluded by saying, "we are taking steps to make our figures fit the facts."

Treasurer's Report

Stratton Jacquette, Yearly Meeting Treasurer, gave his report. He made several comments which we should keep in mind while reading the report: (Attachment # 9).

--This report does not cover a full fiscal year.

--By the time the fiscal year ends, Whittier College, and final Committee and Program expenses will have been paid. What now seems like a large surplus will have been disbursed.

--Our deposit into our Reserves from this year will be about $1,000.00.

On the General Ledger statement, (attachment # 10) the section labeled Assets shows where our money is located. Under Liabilities and Reserves, items 776, 792 and 798 are funds held by the Yearly Meeting and dispensed at the discretion of the controlling committee.

Bob Schutz suggested that item 726, the pamphlet "Death in the Meeting", may have to be closed out as a loss. He believes the inventory has been exhausted.

Paggemae Lacey told us that many copies of Faith and Practice had undoubtedly been sold this year, but that bookkeeping had not kept pace with sales.

Additionally Stratton said that our financial health was very good. He assured Friends that he will look into Worker's Compensation.

A friend suggested that in addition to a breakdown of costs for the current Yearly Meeting sessions, the Treasurer show the breakdown from the preceding year so that we may have a clear and complete picture of Yearly Meeting costs.

1978-22 Meeting approved a minute of appreciation to Stratton Jacquette for the clarity of form of this year's Treasurer's Report.

1978-23 Meeting approved an audit of the Friends Bulletin account books.

Finance Committee

Virginia Croninger, Clerk of Finance Committee, asked Paggemae Lacey to report for the Ad Hoc Committee on Assessments and Contributions.

Paggemae reported that the Committee had reviewed five possible systems of assessment other than the current practice of assessment on the basis of membership. These five systems are:

1. Assessment for active members only.
2. Assessment for active members and attenders.
3. Assessment as a specific percentage of budget after capital investment expenses are subtracted.
4. Assessment by voluntary contributions from Monthly Meetings.
That attenders of Yearly Meeting pay the entire cost: annual travel, program, employee and administrative costs as well as the actual Yearly Meeting sessions.

In the opinion of the committee all five systems had either a problem of definition, or were much more inequitable than the present system, or both.

Comments received from the floor hoped that other systems, such as giving from the heart, might work. Other Friends spoke in support of the present system. After considerable discussion,

1978-24 Friends approved, for the present, the continuation of our current assessment practice.

The Committee contacted all organizations to which we contribute. Their responses to the Committee queries were that none wished to receive contributions at the expense of another organization. Several groups described their unique nature.

The preponderance of Monthly Meetings suggested that we not contribute funds, from the Yearly Meeting, to outside organizations.

The Committee recommended that we continue as we are for the coming year, while the Committee further studies the question of contributions. The Committee then asked the Yearly Meeting session to respond directly to the query: Do we or do we not wish to contribute to other Friend's organizations?

Comments were about equally divided between those who wished to continue financial contributions, and those who favored leaving the responsibilities entirely with the Monthly Meetings. Because of the limitation of time, Lowell Tozer suggested that Friends make additional comments to Peggeann Lacey.

Virginia Croninger continued the report of the Finance Committee. She read a letter from Alan Stokes, Clerk of Logan Monthly Meeting, requesting a reduction in assessment because of dual membership in Pacific Yearly Meeting and IMYM. (Attachment # 11).

1978-25 Finance Committee. Logan Monthly Meeting has requested a reduction in assessment for 1977-78 because of their dual membership in PYM and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Meeting approved a reduction in assessment for Logan Meeting to $7.50/member which is the difference between PYM's full assessment of $13.50/member and Intermountain Yearly Meeting's assessment of $6.00. The same assessment adjustment formula will be continued.

Virginia presented the budget, explaining that the Committee has attempted to put costs where they really belong.

Comments from Friends focused on the area of contributions to other Friend's organizations. We struggled for unity on the item: contribution to John Woolman School.
1978-26 Finance Committee. Meeting approved deferring a decision on the budget to Session XI.

Epistle
Paul Miebanck gave the first reading of the Epistle. He welcomed comments to the Committee after the session.

Greetings
Lowell Tozer noted that Alan Strain was about to leave for home.

1978-27 Meeting approved the following minute. We, as a Yearly Meeting, send with Alan a verbal, special minute of love to Joanne.

Meeting closed with worship. Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARLY MEETING SESSION XI: August 11, 1978, 3:00 p.m.

Lowell Tozer, Clerk, invited us to begin our Meeting for Worship for the conduct of business with a period of silence. Jeanne Lohmann, Reading Clerk, read portions of the Epistle from 1977 London Yearly Meeting. London Friends instruct us to seek the good which we believe to be in every human being, and reminds us that our service to others largely depends on the strength and faith we draw through our own Meetings.

The Clerk welcomed Edith Haynes from California Yearly Meeting.

Eric Moon, recording clerk for representative committee, reported on representative committee's third session and brought several minutes of action to the plenary session.

1978-28 Representative committee recommends the creation of a new Children's Program Committee; the Education Committee will be responsible for ongoing nurture of religious education programs for Friends of all ages, and for special projects of religious education including workshops and Yearly Meeting interest groups.

Friends approved.

1978-29 Representative committee recommends the following structure for these committees:

The Children's Program Committee shall consist of: six members with staggered three-year terms, two each year, plus the current and immediate past Children's Program co-ordinators. The PYM Education Committee shall consist of six members with staggered three-year terms (2 each year), the Education Committee clerks from the Quarterly Meetings, and correspondents from each of the three unaffiliated Monthly Meetings.

Friends approved.

1978-30 Representative Committee recommends the creation of a planning committee to explore the idea of a "reunion" of Pacific Coast Friends, in an as-yet-unspecified location, to be held within the next two to five years.

Friends approved.

1978-31 Representative Committee recommends that Frances Ridgeway, co-ordinator, Gretchen Rudnick, Christopher Barns, Robert Barns, and Thomas Farley serve as delegates to the ad-hoc planning committee.

Friends approved.

Representative Committee reports that the Holding Corporation will ask monthly meetings for a "verification of holdings" to help bring PYM records up to date.
Representative Committee recommends that Yearly Meeting "recognize the national reputation for excellence which the Friends Bulletin has enjoyed under the editorship of Robert Schutz, and that we would also like to recognize the important contribution of Myra Keen, who spent many hours helping put out the Bulletin as assistant editor."

Friends approved.

