1979 - 1 OPENING MINUTE  Friends gathered in worship to begin the thirty-third annual meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends at Craig Hall Complex, Chico, California. The Presiding Clerk, Lowell Tozer, read the opening minute:

Welcome, Friends, to the thirty-third annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting. What are you bringing to us? What do you suppose would happen if each of us, instead of wondering what we are going to get from the Yearly Meeting, considered what we can give to our time together?

We have business to take care of, and we hope for some kind of spiritual renewal. In our business, we seek not that our view shall prevail; nor even something close to it through acceptable compromise: our goal is unity in the Light. It is the repeated experience of that unity that can make a Yearly Meeting a moment of grace in our year -- that can bring us spiritual renewal. Thus, our time together here can remind us that our lives may be at all times "rooted and grounded in the Presence." Are we open to that? Shall we each contribute our share to that openness? If we do, this Yearly Meeting may be especially memorable for us all.

INTRODUCTIONS  The Clerk introduced the following:
Assistant Clerk: Micki Graham
Reading Clerk: Jeanne Lohmann
Recording Clerk, Representative Committee: Richard Sanders
Co-Recording Clerks: Robert Vogel and Paul Niebanck
Co-Clerks of Young Friends: Cherilyn Holt and James Navarro
Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting: Kate Connell
Clerk of Junior High Friends: Susan Ridgeway

EPISTLE  Jeanne Lohmann read the epistle from Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association which reaffirmed "our roots and spiritual heritage, our family ties, and our love for one another."

WITHDRAWN MEETING  Eleanor Foster acknowledged the request of University Meeting in Seattle to withdraw from Pacific Yearly Meeting so that it could transfer wholly to North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

ROLL CALL OF MEETINGS  Micki Graham read the roll of meetings as Friends tried to restrain their jubilation in being together again. Except for Logan, Monterey, Redlands, Salt Lake, San Fernando, and Whitleaf, all monthly meetings and many preparative and worship meetings were represented. Friends from Intermountain and North Pacific Yearly Meetings were also acknowledged.

VISITORS  The following visitors were introduced: Leanore Goodenow from Intermountain YM and representative from the Friends World Committee.
Judy Brutz, Cleveland Monthly Meeting of Ohio Conservative and Lake Erie YM's; Micky Sterling, Victoria, B.C.; Jack and Ruth Hunter from Hanover, N.H., New England Yearly Meeting; Lois Ellis, Long Beach Meeting of California Yearly Meeting; Tim Yeany and Eugene Hernandez, interns with the American Friends Service Committee Pacific Southwest Region.

GREETINGS  Letters of greeting were read by Jeanne Lohmann from Louis Schneider of the American Friends Service Committee, and Erica Vere, Clerk of the Meeting for Suffering, London Yearly Meeting.

1979 - 2 EPISTLE COMMITTEE  Meeting approved the nominations of the following to the 1979 Epistle Committee: Catherine Bruner, Convenor; Peter Nutting, and Pat Niska.

ORIENTATION  Friends were reminded that it takes the volunteer work of many to assist in the smooth operation of Yearly Meeting and its many programs. Some of the persons with special responsibility were introduced:

- Henry Lohmann and Marjorie Thompson: Children's Program
- Rick Saporito: Worship-Fellowship Groups
- Kerri Hamilton: for Junior Yearly Meeting

Each sketched plans for their respective areas and introduced others who are sharing in the work.

After announcements and a brief silence, the first session adjourned.

Robert S. Vogel, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION II  Meeting for Sharing and Concerns  Monday, 3 to 4 p.m.

In the silence, we were made aware of each other, present and departed, and of the strength that our meetings provide us . . .

We were reminded of our duty to the future. Our witness must be a timely witness, lest today's science fiction become tomorrow's gruesome reality.

We were admonished to use our heads, and to speak good sense to the self-deceptions that underlie institutionalized violence.

We were called to live simultaneously at the growing edge and at the divine center.

We were asked to listen more carefully to each other.

We were sensitized to the subtle and indirect means by which we damage human life.

We were challenged to notice the opportunities that are before our eyes for service to the earth and to God.

We were brought to a fresh awareness of our oneness with God, and of the gift of life. The death around us cannot be allowed to distract us from our responsibility to love and our capacity to laugh.
"Lord, give us the strength to be joyous, and to confront the machinery of death with true peace."

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION III Meeting for Worship Monday, 4:15 to 5 p.m.
The Meeting was a gift of silence ... In the silence, we heard a voice. In the darkness, we saw a Light.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION IV Monday, August 6, 1979 7:30 p.m.
The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. The minutes of Session I were read and approved.

PEACE COMMITTEE In introducing the report of the Peace Committee, Ellen Lyon, Clerk, announced this year's theme: "Where is the Peace Movement? And where do Friends fit in?" The touchstone for Friends is our historic peace testimony, initially stated by Friends in 1660. She quoted Thomas Kelly: "In the Light, we become one, for the heart of the religious life is in commitment and worship. Life is lived on two levels; the religious person is forever bringing all the affairs of the first level down into the Light, holding them there in the Presence, re-seeing them and the whole world in a new and overturning way."

In the first part of the evening, Friends were asked to respond to three queries advanced by the Peace Committee. In the second part of the evening, the Peace Committee presented various minutes on issues, one for our approval and the rest for our study and action at the individual and Monthly Meeting levels.

FIRST QUERY Our Faith and Practice states: "The purpose of the Peace Committee shall be to encourage individual Monthly Meetings to undertake recommended peace and service projects, and, with the approval of the Yearly Meeting, to coordinate such projects for the Yearly Meeting." In light of the Historic Peace Testimony, is this an adequate statement of purpose for our Peace Committee?

In responding to the query, some Friends felt satisfied with the functions of the Peace Committee as stated in Faith and Practice: studying issues, bringing these to the attention of the Yearly and Monthly meetings, being the "sensitive eye" relating to other Friends meetings and peace groups. One called for greater power for the Peace Committee and authority to take action on its own; while others, recalling the origins of the charge, felt that the area of both worship and action was the Monthly Meeting. They felt content with the role of the Yearly Meeting's Peace Committee as providing expertise and a coordinating function. Another felt that Friends need to voice the full Quaker message that war and killing are wrong. We need to be faithful to our own insights and speak truth to power, and to listen in a loving spirit. Another felt that the Peace Committee should foster a peaceable spirit amongst us from which our actions can arise.

SECOND QUERY Are there any circumstances under which we should compromise our Historic Peace Testimony for political effectiveness?
In responding to this query, Friends were reminded that living in a war-making society causes us to make compromises. One Friend is part of a group in Maui that has dropped out of the "evil" system and is developing alternative institutions based on the cooperative principle. George Fox not only told Charles II what he wouldn't do, but said at another time that he lived in that life and power that takes away the occasion for war. While most were inclined to state that Friends should not compromise, one asked if Friends had really considered the consequences if the U.S. government adopted our testimony. Would we be willing to submit to the conditions imposed by a conqueror and lose our freedoms?

THIRD QUERY Are Friends more attuned to the general society's apathy about peace or to the spirit of the above mentioned Testimony?

Friends acknowledge apathy not only in the general society, but in our meetings as well. Why have some Monthly Meetings laid down their Peace Committees? Various causes of apathy were suggested: lack of media coverage of peace events, like the UN Special Session on Disarmament, the problem of discovering just what to do, and simply finding the unique concern to which individuals and meetings can respond. One suggested that we need to recapture the vigor and challenge of George Fox, who was a difficult person and made enemies by his witness and his words.

1979 - 3 CONSCRIPTION Yearly Meeting approved a minute opposing mass registration as a first step toward resumption of the military draft and compulsory national service. (See Attachment 1)

PEACE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR STUDY AND ACTION The Peace Committee submitted the following minutes for study and action by individuals and Meetings:

1. WORLD PEACE TAX FUND: Minute from the Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting. (See Attachment 2)
2. NICARAGUAN REFUGEES: Minute from the Mexico City Monthly Meeting and letter from the American Friends Service Committee. (See Attachment 3)
3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES (See Attachment 4)
4. SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty under consideration by the U.S. Senate) (See Attachment 5)
5. QUERY ON MIDDLE EAST (See Attachment 6)
6. WAR TAX RESISTANCE (See Attachment 7)

REPORTS Young Friends joined members of the Peace Committee in reporting on various projects and concerns in which they are involved. These included (a) conversion of the University of California's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory; (b) a counter-militarism, anti-draft project sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in Southern California; (c) opportunities to work for social justice and peace through the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status of Friends at the United Nations; and (d) the concern that Pacific Yearly Meeting have a representative at the next Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly on Disarmament.
In the closing period of worship, Bonnie Wells brought greetings from her sister Colleen, who, in mid-term, had laid down her clerkship of the Peace Committee. She also expressed her appreciation of the way in which Ellen Lyon had taken over the clerk's responsibility. Friends were also reminded that the Lord does not require us to tackle all the concerns brought to us by the Peace Committee; but rather we are asked to take on one or two concerns as we experience the guidance of the Light Within.

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION V  Tuesday, August 7, 1979

10 a.m.

Jeanne Lohman read excerpts from the epistles of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is undergoing deep soul-searching on social issues. It asks, "How can we compromise, and still be true to our testimonies?" Canadian Yearly Meeting struggles to find the right ordering of its business. It also noted that other Church bodies were increasingly carrying Friends concerns for social justice.

VISITORS The following additional visitors were introduced:

Emma Martinez de Marina, Mexico City Monthly Meeting.

MINUTES Yearly Meeting approved the Minutes of Sessions II and IV and accepted the Minutes of Session III, which was a Meeting for Worship.

1979 - 4 RECORDING CLERKS Yearly Meeting expressed itself as being especially fortunate in its Recording Clerks this year, based on their work in only the first four sessions.

GROUP SESSIONS ON FAITH AND PRACTICE The plenary session then divided into three groups to consider three facets of our faith and practice: (a) the Meeting for Business; (b) Unity and consensus; and (c) Advices and Queries. Members of the Discipline Committee plan to take notes and report back to Session VII.

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VI  Tuesday, August 7, 1979  4:15 p.m.

WORSHIP Lord, let us be thy servants . . let me know how I can use my resources . . Being a Friend is a commitment to self and others. . . Our Peace Testimony is to people everywhere . . Although we utterly deny all outward war, perhaps our biggest war is within and between ourselves . . Peacemakers must be at peace within themselves.

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk
SESSION VII  Representative Committee; Discipline Committee - Tuesday, 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The meeting opened with silent worship.

Epistles from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends General Conference were read. These letters witnessed to the universality of the Light and its transforming power.

Richard Sanders reported for Representative Committee. The committee has asked Wilma Gurney to write an article on Pacific Yearly Meeting for the Friends Journal.

Two minutes were offered and received approval.

1979 - 5 COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Kitty Barragato will clerk, and Earle Reynolds, June Manners, and Susanna Calderon will serve as members, all until 1982.

1979 - 6 BULLETIN COMMITTEE. The committee will consist of six, rather than the customary nine, members. Representation from North Pacific Yearly Meeting will not be affected.

Micki Graham reported that the Sites Committee had had preliminary conversations with Dominican College in San Rafael, and that the situation there seems adequate for our needs. The following minute was approved:

1979 - 7 SITES FOR 1980 AND 1981. The Sites Committee is authorized to negotiate with Dominican College, in hopes that the 1980 Yearly Meeting can occur there. Should 1980 not be possible, the committee should consider Dominican for 1981, and should negotiate with Craig Hall for 1980. Representative Committee should receive a full report in March, 1980, so that contracts may be signed immediately thereafter.

Peggemae Lacey, John Mackinney, Jonathan Vogel, Gloria Kershner and Mildred Burck reported for the Discipline Committee. First they provided us their observations of the morning discussions on Unity, Business Meeting, and Advices and Queries. These discussions ranged widely, and will contribute much to the process of revising our book of discipline entitled "Faith and Practice."

As the process continues, we are asked to keep in mind the important underlying query: How has Truth advanced among us? The book of discipline represents a photograph of a moving stream, and we need it to be accurately descriptive of the characteristics of that stream. Particularly important is the congruence of our actions and our professions.

Consideration was given to three important sections of the Discipline:

Membership. We are concerned both for the ways in which currently active members need to define "membership" and for the meaning of membership to active attenders and inactive members. Membership implies commitment, and where the commitments of persons are tentative or unexpressed, it would not seem realistic to call such persons "members." Yet, a tentative commitment can often be strengthened by admitting its human embodiment to membership, and a dormant commitment may contain the potential for reassertion.
We must at least avoid the logical extremes of these two perspectives: either a narrowly bounded spiritual club, or a social assembly without spiritual definition. Perhaps a new category of membership - "recorded members" - would help. Perhaps it is a matter of being more attentive to each person's unique situation. In any case, we must take into account the reality of our circumstances, for example the vulnerability of new, small and remote meetings, the changing patterns of human association, the various motivations among individuals, our meetings' needs for officers, our concern for spiritual strength, and our collective wish to accept new light.

Marriage. The holiness of marriage, and its capacity for nurturing human potential, are reaffirmed. So, too, is the responsibility of our meetings to participate actively in the marriage choice and to support persons who are in a relationship of marriage. At the same time, we must not be captured by a rigid definition of what constitutes a marriage; neither should we ignore the sometimes necessity of divorce.

A fuller treatment of marriage in the Discipline might include these considerations: differentiating between marriage, as such, and reproduction, as such; carefully separating the legal from the spiritual notion; referring to the valid and even creative aspects of divorce; calling to mind the array of important human relationships among which marriage is one; the explicit recognition of marriages between persons of the same sex; and the offering words that describe to persons contemplating marriage its special qualities and commitments. The right use of cleanness committees is especially important, on all matters of significance related to marriage.

Testimonies. Some years ago, Howard Brinton summarized the Quaker witness as covering four areas: community, harmony (peace), equality and simplicity. Embracing and enlivening these witnesses is the witness to the Light, the Indwelling Spirit, which we experience personally and directly in ourselves and others.

Is this the Light of Christ? Does the life of Jesus represent the universality that we experience? Is our experience of the universal Light represented in the life of Jesus? How should the Discipline treat this dilemma? Can we say whether to be a Quaker is to be a Christian?

Certain other thoughts were proposed for consideration by the Discipline Committee:
- the need to tighten and extend the testimony on alcohol;
- the worth of recognizing that "Faith and Practice" is used to persons other than those associated with Pacific and North Pacific Yearly Meetings;
- the usefulness of Quaker processes to communities that do not embrace our spiritual testimonies;
- the need for attention to matters of governance, and possibly for the separate publication of the sections that deal with governance;
- the need to stress the importance of cleanness and good order;
- the need to take care lest we describe our faith to match our practice, without challenging our practice to match our faith.

Peggemae Lacey reminded us of the work that lies ahead. She requested that Monthly Meetings explore the Discipline and suggest where useful changes might be made. She also called attention to other opportunities at this Yearly Meeting for consultation with the Discipline Committee.

After announcements, the Meeting closed in worship. We were made aware of God's love and of our own small understandings. Our deepest experiences are beyond words.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk
SESSION VIII Worship - Wednesday, August 8 - 4:15 p.m.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.

Paul Niebanck
Co-Recording Clerk

SESSION IX Wednesday, August 8 - 7:30 p.m.

EPISTLES After a period of silent worship, epistles were read from Japan Yearly Meeting and Pemba Yearly Meeting in Tanzania.

Japan Friends prayed for the Lord's guidance in helping Quakerism take firm roots in Japan. Pemba Friends declared, "We are followers of Christ," and concluded their epistle by quoting in Swahili Philippians 4:4: "We wish you happiness in the Lord and again happiness."

MINUTES The minutes of Sessions V and VII were approved after some corrections. The brief reports of worship sessions VI and VIII were accepted.

PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE Nancy Springer presented the preliminary report from Nominating Committee and encouraged Friends to make suggestions at an open meeting of the committee.

Friends were reminded that the Children's Program Committee is for Yearly Meeting sessions only while the Education Committee is responsible for adult and First Day School religious education throughout the year.

REPORTS FROM NORTH PACIFIC AND INTERMOUNTAIN-YEARLY MEETINGS Alice Miles gave a brief report on North Pacific Yearly Meeting, held in July. About three hundred were in attendance. John Yungblut was the Friend-in-Residence. The YM is experiencing growth in Eastern Washington. Of the many highlights, just being together and feeling part of the whole is the most uplifting experience.