Representative Committee also discussed its role with respect to the plenary sessions. Representative Committee reports on the matters it considers; some of these matters require the consideration and approval of the plenary sessions. The plenary sessions may reconsider any matter discussed by Representative Committee.

After Representative Committee's report, a Friend expressed a concern that some items are considered three times--by committee, Representative Committee, and the plenary session. The Friend suggests that committees could inform Representative Committee of the items they plan to bring up directly at the plenary session.

Stratton Jaquette, Co-Treasurer, noted corrections to the interim financial statement.

Meeting returned to the discussion of a concern raised when Finance Committee proposed a budget for fiscal year 1979 in Session X. Finance Committee had recommended that the section of the budget entitled "Support of Friends Organizations" be the same for fiscal year 1979 as it was for fiscal year 1978. This recommendation was made with the understanding that the Ad Hoc Committee on Contributions and Assessments is presently evaluating the policies behind and structure of all Pacific Yearly Meeting contributions to other organizations.

A Friend was uneasy with this recommendation. The budget section in question contains a $500 contribution to John Woolman School, allocated at PYM 1977 for fiscal year 1978. The contribution was made as a result of a minute brought by Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting to College Park Quarterly Meeting, and referred to PYM in 1977. Our Friend felt that a contribution this year, without substantive review, is inappropriate.

Lengthy discussion ensued, interspersed with periods of silent worship. Friends expressed their love and concern for young people in the Yearly Meeting; they expressed support for John Woolman School and concern for the school's needs; there was concern that if Friends were uneasy with John Woolman School itself, this concern should be expressed (no criticisms were expressed); several alternative approaches were proposed; a Friend reminded us that nothing is for nothing, and that perhaps, as a result of the discussion, Yearly Meeting Friends would be more sensitive to and would make more personal contributions; we were called upon to reflect on John Woolman himself.
1978-33 Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the proposed budget for fiscal year 1979; the FY 1979 allocations of Support for Friends' Organizations will be the same as in FY 1978, except for the additional allocation of $200 for the New Call to Peacemaking.

Thomas Farley, Sandra Farley, and John Fitz stand aside. Friends were assured by the discussion that a similar contribution, if proposed for fiscal year 1980, will not be approved pro forma.

A copy of the budget is attached.

Friends heard the concern of a distressed Friend, Earle Reynolds, who has been addressed as Henry Kissinger since his appearance in a skit; our Friend wishes to be perfectly clear that his name is Cyrus Vance.

Robert Schutz presented Social Order Committee's proposed revision of the minute on California State Proposition 6, carried over from Session VI. The committee, after it examined the assumptions of the initiative, felt the need to address those assumptions, as well as the civil rights issues. Some Friends were uneasy with the section of the minute concerning the assumptions; they oppose the initiative because it is an intrusion on some people's civil rights and they feel that for some people the truth or falsity of the assumptions is irrelevant, that the first paragraph of the minute is vulnerable to ridicule.

1978-34 Social Order.
Proposition 6, the California initiative on School Employees-Homosexuality, assumes that the conjugal family unit will be undermined, i.e., threatened, damaged, or destroyed by the bringing of homosexuality to the attention of students or adults. It further assumes that students are likely to become homosexuals by hearing about homosexuality in an open or favorable light. It also assumes that homosexuality may be caught like a disease by learning that a teacher or other school staff, whom the child may accept as a role model, is homosexual. These assumptions, which are specifically written into the proposed initiative, have not been proven. Those who have drawn this initiative are by means of unproven allegations and innuendoes mounting a witch hunt against decent, productive human beings who are working in our schools. In the absence of evidence to support these assumptions, we of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urge voters to reject it.

Furthermore, Proposition 6 discriminates legally and economically against individuals on the basis of personal sexual orientation or advocacy of the rights of others in this regard. It would abridge civil rights, and damage citizens' reputations and rights to a livelihood. It would deprive society of needed talents. Therefore, we of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends oppose, and urge all people of conscience to oppose this discriminatory initiative.

Friends approved; Elsa Sabbath stands aside.
The Social Order Committee supplied Friends with excerpts from the Proposition, and with suggestions on how to implement the minute. A copy of these documents is attached (Attachment #12).

The Social Order Committee presented its revised draft of the minute on California State Proposition 7.

1978-35 Social Order

It is unfortunate that California has a death penalty law. We believe that no one should be killed by the state, since killing is wrong for the individual and the state alike.

However, Proposition #7 on the California ballot in November, 1978, called the "Murder Penalty Initiative", is much harsher even than the present law. It expands the number of acts for which the death penalty would be mandatory, and it makes persons not directly involved in a killing subject to the death penalty. Furthermore, once guilt is established, the court is empowered to call up to two additional juries as long as a unanimous finding against the death penalty has not been obtained. We believe that these new provisions are extreme, unjust, and arbitrary, and that they are intended to enable the prosecution to obtain a death sentence even if some jurors are opposed. Therefore we urge the people of California to vote against this initiative.

Friends approved.

The committee submitted a fact sheet on the Proposition, which is attached (Attachment #13), and reminded Friends that the first four suggestions for implementing minute 78-34 also apply to this minute.

Young Friends reported that this Yearly Meeting has been a period of growth. This year Young Friends and Junior Friends have worked together. Laurie Mackenzie reported on the annual gathering of Young Friends of North America, where Friends established a peace committee and worked to plan a peace caravan of young Friends, Brethren, and Mennonites. There will be an autumn gathering for Young Friends of North America Committees on 3-5, Eleventh Month 1978, in Marin.

Young Friends shared their approved minute against the possible renewal of conscription. A copy of that minute is attached (Attachment #14).

Chitra Holt and Jim Navarro will send questionnaires to Monthly Meetings about resource materials and education concerning conscription. The Clerk thanked Young Friends for their report, and noted that PYM is made happy by their work.

Nominating Committee submitted its final report, noting that two nominees must be confirmed and a clerk for the Education Committee has not yet been named.

78-36 The report was approved; a copy is attached (Attachment #15).
1978-37 Friends approved that the naming of the Education Committee Clerk is left to the discretion of the Nominating Committee. The name will be published in the Friends Bulletin and, if possible, announced at a later session.

A Friend suggested that Nominating Committee try to be sure that there is at least one person from each Monthly Meeting included in its report.

Nominating Committee thanked Friends who accepted positions, and those who thoughtfully declined them.

Elizabeth Jones presented the report from the Committee on Friends in Schools, noting that the Committee's name is different, reflecting its concern for all Friends in schools. A copy of the report is attached (Attachment #16).

Meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Patricia Ender, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARNLY MEETING SESSION XII: August 12, 1978 9:30 a.m.

Meeting opened with worship.

Megan Black co-ordinated the display of dolls of our making which this Yearly Meeting gathering is sending to children in the Gaza strip, through our Friend Clara Hurn.

Yearly Meeting accepted the Junior High Epistle as read by Alexander Ridgeway and the joint epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends as read by Lauralyn Barns. (Attachments # 17 & 18.)


(Nominihg Committee)

Lawrence Perry reported for the Nominating Committee. He expressed appreciation for help received from the Yearly Meeting. He announced Lowell Barnett as Convenor of Education Committee.

1978-39 Nominating Committee. Meeting approved allowing Nominating Committee to name the Assistant Registrar.

Jan Tappan will be Historian-Archivist.

1978-40 Nominating Committee. We at PYM 8th Month 1978 express our deep appreciation to Etta Vogel. Her years of devoted service as Historian-Archivist, particularly the cross indexing of Yearly Meeting minutes, make it possible to recall and use our previous experience. Thank you, Etta Vogel.

Lowell Tozer introduced a time set aside when, holding each other in love, we might freely share our concerns. Many spoke from the deepest recesses of their souls.

In time, the Clerk asked for the reading of any remaining minutes.

1978-41 Minutes of sessions VII and IX were approved as corrected.

1978-42 Minutes of session X were approved as read.

1978-43 Minutes of session XI were approved as corrected.

Eleanor Foster spoke to us. Quoting from the concerns so recently voiced, she called us to worship together after the rise of our last business session.

Meeting closed with brief focussed worship.

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION XIII: August 12, 1978, 11:30 a.m.

We gathered together for our last meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting 1978. We met in worship. Meeting for worship closed at 12:15 p.m.
1978-44 Meeting approved the minutes of sessions XII and XIII.

Lowell Tozer read the closing minute:

1978-45 Friends, we have come to the end of a joyful week together, one in which love and unity have been visible among us. We have been blessed by that gift of grace which lifts us above our mistakes and differences; which shows us that we can indeed come to know each other in that which is eternal; which reminds us that it is the Spirit within us, and within all people, that unites us with each other, and with our brothers and sisters everywhere. From the gathered hush of our meetings for worship, we go out now, renewed, to speak with our lives to that wider world.

What is it that our lives will say?

We part now, expecting to gather again at Craig Hall in Chico, California, August 6-11, 1979.

Barbara Perry, Co-Recording Clerk
Friends gathered at Plainfield, Indiana, for the 120th session of Western Yearly Meeting, August 10-14, 1977. Your many messages of greeting and epistles have enriched our days together. Excerpts of incoming epistles were given to us in printed form and three or four were shared from the clerk’s desk each day, reminding us of our growing unity as a family of Friends. Frequent reminders of the recent Conference of Friends in the Americas held in Wichita made us aware of Isaac Penington’s affirmation of 1660.

"How sweet and pleasant it is to the truly spiritual eye to see several sorts of believers, several forms of Christians in the school of Christ, every one learning their own lesson, performing their own peculiar service and knowing, owning and loving one another in their several places and different performances to their Master, to whom they are to give an account and not to quarrel with one another about their different practices. For this is the true ground of love and unity, not that such a man walks and does just as I do, but because I feel the same spirit and life in him."

ack Willcuts in his opening address pointed up the meaning of our theme: "Conform or Transform—Relating Our Spiritual Life to the World," in the refreshing translation of J. B. Phillips: "Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the Plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity." (Romans 12:2)

Every Yearly Meeting has periods when minds center upon "worldly matters," and these business sessions have been marked by such concerns: need for improvement of our Quaker Haven Camp, concern for the retirement facilities for our older Friends, and the necessity to improve our yearly meeting building. Our love and caring for the needs of each Friend among us is evident.

Participation of our children and youth in our sessions was warmly welcomed.

If we are truly to be transformed, we must reach out into the world and we are heartened by the fact that "New Call to Peacemaking" has captured the concern and interest of local meetings across the country and that our members are willing to look into new forms and methods of peacemaking along with the Mennonites and the Brethren, our fellow Historic Peace Churches. The commitment of the Yearly Meeting of Friends United Meeting is unequivocal and is evidenced by our prayers, hours of service, and financial undergirding of this important part of the Body of Christ in the world.
We pray that all Friends will "learn why we care, learn how we care--then simply care." In Christian love we send our greetings to Friends everywhere.

Dan Carter, Clerk

Marilyn Bell, Recording Clerk
To Friends Everywhere:

The Missouri Valley Friends Conference was blessed with warm greetings and a sense of the sharing of common concerns from many Friends around the world. We would like to return those greetings and to share with you the joy, closeness, and the stimulation we experienced here this weekend.

As Friends from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, and Minnesota came together, we played and sang and danced; we talked and worshipped. Small interest groups met around a variety of interests such as the New Call to Peacemaking, Economics as if People Mattered, Music and Dance in Worship, Relationships with Negative People, Financial Problems of Families, Yoga, and Prayer.

After describing the historical Quaker emphasis on veracity and on keeping a foot in both the spiritual and the material world, Kenneth Boulding, our speaker, stimulated us to look afresh at the question of whether or not Quakers have a truly distinct social and economic testimony (and if so, what that testimony is). He raised the issue of what our prophetic voice should be today. Have secular radicals taken up traditional Quaker positions? Have Quakers accepted secular views of the ideal society? Might the prophetic role be to question such views? Are Quakers moving away from a more conservative economic stance? What are the consequences of advocating traditional Liberal causes? Have Quakers tended to avoid positions of power; and if so, have they acknowledged the different type of power which their influence wields? What is the Quaker testimony in a world where ethnic diversity is increasingly hard to maintain? Such questions were hardly answered this weekend but will continue to challenge us.

While Kenneth Boulding's challenge related to numerous issues, Diane Paine, AFSC volunteer to the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, brought a specific concern to the group. In a short intense presentation she spoke of the treatment of native Americans and told a story of the violation of treaties and of human rights. She also shared with us the Indians' own hope of a Presidential Treaty Commission and asked our support of this effort.

We leave our conference with a sense of questions unanswered and perhaps unanswerable, but we also leave with a renewed sense of Grace unmerited and free. However fragmentary and inadequate our concerns and actions, the primary factor of life is God's faithfulness.