Jane Webster reported on the fifth session of Intermountain Yearly Meeting, held in June. The YM attendance, now over 300, is outgrowing the facilities at Ghost Ranch. IMYM may have to call on the expertise of PYM's Sites Committee for help in finding a new location.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION A letter from William Barton, General Secretary, asked especially for our supporting thought as the FWCC Triennial at Gwatt, Switzerland, considers priorities for the next decade.

Roland Schinzinger brought greetings from our representatives now at the Triennial: Van Ernst, Barbara Perry, and Akie Reynolds. The FWCC is involved in both Quaker and international agency "alphabet soup." It serves essentially as a communications link among Quaker bodies round the world. Lois Ellis, a representative at the first Friends World Conference in 1937, emphasized the importance of the FWCC-sponsored consultations among Friends mission and service organizations. Eduardo Ortega described the functions of the Latin-American office which grew out of the Wichita Friends-in-the-Américas conference of 1977. These include translations of Quaker writings into Spanish, visitations, and a newsletter. Other projects of the FWCC are the Wider Quaker Fellowship, Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, involvement of Friends in world organizations such as the United Nations and the World Council of Churches, Quaker United Nations offices in New York and Geneva, Right Sharing of World
Resources, Faith and Life movement, and New Call to Peacemaking. FWCC also provides literature and directories of Meetings, and helps link Friends together through its publication, FRIENDS WORLD NEWS.

Leanore Goodenow reminded us that the FWCC needs our Meetings' and individual support. Of the 135,000 Friends in the Americas, only 1,400 made individual contributions last year. The FWCC is central to the Society of Friends; it may be thought of as our housekeeping unit, like our telephone. It needs our steady support.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Leonard Dart, Clerk Pro Tem, in the absence of Rose Lewis, presented the report for the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee. It was divided into three parts: Korea, China, and India.

Korea  Richard Shaull, Professor of Ecumenics at Princeton Seminary, in his lecture "A Christian Response to the Human Rights Crisis" was shaken, challenged, and transformed by the life of witness of a group of Christians in Korea. "For me," he says, "the human rights movement in Korea constitutes a most creative response to the dehumanizing forces loose in the modern world." Our dear Quaker friend, Ham Sok-Han, has been one of the leaders of this movement; and we were delighted to learn that he has permission to attend the current FWCC Triennial and may, possibly, be able to travel and visit Friends on the west coast. Ham Sok-Han has been officially nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Yoon-Cu Lee, an active Korean Friend, is promoting the translation into English and publication of his writings.

Way has not yet opened for the F-I-O Committee to find a person, couple or family to be a presence and support for the Quaker Meeting in Seoul; but the search continues. During the past year, Earle and Akie Reynolds and more recently, Cyril Care from Australia, have visited the Seoul Meeting. Sang Dal Cha had hoped to go to Korea this past spring, but the conditions demanded by the Korean officials were unacceptable.

China  Margaret Simkin reports that efforts to locate Friends in China have not been very successful, but the search continues. Tony and Johanne Reynolds have recently been in Szechwan and are expected to report their impressions of life there at a meeting in Claremont in September. There appears to be opportunity for religious believers and Chinese Marxists to meet on common ground. But while the Chinese government respects the religious beliefs of grassroots people, it takes a critical attitude towards religion, and exercises control over religious activities in fear that counterrevolutionary or reactionary movements might be originated in the name of religion.

India  Leonard and Martha Dart have shown their slide and sound program, "Glimpses of the Search for God," at ten different Friends Meetings and North Pacific Yearly Meeting... Despite her hip-replacement, Marjorie Sykes is nearing completion of her book on Quaker connections with India over the years... The General Conference of Friends in India has proposed a Friends Centre in Agra; but this project is still in need of implementation... The Quaker project to build cyclone-proof houses continues.

GENERAL REUNION OF FRIENDS

Because of the lateness of the hour, the Clerk, Lowell Tozer, asked that his report on the General Reunion of Friends in Mexico, February 3-5, 1979, be attached to the minutes. (See Attachment #8)

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk
Friends gathered for a period of worship to begin our tenth session.

EPISODES  Selections from the Epistles of the 1979 London Yearly Meeting and New Zealand Yearly Meeting were consistent with our own considerations of social order. From London: "We should be ready to move from our traditional roles as visitors and reformers and join the movement for abolition and find adequate alternatives to the prison system." "We oppose the "reintroduction of capital punishment." "We think of the dangers as well as the possible benefits from nuclear energy." From New Zealand: "When the word 'freedom' is broken up into its parts it means 'belonging to the beloved community'." "Present times are similar in many ways to those of George Fox's day. He saw and felt wrong social conditions as unerringly as he saw and felt the nearness of God." "The struggle for justice is the struggle between the rich and the poor".

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE CONCERN Robert Schutz, Clerk of the Social Order Committee, presented the Committee's concern that Pacific Yearly Meeting set up a fund for concerns. The purpose of the fund would be to help release members and attenders who have a genuine concern to demonstrate, travel in the ministry, or to make an effective witness.

Friends' response was spirited and enthusiastic. To the question of whether there are needs today, some Monthly Meetings reported that they had supported both spiritually and financially those in prison or in legal and other difficulties as a result of demonstrations at Diablo Canyon and the University of California nuclear weapons laboratory. Earlier examples included support for Phil Drath, who asked to be released for a six month's peace ministry, Ross Flanagan, who travelled under a concern, and the Hartsough family's year at Pendle Hill.

We were encouraged to "take a leap forward into our past", recognize special gifts, and release Friends to the ministry: Let us move forward with a sense of excitement about the unknown. Friends were clear that the Monthly Meeting is central to the process. Yearly Meeting should labor hard with Monthly Meetings in terms of the readiness of the applicant and the support which the Meeting is prepared to give. However, setting up such a fund should not help us avoid struggling with the issue, but make us more sensitive to the concern.

1979 - 8 FUND FOR CONCERNS Although there was general approval for the concept of the project, some details and formulation about the function of the appropriate Yearly Meeting Committee needed completion. Yearly Meeting approved referring the matter to the Social Order Committee and the Co-Recording Clerk to bring back an action minute, if possible, through Representative Meeting.

CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Social Order Committee shared concerns and announcements which it wishes to call to the attention of individuals and meetings for consideration. Some, where indicated, are attached to the PYM Minutes.

1. Conference Against Death Penalty, November 1979, Berkeley, California, (Minute from the Berkeley Meeting).
2. **Energy:** the choice appears to be between reliance on soft or renewable energy, or on hard unrenewable sources such as fossil fuel and nuclear energy. Caln Quarterly Meeting, nearest to Three Mile Island, is urging the development of renewable resources and active conservation.

3. **Economic Bill of Rights.** Sentiment for an Economic Bill of Rights is alive and flourishing in Pacific Yearly Meeting. An interest group recommends the statement that all people have the right to a fair share of our common heritage. (See Economic Bill of Rights, Friends Bulletin, September 1978.)

4. **Refugees.** La Jolla Monthly Meeting minutes its recommendations on Indochinese refugees.

5. **Dangers to Survival for Human and other species:** nuclear war, population/food; urbanization, meaningless work, pollution, resource and fuel exhaustion, catastrophes of climate, soil erosion, genetic engineering, and spiritual cut-off.

6. **Mexico-U.S. Border Problems.** Symptoms are 40% unemployment in Mexico; large numbers of undocumented workers in the U.S., human injustices caused by these symptoms.

7. **Rights of Leprosy Patients at Hale Mohalu, Hawaii.** Hawaiian state officials are seeking to close down the facility for treating leprosy patients. Efforts are being made to preserve the land and leprosarium. A 12-page study is available to Meetings on request to Honolulu Monthly Meeting, 2426 Oahu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

8. **Actions by Monthly Meetings:**
   
a. Westwood Meeting has a study group on Hunger and continues its concern for "Banking with a Conscience."

b. Marloma has been concentrating on FCNL issues: National priorities, economic conversion, natural resources.

c. Santa Cruz has prepared to testify against Lockheed's new plant to manufacture components for the second-generation Trident missile. Meeting supported local rent control and property tax and is working at problem of world hunger.

(The above are Attachment 9) 

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk

SESSION XI Thursday, August 9, 1979

MEMORIALS 4 p.m.

We are surrounded by a host of witnesses.

| Claremont | Kathryn (Maxwell) Cox Hayes | Palo Alto | Paul Brink
| Delta | Loyd John McCracken |
| Heyward Area | Mary Alma Page |
| Honolulu | John Moyer |
| La Jolla | Glaflira Ossipoff |
| Monterey | Alfred Roberts |
| Orange Grove | John Stephenson IV |
| Elizabeth Armstrong | Alice Longacre |
| Henry Glass | Lester Roundtree |
| Beach Langston | Etta Vogel |
"They that love beyond the World cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies." -- William Penn

SESSION XII Thursday, August 9, 1979 MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT 7:30-10 p.m.

Following a period of silent worship, the Epistle from Inter-Mountain Yearly Meeting was read. Friends from Inter-Mountain join us in our wish to take a leap forward into the past. They feel a rekindling of the warmth and spiritual life of early Quakerism, and have reminded themselves that new directions, life and hope can spring from despair and death.

The minutes of Sessions IX and X were read, corrected and approved. The minutes of Session XI (The Meeting for Memorials) were read and recorded, with the addition of the name of Isabel Oswald, beloved member of the Santa Cruz Meeting, who died last fall.

Peggemae Lacey told us that only 55 copies of the discipline remain, and that all but a few of these are being distributed to North Pacific Yearly Meeting, College Park and Southern California Quarterly Meetings, and Mexico City and Honolulu Meetings. Approval was given for the following minute:

1979 - 9 REPRINTING OF FAITH AND PRACTICE About 1000 additional copies will be printed, as inexpensively as we are able to do, the cost of which is intended to be covered by receipts from purchases. A page of errata will be included; it will call attention to the fact that certain organizational aspects of PYM have been changed since the book's publication.

Concern was expressed regarding the extent to which Friends within Pacific Yearly Meeting can expect to be involved in the preparation of a revised book of discipline, and whether the revisions will be accepted or approved. This matter was held over to Session XIII.

Joan Fasken sought approval for the invitation to Ben and Madge Seaver to become the Brinton Visitors this year. They would travel with a message, listen to problems and needs, and attend to them as they are able. Approval was given:

1979 - 10 BRINTON VISITOR Ben and Madge Seaver are the Brinton Visitors. We look forward to their visits and to their wise counsel.

Meta Ruth Ferguson reported for the BULLETIN Committee. Circulation (now at 1543) and income are increasing, but inflation and staff needs have nonetheless risen to the point where an increase in subscription price is required. Henceforth, a one-year subscription will cost seven dollars.
Ellie Easter introduced members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee (Joan Fasken, Isaiah Meyer, Marie Schutz, Margaret Brooks, Jan Tappan, Martha Dart and Alan Strain), who, drawing from the status-of-the-Meeting reports, then showed the way towards understanding the State of the Society. The monthly meetings were held in the light, and we felt that we had indeed come home.

Several queries were posed:
- How does your Meeting nourish its members and attenders?
- Are your meetings for business and your stewardship of resources a channel for the light?
- How are your concerns for the wider community of humankind being met in your Meeting?
- How is it with worship in your Meeting?

From these queries flowed a host of expressions: -- testimonies to useful approaches that have been taken in one aspect of Meeting life or another; witness to the importance of good order and good spiritual habits; anecdotes about joyful community events; meditations on certain aspects of Meeting life; prayerful reminders that we often fall short of our responsibilities . . .

The themes that flowed through the evening were punctuated many times:
- "Are we joining jello when we join the Society of Friends?"
- We should know our children, one by one.
- "Freedom" means "belonging to the beloved community."
- We need not feel guilty when we spend a social evening together.
- "So many are learning how to share."
- The BULLETIN depends upon the love of a monthly meeting.
- What we call "religious education" is often hardly more than childcare.
- Small meetings sometimes feel that they are buried in mail from the Larger Quaker System.
- Meetings for business have yielded deep spiritual nourishment.
- Juniors can conduct business, too!
- A good newsletter is an important part of good order.
- "How much we count on our dedicated few!"
- Financial stewardship isn't a bore, anymore.
- Our social concerns are becoming more corporate, less individualistic.
- "George Fox didn't have a non-proselytizing bone in his body."
- "Our meeting is given to silence . . . What we know is too sacred for us to talk about."
- "Silence is not the end; it is just the direction."
- "The Spirit of Christ is present in our Meeting."
- Our lives must speak the Word.

The Meeting closed with reflections on the creative tension between the perfectionist and experimentalist bases of Quakerism. Our optimism will lead us through the mist, but only if we take one step at a time. Truth lies in the minute particulars of action, word and spirit.

In the silence, we were reminded of the need to hear our prophets, and to refrain from locking them into symbolic or physical psychiatric hospitals.

. Paul Niebanck
. Co-Recording Clerk
YEARNLY MEETING SESSION XIII  Friday, August 10, 10 AM to 12 noon & 3 PM to 4 PM

In silent worship, we heard these words of George Fox: "Standing still in the light, you will feel the small rain ... feel the fresh springs ... your mind being kept low."

EPISTLES Epistles were read from Swedish-Finnish Yearly Meeting and Nebraska Yearly Meeting. They spoke of the inner light and or stewardship of God's earth.

"We must forget ourselves -- go out and unconditionally put our faith to the test. If it is of the right sort, then it is the faith which holds up Quakerism and not the Society which holds it up."

PYM EPISTLE It was announced that the first reading of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle will occur after today's Meeting for Worship. Friends were asked to offer suggestions to the Epistle Committee at suppertime.

WESTERN MEETING Francis Ridgeway reported that the proposed Western Meeting of Friends (United States and Canada) is tentatively scheduled for the Easter Weekend, 1982.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE: Richard Sanders reported for the Representative Committee.

THEOLOGY WORKSHOP The Committee has no unity on the request by the Education Committee for a refundable downpayment on the theology workshop from Pacific Yearly Meeting. In discussion, it became quickly apparent that the matter has been fumbled, due to misunderstanding and mis-communication. Issues have to do with whether College Park Quarterly wants to transfer the responsibility and whether PYM should undertake full sponsorship of the workshop. Pacific Yearly Meeting officers will make efforts to understand the situation correctly, and the matter will come before Representative Committee in March. The Education Committee will probably wait until then before solidifying plans for 1980.

Approval was given certain committee appointments:

1979 - 11 NOMINATING COMMITTEE Susanna Calderon is appointed to complete the 1979 term vacated by Judy Bruff, and Lonnie Harvey the 1980 term vacated by Ernie Von Seggern.

FUND FOR CONCERNS Responding to Friends' wishes expressed at Session IX, Representative Committee proposed a minute to establish a Fund for Concerns. Supportive statements were made, and hesitations were expressed. One Friend felt that the need should be allowed to make itself evident before a fund is established. Another was uneasy about the possibility of excluding some of the most worthy leadings. Still another suggested that the funding source might need to be more closely involved in evaluating the substantive merits of proposals. Others thought that sufficient seasoning had not yet taken place and that the existence of a funding source might excite mediocre proposals.

Recognizing these possibilities, and affirming the liberating and unifying potential of the idea, for both individuals and Meetings, the following minute was approved:

1979 - 12 FUND FOR CONCERNS Pacific Yearly Meeting establishes a Fund for Concerns, to which individuals and Meetings are invited to contribute. Members and
attenders of Monthly Meetings of PYM may request their Meetings for financial, emotional and spiritual support in case of need arising out of a social order, peace, or religious concern. Meetings may forward or initiate requests for such support from this PYM fund. Pacific Yearly Meeting, through an appropriate committee, will consult with the Meeting to ascertain the Meeting's involvement and clearness (including financial) in the request; and will disburse funds on an equitable basis among requests. The Yearly Meeting Committee will not make a judgement on the substantive issues, but is charged to find that good order has been followed in the process. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to participate.