On behalf of the Conference,

Ron Rarick, clerk
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

Though we feel ourselves but toddlers in the world of spirit, we are experiencing in this our fifth year, a growing sense of self-identity. We need more time and patience to work out our methods of achieving our mutual goals, but we do feel growth in these five years, and with our acceptance of our Yearly Meeting as a growing, developing entity, have come more gaiety and more tenderness of one individual for another.

Our four days together were marked by great personal warmth, and by intense search in small worship or interest groups. We have improved our skill in using the worship-fellowship groups as instruments for learning to know new people and learning from them. We are even learning to take the risk of exposing our aspirations, problems, and stages of growth so that we may get to know each other at deeper levels.

We feel ourselves growing more mature because we demand more of ourselves. Responsibilities for the work of the gathering were carried out with more joy. We see growth in our appreciation of the preciousness of our children as individuals and as part of the Yearly Meeting family, and we are more willing to take responsibility for their nurture.

Even as we feel more sure of ourselves as a Yearly Meeting, we share the movement now apparent in the Society for greater understanding among various kinds of Friends. We are working on ways to implement this concern.

We are beginning to recognize that concerns which rise in interest groups and in our general sessions are the fruit of the spirit which moves among us. At this gathering, Friends expanded their experience by sharing their successes and failures. We came to know how Meetings in Washington live under the threat of the Trident missile, and the imprisonments and trials which resulted from members' direct action against it. We were made aware of the continued injustices suffered by native Americans. We learned of the actions of the Friends Committee on National Legislation as a way of Friends' witness, and we were challenged to participate in its work. We experienced some of the joys of one Meeting's sponsorship of a Chilean refugee family.

In our individual lives, our local Meetings and worship groups, as well as the sessions here, we have experienced failures. We have not resolved our differences about our functioning as a Yearly Meeting, and we fail frequently to find practical ways to express the spirit moving in us. We make many mistakes. Is it because we do not listen uncritically? Is it because we do not use all the available light given to us at that moment? Is it because we have not waited?

We realize our lack of spiritual resources, but we find Yearly Meeting an opportunity to find new sources of strength. In one worship period we were reminded that "we may not have done all we thought we should, but if
we have done what the Holy Spirit led us to do, we may rejoice, for in that act the Kingdom of God is made manifest."

On behalf of North Pacific Yearly Meeting,

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Alice Miles, Presiding Clerk

JUNIOR FRIENDS' EPISTLE

This year the Junior Friends consisted of a wide age range—from young Junior high age to college age. We played well together, and worshipped, and planned, and sang, and the age range felt comfortable.

In previous years the Junior Friends of NPYM have mingled with the wider group in the general activities. This year, we felt more a group, and planned many of our own activities, ranging from night swimming (in the beautiful swimming hole in the creek) to capture the flag to extra worship before dinner to fire and singing on the last night.

What seemed special about this group and this year was the concern many Junior Friends expressed that we need more spiritual guidance from the older Friends, and the spiritual emphasis our Junior Friends worship-sharing group had. Lois Barton shared with us some experiences of her youth and some ideas of how to live our spiritual lives.

The sharing of our individual spiritual experiences and spending time together has brought many of us closer.

We go home now renewed and stimulated, and look forward to communication during the year and seeing each other again a year from now.

LISE HUBBE, Epistle Committee
Our Friends Everywhere,

We in Ireland are becoming increasingly aware that we are part of the world family of Friends. We are continually upheld by the messages and prayers of those outside Ireland, and for this we thank you all.

Outbreaks of violence are still occurring in Northern Ireland. Although these are less frequent than in recent years a prolonged and difficult task of reconciliation lies ahead. Friends and others are constantly seeking ways to help heal this running sore, but it is not easy to see how this can be done.

We are looking forward to having many Friends from other parts of Europe with us in Ireland at the second Gathering at Waterford this Summer. We pray that this will once again be a time when the presence of God and the message of Jesus Christ are with us in full measure, and that those present may experience the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in them which comes when sharing and worshipping together.

We, in Ireland, are very much involved in education; in the four schools in our Yearly Meeting there are about 1700 pupils of all denominations. This compares with a total membership of 1755 in our whole Yearly Meeting. We believe that through our schools we are able to express in some measure our special and distinguishing interpretation of our Christian beliefs.

It is heartening to note an increase in our membership, which we hope reflects growing interest in and sympathy with our simple method of worship, and the faith we have in the guidance which is freely available and readily offered by the Holy Spirit.

As has always been the case in the Society of Friends, individuals and small groups continue to express their interests in and devote their particular talents to a variety of activities such as working towards the settlement integration of the "travelling people" towards the improvement of inter-Church relationships, towards the abolition of Capital Punishment, and in drawing attention to the possible dangers which might ensue from the projected building of a nuclear power station in our country.

Perhaps we spend too much of our time in practical work, and not enough in preparation of mind and spirit. We are therefore particularly happy to be experiencing spiritual refreshment and renewal once again at our Yearly Meeting in Dublin. We would like to end this message of greeting to Friends throughout the world with some words written by Isaac Pennington in 1667:

"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."

Signed in and on behalf of Ireland Yearly Meeting

A. GORDON PEARSON
Clerk at this time.

The work of the Yearly Meeting's Peace Committee can be summarized briefly.

1. Sent Minutes on Indochina and Disarmament, approved at PYM 1977 to appropriate government officials & to Monthly Meetings for their endorsement.

2. Implemented concern for food aid to Indochina by
   a. launching a modest public education campaign.
   b. sending letter to Senator Muriel Humphrey.
   c. shared concern with AFSC and FiC.C. Both endorsed concern.
   d. raised $300 to send FWCC representative to Rome for the meeting of the Council on Food Aid of the World Food Program.

3. Called on Friends Meetings to sponsor silent vigils on May 23 in support of the UN General Assembly's Special Session on Disarmament.

4. Submitted article on its work to the BULLETIN which was published in the March issue.


6. Encouraged participation in New Call to Peacemaking conference in Fresno.

7. Sponsored two Interest Groups on Disarmament, at PYM 1978.

8. Prepared queries for 1978 PYM.

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Essentially, the Peace Committee concentrated its efforts on food aid for Indochina and disarmament. We have had some limited success, for on May 31, President Carter quietly agreed to send 10,000 tons of rice to Laos, but nothing to Vietnam. Perhaps the most dramatic was the Committee's sending John McAuliff to Rome as a representative of the Friends World Committee, a recognized NGO in April. Nine Friends and two Meetings contributed $400 toward his travel.

In his report, John McAuliff noted that his work in Rome took three forms:

(1) As an NGO he spoke directly to the Council on Food Aid of the World Food Program, reporting on the Church World Service wheat shipment to Vietnam and met privately with government delegates from Japan, the U.S., India, Finland, Vietnam and several other countries. (3) He also met with the Executive Director of the World Food Program and with staff members working on aid to Vietnam and Laos. In the official minutes the Committee took note of the statement made by the observer for the Friends World Committee and noted that during 1977-78 the WFP had provided 97,000 tons of wheat flour to Vietnam as emergency food assistance at an approximate total cost of $24 million. The full report is available.

Several Meetings responded to the Peace Committee's call for vigils on disarmament. Thus far reports were received that vigils were held in Marin, Berkeley, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Pasadena, Westwood, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, and Eugene.

From the State of the Meeting reports there appear to be few Minutes which take corporate action for peace and social order. Meetings appear to be content to give financial support to various causes and to support individual members and attenders. Only one Meeting (Davis) brought a concern to Yearly Meeting -- the conversion of the University of California Nuclear Laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos. We invite PYM to re-examine the peace testimony and its place in the life of the Meeting.

Robert S. Vogel, Clerk
PEACE TESTIMONY QUERIES

1. Do we live today in that life and power that takes away the occasion for all war? What do we mean by "that life and power?" To what does the Peace Testimony testify? Do we live our lives as a witness for peace in individual, family, business and group relations?

2. When do we know that we are Divinely led? What is it that prompts us to action or inaction?

3. The feeling of urgency often prompts us to social action; yet our social outreach is at its best when flowing from Divine insight. How do we learn to wait until we are led in outward expression of our social concerns?

4. What relationship does the Peace Testimony have to the life of the Meeting? How is this reflected in corporate expressions and actions? What is the status of the Peace and Social Order Committee in your Meeting?

5. What are we doing as individuals and Meetings to understand and remove the causes of war and develop the conditions and institutions of peace?
May 3, 1978

William K. Coblentz, Chairman
Regents of the University of California
Bank of America Plaza, Suite 3100
555 California Street
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mr. Coblentz:

This is a statement of concern, with a number of recommendations by the Davis Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) regarding the involvement of the University of California in the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. We wish to inform you that we oppose the continued involvement of the University in that part of the work of the Laboratories devoted to research and development of nuclear weapons. For over 300 years Friends have been opposed to war and preparations for war. We work to remove the causes of war and to alleviate its consequences.

We are appalled by the role of the University in the management and direction of the laboratories whose work in nuclear weapons research and development is increasing the likelihood of nuclear war and fearsome insecurity. Rather than shedding light on insane nuclear policies and the mindless global arms race, the University is a silent partner with the military-industrial-scientific complex and has lent a cloak of academic and scholarly legitimacy to those persons and agencies whose policies and actions would destroy us all in the name of security.

We believe the Regents immediately should take the following steps:

1. Declare its intention immediately to halt all nuclear and other weapons and arms research and development at LLL and LASL and other departments of the University.

2. Establish an administrative framework which will convert the resources and human talent of the Labs and the University in general from research and development of nuclear and other armaments to research and development of non-polluting energy sources, and other constructive activity.

3. Require that faculty research activity within University programs be reviewed periodically for identification of involvement with weapons research or escalation of the arms race.

4. Foster the development and implementation of University-wide policies and programs that will point up the crucial dangers of the arms race and the need for peaceful alternatives to the conflict among the nations of the earth.

We have reviewed the reports and recommendations of the committees appointed by the University administration on these issues (the "Zinner committee," and the more recent "Gerberding committee") and find little hope for substantial changes in University policy even if their recommendations were fully implemented.
Our concern and recommendations will be made known to Friends Meetings in University communities, Friends organizations, and other groups and individuals. Hopefully, the Regents will take the initiative and exercise firm leadership in this matter. We believe you will discover enthusiastic support here and throughout the world once you take the steps we have suggested.

On behalf of Davis Friends Meeting,

Sincerely,

Vera Loomis, Clerk

Ted Neff, Convenor,
Peace and Social Order Committee.

cc/The Regents of the University of California
David S. Saxon, President, University of California

Davis Friends Meeting
345 L. Street,
Davis, California 95616
Background material for Davis Monthly Meeting concern to end U.C. involvement in nuclear weapons research.

... actually all U.S. nuclear weapons research, development, and testing has been conducted under U.C. administration, going back to 1943. The work at Los Alamos between 1943 and 1945 culminated in the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Lawrence Livermore Laboratory was established in 1952, and from its work has come the development of warheads for the Atlas, Titan, Polaris, Minuteman, Poseidon, and Lance missiles. Latest in the procession are the warheads for the B-1 Bomber and the Trident submarines. Research on an un-named nuclear artillery shell has been in progress since the 1950’s, a weapon that is now known as the neutron bomb.

These two laboratories are owned by the federal government and funded first under the A.E.C., then the Energy Research and Development Administration, and now the Department of Energy. Federal money on the order of $435 million yearly pays for the operation of the laboratories. The government pays U.C. $3.8 million annually to administer the labs. The size of the operation can be judged by the realization that the $435 million labs’ pricetag amounts to 20 percent of the entire U.C. budget.

It is true that research is also carried on in other, more peaceful pursuits, such as solar, geo-thermal, and fossil energy; bio-medical research; and nuclear power, but at least 70 percent of all projects are directly weapons-related, or have applications of military value. For example, in 1977, out of over 7000 workers at Livermore, only 23 people and $300,000 were devoted to solar energy research.

Since 1976 organized opposition to the involvement of U.C. in weapons development has been undertaken by the U.C. Nuclear Weapons Labs Conversion Project, a coalition of many organizations and individuals, but principally four: AFSC in San Francisco, War Resisters League/West, Ecumenical Peace Institute, and Berkeley Students for Peace. This Project and its predecessors have been able to persuade the U.C. Regents to appoint two academic review committees, one in 1970, and one in 1977.

Unfortunately, very little has come of the committees’ recommendations. As the result, the Conversion Project has continued to amass information and to develop a carefully worked out and practicable plan for conversion of the laboratories from weapons research to basic research and development of new sources of energy for peaceful purposes.