Yearly Meeting administration of the Fund for Concerns will be carried out by Ministry and Oversight Committee, or in their judgment by a subcommittee, or a separate committee. The Fund, and the procedures governing it, will be reviewed at the 1981 Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Discussion resumed on the matter of revisions to "Faith and Practice," held over from Session XII. It was established that Monthly Meetings would have ample time and opportunity to offer suggestions, and that the operating consensus would have PYM "accept" the work of the Discipline Committee in due time. Concern was voiced that it might be better practice to "approve" the revisions. The discussion was intense, but we were conscious of the love we have for each other. The Clerk made clear that Friends who wish us to consider changing the existing consensus on the question of "approval," as distinguished from "acceptance," will be heard if they decide to persist. A minute was then approved:

1979 - 13. The Discipline Committee is asked to go to work on revisions to "Faith and Practice," in hopes that the revised Discipline will be brought to Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1982.

Friends worshipped silently, and the session was continued to 3 p.m.

Following a moment of worship, the minutes of Session XII were approved, with appreciation to the Recording Clerk.

Stratton Jaquette presented the Treasurer's report (interim financial statement and general ledger for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, Attachment #10). Recognizing that this is the most financially turbulent time of the year, it was nonetheless clear that last year's budgeting had been precise and realistic, and that our patterns of expenditure had been faithful to the budget. Stratton noted the uses of the reserve funds, the fact that the Yearly Meeting itself is budgeted to break even, that the Bulletin account is a separate account, the manner in which our reserves are invested, and the status of the "Faith and Practice" inventory account.

Pegge Mae Lacey then reported for the Ad Hoc Committee on contributions to other Friends organizations. After a brief discussion, the following minute was approved:

1979 - 14 CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

1. Each year, in the spring, the Finance Committee shall send to each Monthly Meeting an inquiry designed to provide the committee with Monthly Meeting responses to questions about the prior year's contributions and suggested next year's contributions. 2. Monthly Meetings are asked to return their answers to the Finance Committee before June. 3. Guided by these answers and recommendations, the Finance Committee will prepare a budget and present it for approval to the Representative Meeting and the Yearly Meeting in August.
1979 - 15 The Ad Hoc Committee is laid down, with much appreciation for its work.

Virginia Croninger then reported for the Finance Committee. She displayed the proposed budget for fiscal 1980 (Attachment #10) and noted that there will be no increase in assessment of Monthly Meetings and that only a few small increases and non-substantive adjustments need to be made in expenditures. The budget was approved. After a few questions, the following minutes were approved:

1979 - 16 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT Monthly Meeting representatives, when traveling to meetings of Representative Committee in March and at August sessions of PYM, will receive four cents per mile over fifty miles (Monthly Meetings are also expected to help). Representatives from Mexico City and Honolulu will receive $350 each, and from Utah Meetings, $150 each.

1979 - 17 The Finance Committee is authorized to apply the procedure for recommending a budget for Contributions to Other Friends Organizations (see 1979 - 14), in order to make a recommendation to Representative Committee in March 1980 for approval of a distribution of the funds budgeted for Contributions to Other Friends Organizations, fiscal year 1980. One inquiry of Monthly Meetings is expected to be sufficient to inform both the 1980 and 1981 proposed budgets.

With appreciation to all concerned with financial affairs for outstanding work, the Meeting closed in silent worship.

Paul Niebanck
Co-Recording Clerk
1979 - 18 The Epistle is approved. It will be sent to Friends Meetings around the world, with a special effort to translate it into Swahili (Monterey Meeting may assist in this regard).

John Draper made an announcement. His statistical report will follow.

Nancy Springer gave the report of the Nominating Committee (Attachment #14). She reported that Bonnie Wells (Orange County) will replace Ben Seaver on the Peace Committee. Jim Navarro will serve as Clerk, and Martine Ernst, Assistant Clerk, of Junior Friends. Certain omissions will be included in the newsletter.

1979 - 19 The recommendations of the Nominating Committee are approved with great appreciation for the work of the committee members.

After announcements, the portion of the Meeting devoted to Sharing was begun. Friends spoke of many things... the peace testimony... the peace vigil in Chico... the healings and openings that have occurred at Pym this year... the choice we have between attending to what seems urgent and what is important... the residue of racism and sexism of which we are a part... the Robbins Amendment... gratitude for our concern for our children... Snow Mountain's songs... the interest groups... the Coons Initiative... our anguished search for God... being held in the corporate light of Friends... the relative absence of men in situations of caring... the power of the small things that we do... the nurturing by fathers and other men; these fathers will not send their children off to war... change and constancy... the good food that we have eaten here, and our tendencies to waste... the generosity shown by Pacific Yearly Meeting to its guests... violence in the family, and our responsibility to our neighbors...

A special query was offered for Friends who are single, but who would not be: "Do we live in that light and power that takes away the occasion of desperation? That takes away the occasion of pre-classification of people? that takes away the occasion of running and hiding? That takes away the occasion of all games?"

We were asked to season the thought that Pacific Yearly Meeting might consider forming itself into two, rather than one, Yearly Meeting. One part of our life is to search for the fixed star. Another is to take joy in the constant flow.

The Meeting closed with approval for the sketch of the minutes of Session XV that was presented, and a short period of silent worship.

Paul Niebanck
Co-Recording Clerk
After a period of worship, the 33rd gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting ended with the Clerk's reading of the closing minute:

Friends, once again we have come to the end of an experience that transcends time and place, that reminds us of our unity in that which is eternal. We have faced our differences in the same spirit reflected in the letters from our Monthly Meetings: hope, vitality, and renewed expectations. We have felt the "small rain" and "fresh springs" that give life to our words and deeds when we live in the Spirit, and we leave in the same deep confidence voiced in 1373 by Julian of Norwich when she said:

And all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

We part now, expecting to gather again in Northern California, August 4-9, 1980. The 33rd annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now closed.

Lowell Tozer
Presiding Clerk

Friends expressed their thanks and gratitude to Lowell Tozer, our Clerk for the past three years.

Robert S. Vogel
Co-Recording Clerk
MINUTE ON CONSCRIPTION

Pacific Yearly Meeting expresses its deep concern over the proposed mass registration of American youth, now under consideration as a first step toward resumption of the military draft.

Friends have historically, traditionally, but most importantly, as a matter of conscience, taken a religious stand against military conscription and other preparation for war. We affirm that the spirit of God within each person can never allow us to make war under any pretext whatsoever. We are opposed to registration of young people for any compulsory National Service.

We call upon everyone to be aware of this proposed legislation, to inform themselves, and to oppose it according to their circumstances and abilities.

We especially support persons who, for reasons of conscience, would refuse to register for any compulsory service.
The following minute was approved in April 1979 by Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting, and is said to have originated with British Friends. We are sharing this minute with PYM but not asking for approval.

"We have always held a testimony against all wars, placing our dependence in the power of the love of God. In this century the State has recognized our beliefs by exemption from the military service. We are increasingly concerned that we are paying for arms we could not use in wars we would not fight, and at the colossal waste of resources in a world where so many are in need.

The proportion of our tax which will go to the armaments we pay under protest, as a sin against God and man. We urge the government to pass legislation to permit those who have a moral objection to war to divert an appropriate proportion of tax away from war to a fund to be used for practical peacemaking."
NICARAGUAN REFUGEES

The PYM Peace Committee commends to you the concern for Nicaraguan refugees presented to us by Mexico City Monthly Meeting.

Two possibilities to assist:

1. Financial contribution to Costa Rica:

   c/o Adele Chavez
   Casa de los Amigos
   Ignacio Mariscal 132
   Mexico 1 D Mexico

2. Medicine and funds are needed:

   AFSC Latin American Program
   1501 Cherry Street
   Philadelphia PA. 19102
The PYM Peace Committee asks individuals and monthly meetings to respond to the problems left by the war in Southeast Asia. We urge the Administration and Congress, seeking a true understanding of our past and in the best tradition of the American people to:

1. Send ample food and reconstruction aid.
2. Recognize Vietnam and normalize diplomatic relations.
3. Provide constructive aid and rehabilitation to Vietnamese refugees such as job training and education necessary for full citizenship.

We urge Friends to respond to the AFSC July 1979 appeal encouraging the widespread involvement of Friends in the refugee problem. The Carter administration has agreed to double the number of refugees from Indochina being admitted to the United States. This can only be done if double the number of sponsors is found by voluntary agencies.
MINUTE ON SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II)

Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committee recognizes in the SALT II debate our own inadequacy in developing a vigorous grass-roots disarmament movement in this country. While not in agreement on the SALT II treaty, we support the negotiating process and encourage continuation of negotiations that would begin to bring about a moratorium on all weapons of mass destruction. We recognize that there will not be government leadership for a nuclear moratorium without strong grass-roots support. Therefore we should rededicate ourselves and encourage Friends Meetings to raise the basic disarmament questions in our communities. We recognize the inadequacy of the treaty but not the inadequacy of the process.