The Conversion Project takes the position that “in reality the labs are controlled by the military, not civilians, and there is substantive evidence of the very active political role lab officials have played in shaping U.S. nuclear policy, such as their aggressive lobbying for the neutron bomb. By playing a silent partner in this arrangement, by lending a mantle of legitimacy to the nuclear arms race and the secrecy surrounding it, the University has committed a grave disservice to the people of this nation... Great potential exists for conversion to basic energy research that would meet our increasing need for safe, renewable energy sources.”

Dave McFadden, Director of the Peace Conversion Program of the American Friends Service Committee, sits on the steering committee of the U.C. Nuclear Weapons Lab Conversion Project. He is currently devoting one-half day per week to this Project. The following are excerpts from his testimony before the U.C. Gerberding Committee on October 5, 1977.

"The central question before the committee, on which it has only touched, is the critical one: Does the University of California wish to continue to be the administrator of, and de facto lobbyist for, an accelerated program of nuclear weapons development for the United States? If there is some feeling within the Committee that this is an inappropriate role for the University to be playing, there are really two alternatives. First, the university could cancel its contracts with D.O.E. as soon as possible, and get out of the weapons business—leaving someone else to administer the labs. Secondly, the university could direct that changes be made, both within the laboratories and in the character of the relationship between the university and the labs, which would move the labs away from weapons work and toward conversion. I would submit that this second path has not really been tried, that there have never been developed a clear and detailed set of recommendations for the university to change the laboratories and assist in changing the direction of the country. I believe that this is the challenge for this Committee: to detail the new directions."
EPISTLE

from South Central Yearly Meeting
held near Navasota, Texas
24 through 27 November, 1977

To Friends everywhere:

The early Friends spoke and acted from a powerfully transforming experience of inward contact with the Holy Spirit. They were enabled by this inner connection not only to challenge the secular and religious authorities of their day, but joyfully to endure the resulting persecution in a spirit of love which their friends and "enemies" alike could not deny. The power of this Light and this excitement of living are available to us today. Many Friends are seeking this same inner connection, and much individual growth is happening, but it proceeds along a variety of paths. As a society, we no longer share a common set of categories or imagery by which to understand and express our experience. It is hard to try to listen to one another across these differences of priorities, of theological language (or abhorrence of it), of age and psychological makeup. It is hard to believe we will be listened to.

Yet we are each responsible for ministering to one another; we all need each other's ministry for support, encouragement, insight and guidance: There is no other structure to provide for these needs in a Quaker Meeting. Discussion of doctrines will not do. Nor is it a matter of being converted to another's beliefs or priorities. If a person gets something out of a belief, an attitude, an approach to life, we should assume there is something in it. Then (and if) we learn what, we might still disagree -- but we will be nourished: We will be brought closer to the Light within us. This demands a very great respect for each individual, and an attitude of tenderness and reverence toward his or her connection with God. Much of our communication must be in words and concepts. We cannot afford to be offended by ways of expression we do not share: It is a luxury which starves.

We would call ourselves, and Friends everywhere, to listen beneath the ideas, which may seem familiar or foreign, for the individual texture and flavor of another's seeking and finding, and to be willing to be nourished by that. We would call Friends to learn to make our own connection with the Spirit available to one another, to our children and young people, and to any and all we meet.

On behalf of South Central Yearly Meeting,

Elmer B. Carter, Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
1978 Minutes -- Att. # 9, p.1

FYM TREASURER'S REPORT
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (estimated)
Period: October 1, 1977 through August 7, 1978

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Sub Total, General Expenses | $11,900 | $813 | 6 | $11,000 |

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Sub Total, Committee Expenses | $4,460 | $2,148 | 52 | $4,550 |

August 11, 1978
## Support of Friends' Organizations

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**SUBTOTAL, Support to Organizations**

|                      | $2,850 | $2,850 | 100 |

## Conference Travel, PYM Fraternal Delegates

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**SUBTOTAL, Fraternal Delegates**

|                      | $3,500 | $1,945 | 56  |

## TOTAL EXPENSES

|                      | $22,710 | $7,756 | 34  |

## Breakdown of Yearly Meeting Session Net Expense

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**TOTAL**

|                      | $500     | $(7,320) | ---    | $0              |
**PUM Treasurer’s Report: Period October 1, 1977 through August 7, 1978 (estimate)**

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$27,733 $14,413 $3,375 $38,771
December 14, 1977

John G. Draper
1611 Clemson Drive
Davis, CA 95616

Dear John:

I am writing to inquire if Logan Meeting might be granted a special consideration in relation to its annual assessment to Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Logan Meeting maintains affiliation on an associate basis with Intermountain Yearly Meeting. As such we are expected to contribute $6.00 per member. We draw a great deal of satisfaction from this association and each year about 6 individuals from the Logan and Salt Lake meetings attend the meeting at Ghost Ranch. This is considerably more than attend Pacific Yearly Meeting. Sheer distance is a factor contributing to not more of our members attending. Therefore I wonder if Logan might be granted status similar to that of the Seattle Meeting which has dual ties similar to ours.

I trust you will pass this on to the proper person if you are not.

Sincerely yours,

Allen O. Stokes, clerk

1722 Saddle Hill Dr.
Logan, UT 84321
"One of the most fundamental interests of the State is the establishment and the preservation of the family unit. Consistent with this interest is the State's duty to protect its impressionable youth from influences which are antithetical to this vital interest. This duty is particularly compelling when the state undertakes to educate its youth, and, by law, requires them to be exposed to the state's chosen educational environment throughout their formative years.

A schoolteacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor has a professional duty directed exclusively towards the moral as well as intellectual, social and civic development of young and impressionable students.

As a result of continued close and prolonged contact with schoolchildren, a teacher, teacher's aide, school administrator or counselor becomes a role model whose words, behavior and actions are likely to be emulated by students coming under his or her care, instruction, supervision, administration, guidance and protection.

For these reasons the state finds a compelling interest in refusing to employ and in terminating the employment of a schoolteacher, a teacher's aide, a school administrator or a counselor, subject to reasonable restrictions and qualifications, who engages in public homosexual activity and/or public homosexual conduct directed at or likely to come to the attention of, schoolchildren or other school employees.

This proscription is essential since such activity and conduct undermines that state's interest in preserving and perpetuating the conjugal family unit."

The Initiative then goes on to define its terms and provide procedures whereby the above named employees may be dismissed.

**Analysis of Proposition 6, prepared by Walter Barnett, Friends Comm. on Legislation.**

"'Public homosexual conduct' means advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or promoting private or public homosexual activity. In this respect Proposition 6 is a direct infringement of freedom of speech. If it sought only to prohibit advocacy of homosexuality in the classroom, it could be viewed as possibly a proper exercise of the state's right to prescribe what is taught in the public schools. But this could surely be accomplished without firing people. And the offending speech need not take place in the schools. If outside, it can equally be grounds for dismissal if directed at or likely to come to the attention of schoolchildren or other school employees. Since such likelihood is not readily calculable in advance, the effect will be to inhibit teachers and other school employees from saying anything at all, anywhere, on the subject of homosexuality except what is negative and derogatory. Such people will even be inhibited from speaking out in favor of civil rights for homosexuals, because it is impossible to advocate even that limited objective without at least saying that homosexuality is essentially harmless. And even that could be interpreted as 'encouraging' it."
ADDENDUM: Suggested procedures for implementation of this Minute.

1. Monthly Meetings should appoint good, well known, well grounded Friend(s) to serve on the Ministerial or Ecumenical Council in their area.

2. In the absence of such a council, the Meeting should appoint such a Friend to coordinate meetings with ministers of other churches on this issue.

3. At any meeting of several friends present the issue through an attorney well grounded in civil rights. (Try a breakfast meeting. Try the ACLU.)

4. Meet with your neighbors and friends with an appropriate piece of literature. Talk to them, let them know where you stand. You may request literature from any of the following California Committees Against the Briggs Initiative:

   NORTHCOAST: 1602 "E" Street, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 445-1245
   NORTH CENTRAL VALLEY: P.O. Box 422, Anderson, CA 96007
   NORTH BAY: 2296 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95401, 848-9220
   EAST BACABI: 2000 Center Street Box 1221, Berkeley, CA 94704
   SAN MATEO/SANTA CLARA COMMITTEE AGAINST THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE: 392 Madeline Ct., Palo Alto, CA 94306, 494-3745
   COMMUNITY UNITED TO DEFEAT THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE: 326 Cayuga St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062
   BAY AREA COMMITTEE AGAINST THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE: 2049 Market, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 626-9482
   COMMITTEE AGAINST THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE: 1428 North McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90028 (213) 463-3928 or (213) 664-5354
   SAVE OUR TEACHERS, SAN DIEGO: 2250 "B" Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (714) 232-7528

5. Hold your friend by the shoulders, look him or her lovingly in the eyes, and seriously implore support for a "no" vote on this initiative.

6. There is a paper entitled, "What Jesus said about Homosexuality." The first 3 pages are blank. The fourth says, "That's right; nothing." That may be too cute, but our fearful Christian friends need to be reminded that most if not all of the Bible's strictures on sexual activity occur in the Old Testament. Christ ushered in a new day of love for every person no matter what his or her sexual orientation may be.

7. Point out, if you need to, that after centuries of not allowing gay people to teach or hold jobs unless they stayed in the closet, we still have gays. Where did these people get their role models?
SUMMARY OF THE NEW DEATH PENALTY BILL AS IN PROPOSITION #7

I. A person shall be sentenced to be executed by the state if:

He or she is found guilty of first degree murder, defined as a wilful, premeditated killing; AND
One or more of 19 special circumstances is found to be true beyond reasonable doubt by a unanimous vote of a jury;
   OR
The person aided, abetted, counselled, etc., in a killing in which any of the special circumstances as before were found to be true;
   OR
The person was found guilty of violating section 1672a of the Military and Veterans Code, or Sections 37, 128, 219, or 4500 of this Penal Code;
   AND
A penalty hearing is held and decides by unanimous vote that the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating circumstances, defined as including but not limited to a list of eleven considerations;
   AND
The defendant is 18 years of age or over.

II. If a person has been found guilty of first degree murder, but the jury has not been able to find any of the special circumstances to be true by a unanimous vote, nor that all are not true by a unanimous vote, the court shall dismiss the jury and impanel a new jury to try the undecided special circumstances only.

   If this second jury is similarly unable to decided that any of the remaining special circumstances is true by a unanimous vote, the court may either impanel a new jury or must impose a punishment of confinement for 25 years.

III. If the jury is unable to decide the penalty to be death (that is, to decide by unanimous vote that the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating circumstances) the court shall order a new jury as before, to try the question of the penalty only.

   If such a second jury cannot reach a unanimous decision, the court may impanel a new jury or must impose a penalty of confinement for life without possibility of parole.

IV. The jury to decide the penalty shall be the same as that which decided the question of guilt, unless the court after showing good cause and entering it in the minutes dismisses the jury and impanels another jury to try the question of the penalty.

V. The judge shall make a determination as to whether the decision reached by a penalty jury in favor of death is acceptable or is contrary to law or to the evidence.
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAKING IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY MANDATORY

1. If the killing was carried out for hire
2. If the defendant had a previous murder conviction, first or second degree
3. If there were more than one killing for which the defendant was found guilty
4. Death resulting from bombing or explosives when risk of death was known
5. Killing to avoid or prevent arrest, or to perfect or attempt to perfect escape
6. Death resulting from bombs sent through mail
7. The victim was a peace officer on duty as defined in sections 830.1, 830.2, 830.3, 830.31, 830.35, 830.36, 830.4, 830.5, 830.5a, 830.6, 830.10, 830.11, 830.12 or was such an officer or former officer killed in retaliation
8. The victim was a federal law enforcement officer or agent known to be such killed on duty intentionally or in retaliation
9. The victim was a fireman on duty and known to be such or killed in retaliation
10. The victim was a witness, killed to prevent testimony in any criminal proceeding, or in retaliation for testimony
11. The victim was a prosecutor, assistant, or formerly such, in any local or state jurisdiction, in this or any other state, or a federal prosecutor
12. The victim was a judge or former judge, local, federal, or state, in this or any other state, to prevent exercise of duty or in retaliation
13. The victim was any elected or appointed official or formerly such in the U.S., local government, or state, this or any other, in retaliation or prevention of exercise of duty
14. The killing was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel
15. The killing was accomplished by lying in wait
16. The victim was killed because of race, color, religion, nationality, or country
17. The killing was committed during commission of a felony, specifically robbery, kidnapping, rape, sodomy, lewd or lascivious act, oral copulation, burglary, arson, or train wrecking
18. Killing was accompanied by inflicting of torture
19. The killing was accomplished by intentional administration of poison.