Please note: FCNL and AFSC pre-SALT II - Progressive editorial and FOR statement against SALT II
QUERY -- MIDDLE EAST

CAN WE VIEW THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT DISPASSIONATELY AND OBJECTIVELY, OR DO WE LET YEARS OF FAMILIAR TEACHINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS BLIND US TO A JUST AND IMPARTIAL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. DO WE SEEK TO BE A RECONCILING INFLUENCE BEARING IN MIND BOTH ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES MUST COMPROMISE FIXED AND INTRANSIGENT POSITIONS. DO WE GIVE OF OUR TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP EASE THE FINANCIAL STRAIN OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE MOVEMENT AND DO WE MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO BECOME WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION.
WAR TAX RESISTANCE
WAR TAXES MINUS A TOKEN TEN

Many Friends who would never agree to serve in the armed forces do not feel led to refuse military taxes.

I think one reason is that the simple act of refusing service is clear and direct, while refusing payment seems a kind of paper transaction with a minimum of personal involvement. Conscientious objection to service involves one's whole life, while objection to taxes involves decisions about which portions of a larger tax are military.

In refusing personal service one considers one's integrity -- conscience. Can I be part of a machine geared to agony and death? But often a different criterion is applied to refusal to pay: How effective a protest is it? If the protest value of tax refusal is the only consideration, Friends may feel the effort is better spent in writing a legislator or phoning the White House. (But personally I find that a letter to the government saying I am refusing to pay war taxes is one of the few letters officials never ignore.)

Arguments against the effectiveness of war tax refusal can be self-fulfilling prophecies. Friends may not wish to join a public witness which is so small it attracts little notice, therefore it remains small. It is possible that an announcement of intention to pay no further war taxes would be the most single effective act towards ending the arms race that members of the Society of Friends could take.

But sudden dramatic decisions for effectiveness are not in the manner of Friends. Perhaps we should forget all about witness and consider tax refusal purely as personal integrity. This basis after all is the one for our day-to-day decisions in matters of principle. We refuse to steal not as some witness in influencing others but because for us stealing is wrong. We refuse to cheat not as some protest against dishonesty or against anything else, but because cheating is not the way of the life of the Spirit. Questions of effectiveness become irrelevant.

The corresponding question for taxes could be, explicity: Should I, a person in whom there is that of God, voluntarily pay all money asked of me for the purpose of injuring and killing millions of other persons in whom there is also that of God?

If trying to hold back some one-third of our federal income tax which will go next year for current military uses is too boggling, we can start modestly and refuse payment of only $10 -9 a small pinch of incense not voluntarily laid on Caesar's altar. It can to our conscience be a symbol of our refusal of total submission to the miliatry-industrial complex. But it can also symbolize the positive. It can be given to the Right Sharing of World Resources of Friends World Committee. Or it can go to some new Friends Peace Tax Fund as suggested by Friends of Albany Meeting in New York. It is possible a small amount like $10 will not even be collected by IRS. Each of us can try such an experiment for one year, and from then proceed as way opens.

Franklin Zahn
for PYM Peace Committee
Aug. '79
On February 3-5, 1979, about a hundred people met at the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City for the 16th Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico (General Reunion or Meeting of Friends in Mexico). (I thank you for letting me represent Pacific Yearly Meeting at that gathering.) Friends were there from nine of the states in Mexico, from Guatemala, from six states in the U.S., and from Canada.

Only two of the meetings represented are affiliated with Pacific Yearly Meeting: Mexico City and Guatemala City. Those are the only unprogrammed meetings, by the way; all the rest are programmed meetings. Many people you know were at the gathering: Ed and Jean Duckles, Loida Fernandez (new secretary for Latin America for the Friends World Committee), Eduardo and Yolanda Ortega, their children Karina and Elizabeth, and Emma Martinez de Moreno (who are here this week), Jorge and Corinne Hernandez and Carlos and Gloria Camelo (former representatives to PYM, whom you may have met), Jim Navarro of Marin Meeting (who was living in Morelia, Michoacan, for the year as part of his work with World College West), Susanne Sein, and others.

The warm hospitality of the gathering was palpable, and made my time there a real joy. I would like to return! In some of the sessions, translations were volunteered for some of us illiterates and semi-literates: At one point, Loida Fernandez sat between Jim Navarro and me and provided UN-type simultaneous translation for both of us.

The theme of this year's meeting was "The Practice of the Quaker Faith in the Social Reality of Mexico." The questions posed were formidable:

1. What aspects of social reality in Mexico are of greatest concern to us as Friends?
2. What would be a practical approach to the examination of these issues?
3. How are we, as Friends, participants in these social problems?
4. Within the social realities in Mexico, how can we as Friends witness to our faith?
5. What concrete steps can we take, as individuals and as a group, to contribute to the solution of these problems?
6. How can our General Reunion manifest its faith in the years 1979 and 1980?

A big order! Attenders were divided into study groups, and devoted most of Sunday to concentrated discussion of these questions. On Monday morning, at a plenary session, all the groups reported. A long list of Mexico's social problems emerged, including overpopulation, unemployment of young people, erosion of moral values, delinquency (especially drug addiction), discrimination against women, violence in all its forms, corruption, economic inequality, lack of educational opportunity, lack of medical services, pollution of the environment, and on and on. The list was staggering.
A summary of the response of Friends to the theme and to the questions and a bit of the spirit of the gathering can be briefly caught in the Epistle, which I will close by reading to you:

TO FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD:

We wish to share with you our joy that God has made possible the reunion of many Friends coming from different groups in our country, from Guatemala, and from the United States. We were very sorry not to have achieved the attendance of our Cuban and Costarican Friends on this occasion.

On beginning the work of our XVI General Reunion of Friends in Mexico we rejoiced with the spiritual nourishment given us by the reading of Epistles that had arrived from different parts of the world.

Through our studies and meditations we were reminded that we are a Religious Society of Friends, and not merely a social group of Friends, and we recognized that because of this we must give a living testimony of our Faith.

We felt that which is fundamental is not only to have the original illumination of Quakerism, but to achieve its constant renovation guided by the Love of Christ and the Inner Light.

In our study groups on the theme, "The Practice of the Quaker Faith in the Social Reality of Mexico," we felt the weight of Mexico's most serious social problems, and we recognized the impossibility of solving a number of them. We therefore concluded that our best individual and collective contribution would be to act with courage and faithfulness in the expression of our basic testimonies of Honesty, Simplicity, Equality and Non-Violence, expressed in a Christian Life.

With a loving embrace we greet you from the XVI General Reunion of Friends in Mexico.

Teodosia Aguilera, Secretaria

Jorge Hernandez, Secretaria de Actas

Lowell Tozer
July 1979
1. The Social Order Committee, responding to a Minute from Berkeley Meeting, has endorsed an upcoming Conference Against the Death Penalty to be held next November by the California Coalition Against the Death Penalty. We have asked John Fitz and Ruth Flower to be our liaison with this Coalition.

2. Two interest groups considered policy and practicality with respect to ENERGY. In terms of policy, the choice for us must be the soft or renewable energy path, not the hard, expensive, nuclear destructive road. For example, the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant is designed only against an earthquake magnitude of Richter 6.5, yet it sits 2 1/2 miles from an active fault. In terms of practicality, the technology for solar energy is much simpler than even coal powered generating plants. And it is more efficient now to heat water by solar energy than in any other way.

We have a Minute of concern from Caln Quarterly Meeting, the Friends nearest to Three Mile Island, from which we quote an excerpt: "As Friends, we see this minute related to our queries and testimonies on Stewardship and Simplicity. Consequently, we call on individual Friends to become well versed with all the ramifications of energy, to plan and implement relevant conservation methods in their personal lives and homes, in their jobs, and in their businesses, and further, to share the message of this minute with community, state, and national legislators."

Many Friends are now developing expertise in energy conservation and efficient energy use. The AFSC is considering a hands-on school. For information about a possible network, write David Hartsough, AFSC, 2160 Lake St., San Francisco CA 94121.

3. Sentiment for an Economic Bill of Rights is alive and flourishing in Pacific Yearly Meeting. Those who have wrestled with this question in Monthly Meetings would have been delighted to join 16 discussants at a Yearly Meeting Interest Group. (The Economic Bill of Rights is a specific and original proposal from a member of this Yearly Meeting.) They agreed to recommend a statement that:

ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO A FAIR SHARE OF OUR COMMON HERITAGE.

"Fair Share" is undefined (we don't have to define it; our job is to call for it), but it ranges from a minimum basic or subsistence income to an equally divided economic rent. It would be based on two sources: the Natural World provided by God, and the body of human knowledge which has been accumulating over time.

We were unable to unite on including a right to a job or to meaningful work because some of us object to jobs or to certain kinds of work or think that a right to a job does not constitute access to resources and is therefore a "band-aid" approach when we should address "the fundamental problem." (Others felt we ought to try that out on the unemployed father in the ghetto!)

We wish to emphasize our agreement, to point out areas that need further work, and to urge you again to thresh this question before PYM 1980. We felt
that inflation is a technical problem beyond our collective grasp at the present, but also that our statement can be interpreted as inflation-proof.

The basic statement on the Economic Bill of Rights may be found in Friends Bulletin, September 1978. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to engage in dialogue with each other and with PYM Social Order Committee.

Friends of the past have confronted unpopular and unpleasant issues wherever social injustice was evident. The area of economics is one of the most disturbing elements affecting individuals in our present society. This may be the time, for Friends to confront their own attitudes and to articulate a strong position in regard to our economy and the rights of individuals.

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES. In response to the Minute from La Jolla Meeting, and after an urgent interest group held at PYM, Social Order Committee recommends the following immediate actions to Friends everywhere:

(a) Telephone your nearest Indochina resettlement office and explore practical ways in which they can help to resettle refugee families. The kind of help most urgently needed is sponsorships of large families and friendship for families on their way to self-sufficiency. The resettlement offices can supply housing, job training and health services, but they are increasingly short on manpower, and welcome volunteers. For addresses, contact Church World Services, 5250 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 311, Los Angeles CA 90029, (213)-666-2708; OR Social Planning Council, 1885 The Alameda, San Jose CA 95126, (408)-984-8608.

(b) Write your Congresspeople to pass the Kennedy Immigration Act of 1979 and its accompanying appropriation bill. Money funding the present program will run out October 1, and essential resettlement officers are being laid off already.

(c) Commend President Carter for doubling the quota of refugees to be admitted and for requesting funds for that purpose from Congress.

(d) Commend Vice-President Mondale and Secretary of State Vance and ask them to continue to urge other nations to receive more refugees.

(e) Commend Governor Brown (California) for setting up the Task Force for Refugee Resettlement, and urge him to have it convened.

In addition, we recognize the roots of the refugee problem lie within Indochina and that it cannot be solved outside that area. There are estimated to be another million potential refugees thinking of leaving. We therefore endorse the AFSC recommendation that the U.S.A. should change its policy in the following ways:

(1) Normalize diplomatic and economic relations with Vietnam.

(2) Honor commitments made by Presidents Johnson and Nixon for reconstruction aid to post-war Vietnam.
(3) Send massive shipments of rice and other food to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The need in war-torn Cambodia is urgent.

5. SPECIES SURVIVAL. The interest group identified ten severe threats to human and animal species survival:

(a) nuclear war
(b) population/food
(c) urbanization
(d) meaningless work
(e) pollution
(f) resource and fuel exhaustion
(g) catastrophe of climate
(h) genetic engineering
(i) spiritual cut-off

Deciding to overcome the paralysis of fear and the cop-out of mere talk, we addressed the most immediate threat of nuclear holocaust from the standpoint of positive suggestion. We agreed that the confrontation of nuclear overkill as deterrent is madness, and that a loud, clear statement of Friends Peace Testimony (No Weapons, No War for us) is the only sane position to take. The attitude is in the head, and the threat may be measured by the loudness of the opposition. It is our task to evoke and create unsettling answers for all of the many scenarios that create fear of disarmament in the minds of many ordinary persons, including ourselves. We agreed that the worst scenario we could imagine -- complete takeover, loss of freedom to, and brainwashing by a hostile power, a most unlikely outcome unless we fail to prepare -- is still superior to species extinction. Much hard work lies ahead.

6. U.S. - Mexico Border Problems. Three conspicuous symptoms were outlined at an Interest Group on Border Area Problems:

(a) a 40% unemployment rate in Mexico
(b) a large number of undocumented Mexican workers in the United States,
(c) injustices caused by or underlying these problems.

The AFSC is active in this area. Social Order Committee has received a paper by Gordon Gastil and letters from Ed Duckles that serve to outline and illuminate the problem. Recommended to Friends and Meetings for study.

7. Victims of Hansen's Disease. Honolulu Friends Meeting needs moral support to the patients for maintaining a leprosarium called Hale Mohalu in Pearl City near Honolulu. Twenty years ago the Federal Government gave this land to Hawaii for this purpose, but the State officials then made sure the gift was for only twenty years. Recently the 20 year period ended, and now the Governor's office has cut off maintenance, electricity, telephone, and water. They have declared Hale Mohalu unfit and unsafe, and have tried to move these patients to a hospital environment in place of their Hale Mohalu
residences. But a number of the patients have refused to move. A support
group has demonstrated, done their homework, and persuaded the State Legis-
lature to appropriate funds for maintaining the patients at Hale Mohalu. But
the Governor vetoed the bill. Since the land on which Hale Mohalu stands is
worth millions of dollars, we suspect a political or economic motive. The
Federal Government contributes approximately $2 million dollars to the patients'
support, so we are all involved both financially as well as morally. The
United Church of Christ at their national convention recently passed a reso-
lution of support for the patients, and a 12-page study of this situation is
available to Meetings upon request.

8. More Announcements. Westwood Meeting would like you to know that
they have been concentrating on Hunger, with study of the books "Food First:
and "Small is Beautiful", and sponsorship of the film "Five Minutes to Mid-
night." They are also continuing their concern for "Banking With a Conscience."

Marloma has been concentrating on the FCNL issues of national prior-
ities, economic conversion, natural resources.

Santa Cruz has prepared for two years and has testified against Lock-
heed's new plant to manufacture components for the second generation Trident
missile. They've supported local rent control and anti-speculation property
tax, and are working on the problem of world hunger.
# Treasurer's Report

## Interim Financial Statements

**Period:** October 1, 1978 through August 4, 1979

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#### Yearly Meeting Session, Net

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SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

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CONFERENCE TRAVEL, PYM DELEGATES

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**TOTAL EXPENSES**

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Breakdown of Yearly Meeting Session Expenses, Net

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TREASURER'S REPORT - Period October 1, 1978 through August 4, 1979. Attachment 10-3

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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

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NOTES
1. Under control of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee, not available for general use.
2. Specially contributed funds under control of Friend in the Orient Committee, does not belong to PYM.
3. Under control of PYM Schools committee, specially contributed funds, not for general use.
4. Under control of the Clerk, not available for general PYM use.
5. These are temporary Bulletin funds, not available for general PYM use.
6. These are savings and loan accounts yielding 9.255% ($10,000), 6.75% ($10,000) and 5.25% ($10,094, partially since withdrawn to pay for Craig Hall Complex).
7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; most of these meet every 3 years, but we budget an annual amount.
8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use.

August 5, 1979

Stratton C & Maureen S. Jaquette
Friends,

The Junior High meeting would like to thank you for such a fun week. We all feel that we made a lot of new friends, and we had fun doing things together like:

- visiting Bidwell Park,
- using the recreational facilities,
- making ice cream, and
- just being together.

We really learned how to open up and say what we felt in dialog. We really had fun, and wished that it was longer than a week. We felt that being with other Quaker kids is nice because we don't get into fights and we work well together like when we did face painting. We all agreed that we want to come back next year but the best part of PYM was the people.

Thank you
To Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

We felt that the most important thing to say wasn't to "Friends everywhere", but to you. It is: that it's important to us to be part of the Yearly Meeting, taking on the responsibilities of membership as well as the joys. Participation takes knowledge of Friends' practice, which we lack; this year we tried to correct this by having members of long standing talk to us about good order, clerk ing, and clearness. We have taken this ministry to heart.