CATEGORIES OF AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The circumstances attending the killing
2. Any previous criminal activity, whether convicted or not, unless acquitted
3. Prior felony convictions
4. Presence or absence of extreme emotional disturbance
5. If any moral justification or extenuation was believed or held
6. Committed under the domination of another person
7. The victim was a participant or consented to the action
8. The defendant's judgment was impaired or was under intoxication
9. The age of the defendant
10. The defendant was an accomplice whose participation was relatively minor
11. Other extenuating circumstances
To:
Monthly Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meetings of Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meetings of California Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meetings of North Pacific Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meetings of Northwest Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meetings of California Yearly Meeting

From: Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Greetings! Young Friends Peace and Social Action Committee was formed out of the general concern for the renewal of our commitment to the peace testimony. We lay before you our specific concern: the possible renewal of conscription. We ask all Friends for guidance and support. We call upon you to examine and assure that Friends are able to make the important decisions and right actions needed to live in that life, power and love that takes away the occasion of all war.

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s/Laurelyn Barns
s/Michael Turner

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REUNION OF FRIENDS IN MEXICO
Lowell Tozer, San Diego
COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN SCHOOLS
August 9, 1978

Present: Foy Van Dolsen, Ted Menmuir, Connie Jolly, Marie Ingerman, Domsen Barns, Elizabeth Jones, Clerk, and Virginia Croninger for Finance Committee.

1. To confirm the relationship of Quakers to Pacific Ackworth School, two positions of the School's Foundation Board were designated by the School for appointments to be made by Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Elizabeth Jones is to inquire into the arrangement to see if our Committee is needed to expedite it.

2. Of the six-hundred fifteen (615) dollar Scholarship Fund which PYM holds, designated from gifts of individuals for students meeting certain criteria described below, two hundred ($200) is to be given to Pacific Ackworth School and four hundred ($400) to John Woolman School, with the understanding that such students be accommodated. The qualifications are:
   a. Under college level.
   b. In need of financial aid.
   c. Within PYM geographical area.
   d. Either the student or parents active Quakers.
   e. Attending or desirous of attending a Friends School.

3. Instead of perpetuating the scholarship fund under PYM's care, we recommend that Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings handle gifts to Friends Schools and tuition assistance in the various ways open to them. The schools themselves have the methods for the use of such support in an equitable manner, and are not accustomed to turning away qualified Quaker students because of financial limitations.

4. The Committee will assemble data on Friends Schools throughout the country, which can be shared with our PYM families interested in choosing among them. Elizabeth will write to Bert Mason of Friends Council on Education for this, and assemble a library of brochures and catalogues in addition.

5. Public Schools are now also within the scope of this Committee. One of the prevalent concerns is the proliferation of military training at younger levels. Another is the widespread occurrence of violence to people and destruction of property in schools. Conflict Management expertise is being sought by school administrators, and the Committee would like to see Quakers helping to fill this need. The methods which have been developed and found to be successful in New York Yearly Meeting's teacher training are to be explored.

Meeting adjourned
6. The Interest Group, "Activating Quakerism in the School Setting," took place Thursday night, with Doreen Barns receiving concerns in this area. There were many intensely enthusiastic participants, anxious to initiate a network among the large proportion of Friends in the Pacific area who work in education. A questionnaire is proposed which will indicate more precisely the needs and abilities represented. One of the critical needs expressed was for skills in meeting student hostility creatively. It was hoped that there could be a workshop relating Quakerism in action to the teaching scene.

7. Lee Steelman related to members of the Committee her contacts this summer at Friends General Conference with the New York group of trainers for conflict resolution in schools. They are supplying teacher trainers now to school systems in other major cities who have been observing their remarkably favorable results. She said they indicated their willingness to send trainers West to do the same. With this and resources we have among local Quakers who have been working on non-violence training and conflict resolution, such as Betty Coles and her team at the AFSC Pasadena, we should be able to offer positive programs for meeting the very real crisis felt among school administrators for conflict management. It was rumored that they are contracting with the Navy for this. We urge Friends with influence to press for the use of our tested Quaker resources. The Committee on Friends in Schools will serve as a clearing house for information on this.

Elizabeth Israel Jones, Clerk
Dear Friends,

Our Junior High Group met here at the site of Pacific yearly meeting in Whittier, California. We had seven people in our group. Our worship-fellowship group meant a lot to all of us. We talked about our experiences in meeting, caring, and discipline of children. The best part was making chocolate chip cookies and mouth-watering banana ice cream on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We enjoyed playing a variety of group games. In between we went swimming and played pool.

We finally agreed on one thing: we all had a great time.

Junior High Friends
Whittier, California
August 11, 1978
Pacific Yearly Meeting

1978

Young Friends Epistle

We strive to keep a sense of the spirit in all our meetings. In the past few yearly meetings we enjoyed an emotional intensity which strengthened us temporarily, but partially blinded us to our responsibility as world citizens. Many of us have not found that gaiety this year. Instead we have been challenged to reconcile the duality between this loving community and the rest of the world. Many of us have been confused and frustrated by this challenge. We now rise together, through meetings for worship and business, with the deepened joy and responsiveness that inevitably follow laboring in the spirit.

We have formed an Ad Hoc Peace and Social Action Committee to facilitate our concerns about the possible reinstatement of the draft, and the everpresent danger of nuclear weapons and power.

As openness unfolds, we are shaken loose to love.

Laurelyn Barns  Mike Turner

Co-Clerks: Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting
To Friends Everywhere --

Gathered on the Whittier College campus, we feel anew our connections with Quaker history. We also recognize our abiding wish for deeper community among Friends. Your epistles and messages are heard with special gratitude this year.

Our longings for unity and continuity are brought out in many ways, but particularly as we consider the state of our monthly meetings, as we hear about the work of Friends serving abroad, and as we rejoice in the lives of recently departed Friends. But we are reminded that "community" itself is not the pearl of great price. We must reach beyond it, to that which is the divine ground.

Our diversity is apparent, and the many proposals brought by individuals, committees and groups can cause divisiveness, misunderstanding and spiritual pride if we forget the divine ground. In interactions with churches and yearly meetings other than our own, we are aware of the sacred reality beneath all being and activity.

A blessing this year is the participation of younger Friends in bringing depth and personal meaning to the peace testimony. News of the holy obedience of Friends in India and Korea is inspiring. And the witness of demonstrators at nuclear sites on Hiroshima Day lifts our spirits to the Light.

As we examine the queries on peace, we are faced with the temptation to justify our means on the basis of righteous ends, and to believe that we can control the ends. In fact, the ends recede; the means are everything; and our choices are rightfully God's.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Lowell Tozer, Clerk
On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
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