We want to know more of you; we want to know you better. You encourage us to keep trying. You are our family.

We want to share with you what we have learned: that the hope of the Yearly Meeting is not in us, the young. It is in God, whom we all must seek together.

on behalf of Young Friends,

Ch: rily:n Holt

Jim Navarro
co-clerks, 1979
Epistle of the 33rd Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Held at Chico, California, 6-11 August 1979

To Friends Everywhere

Dear Friends,

We have received your messages of love in a spirit of the oneness which binds us all, and share your urgent concerns for the sufferings of the world. The words from our member meeting in Mexico City have spoken to us: "Help us to walk in the Light with you."

As we gather each year for our first meeting, adults, children, and babies together, we treasure the sense of family and beloved community. The joy of the first gathering is always fresh, and the joy stays with us throughout the week.

This has been a time of corporate inward searching for the living source of our words and deeds. All too easily do we rely on our own human efforts to try to solve the immense social problems before us.

Yet in our searching we have again glimpsed the transforming power and strength of the Living Spirit. Instead of rewriting numerous minutes of social concern, we are setting up a Fund for Concerns, to support Friends laboring in the ministry or suffering for their witness. As we give to others, it is done with a fresh sense of stewardship. The resources are God's, and we are but a channel. Preoccupation with ourselves melts away as we regain touch with the Divine Light and Truth.

We are explorers of the unknown, struggling for footholds in the mists of uncertainty. Recognizing our own frailties, we know that we must attend to the Lord's agenda. May we have the courage to do so.

Lord, give us strength to be joyous, and to confront the machinery of death with true peace.

With loving greetings on behalf of
Pacific Yearly Meeting

Lowell Tozer, Clerk
PYM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
August 1979

Presiding Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Eleanor Foster, Santa Cruz
Assistant Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Nicki Graham, Redwood Forest
Co-Recording Clerks . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Bob Vogel, Orange Grove
1981 Barbara Perry, Berkeley
Representative Com. Recording Clerk 1980 Richard Sanders, Grass Valley
Reading Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Jane Schinzinger, Orange County
Statistical Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 John Draper, Davis
Treasurer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
1980 Maureen Jaquette, Palo Alto
RegISTRAR . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1982 Sheila Moran, Berkeley
Assistant Registrar . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1981
Arrangements Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1981 Ernst Von Seggern, Gr. Valley
Asst. Arrangements Clerk . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1980 Charles Swift, Grass Valley
1981 Marie Parker, La Jolla
1982 Laura Magnani, Sacramento

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1980 Margaret Brooks, Redwood Forest
1980 Joan Fasken, Westwood
1980 Alan Strain, Palo Alto
1981 Richard Ernst, Redwood Forest
1981 Martha Dart, Claremont (Clerk)
1981 Marie Schutz, Redwood Forest
1982 Jean Tozer, San Diego
1982 Roland Schinzinger, Orange County
1982 Laura Magnani, Sacramento

M&O Brinton Visitor Subcommittee

Mildred Burck, Corvallis, NPYM
Martha Dart, Claremont
Joan Fasken, Westwood
Larry Scott, Cochise IMYM

M&O Subcommittee on Sharing Groups

1980 Nicki Garner, Fresno (Convenor)
1980 Helen Currier, Palo Alto

M&O Subcommittee on Groups for Worship-Fellowship

1980 Tom Farley, Marin (Convenor)
1980 Osmyn Stout, Redwood Forest
1981 Marie Parker, La Jolla
1981 Pat Niska, La Jolla
PYM Holding Corporation

1980 Dorothy Bonner, Santa Barbara
1980 Lois Bailey, Grass Valley
1981 Nadine Beck, Redwood Forest
1981 Duane Magill, Santa Monica
1982 Bill Thiedeman, Orange Grove
1982 Robert Young, Pacific Ackworth (Clerk)

COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

1980 Edith Cole, Claremont
1980 Kerri Hamilton, Sacramento (Clerk)
1981 Joe Magruder, Sacramento
1981 Jim Sanatele, Santa Monica
1982 Bob Jolly, Berkeley
1982 Arden Pierce, Palo Alto

PEACE COMMITTEE

1980 Isobel Gerney, Palo Alto
1980 Snow Mountain, Santa Cruz
1980 Bonnie Wells, Orange County
1981 Ellen Lyon, Delta (Clerk)
1981 Mike Turner, Berkeley/Strawberry Creek
1981 Franklin Zahn, Claremont
1982 Linda Dunn, Riverside
1982 Connie Jolly, Berkeley
1982 Gladys Innerst, La Jolla

SITES COMMITTEE

1980 Gerri House, Orange Grove
1980 David Neptune, San Diego
1981 Sandra Farley, Marin
1981 Jim Brune, La Jolla (Clerk)
1982 Bob Edwards, Claremont
1982 Bill Bruff, Palo Alto

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

1980 Louise Aldrich, Marin
1980 Jane Peers, La Jolla
1980 Marjorie Stout, Redwood Forest
1981 Anna Cox, Berkeley/Strawberry Creek
1981 Esther Morgan, San Fernando
1981 Bob Schutz, Redwood Forest (Clerk)
1982 Ron Steelman, Orange County
1982 Frank Vogel, La Jolla
1982 Paul Niebanck, Santa Cruz
BULLETIN COMMITTEE
1980 Meta Ruth Ferguson, La Jolla (Clerk)
1980 Prudence Myer, Santa Barbara
1981 Jeanne Lohmann, San Francisco
1981 Marc Lambert, San Francisco
1982 Marianne Leppmann, Berkeley
1982 Paul Johnson, Orange Grove

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
1980 Marilee Eusebio, Davis
1980 Pat Madeiros, Davis
1981 Drane Barns, Sacramento
1981 Henri Lohmann, San Francisco (Clerk)
1982 Michael Dunn, Riverside
1982 Stuart Ridgeway, Santa Monica

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
1980 Pegge Lacey, San Francisco (Clerk)
1980 John Mackinney, Berkeley
1980 Ed Morgenroth, Orange Grove
1981 Asenath Young, Pacific Ackworth
1981 Pat Brown, Pacific Ackworth
1981 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
1982 Mildred Burck, NPYM
1982 Jonathan Vogel, Santa Cruz
1982 Lowell Tozer, San Diego

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
1980 Gretchen Rudnick, La Jolla
1980 Elizabeth Perry, Berkeley/Strawberry Creek
1981 Willow Burnett, Palo Alto
1981 Stefano Barragato, Orange Grove
1982 Eric Moon, Reno
1982 Foy Van Dolsen, Redwood Forest (Clerk)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
1980 Virginia Croninger, Grass Valley (Clerk)
1980 Charles Eubanks, Orange County
1981 George Osmer, Delta
1981 Caroline Cox, Strawberry Creek
1982 Nancy Springer, Redwood Forest
1982 Walter Klein, La Jolla
FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Anna Alexander, Eugene
Catherine Bruner, Delta
Sang Dal Cha, Los Angeles
Leonard Dart, Claremont
Martha Dart, Claremont
Richard Lewis, University/NPYM
Rose Lewis, University/NPYM (Clerk)
Charlotte Meacham, Honolulu
Akie Reynolds, Santa Cruz
Harriet Schaffran, Berkeley
Floyd Schmoe, University/NPYM
Margaret Simkin, Claremont
Osmyn Stout, Redwood Forest
Gretchen Tuthill, Palomar
Pat Wine, Honolulu (correspondent)

FRIENDS IN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

1980 Carole Kelly, Palo Alto
1981 John May, Pacific Ackworth
1981 Dorothy Bruff, Palo Alto
1981 Marie Ingerman, Marin
1982 Langsdon Elsberry, Claremont
1982 Elizabeth Israel Jones, San Jose

REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

AFSC CORPORATION
1980 Sheila Moran, Berkeley/Strawberry Creek
1981 Cliff Cole, Claremont

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE
1980 Laurelyn Taylor, Sacramento

FRIENDS UNITED MEETING
1981

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
1980 Victor Robinette, Orange Grove
1980 Akie Reynolds, Santa Cruz
1981 Barbara Perry, Berkeley
1981 Van Ernst, San Francisco
1982 Virginia Heck, Redwood Forest

PENN HOUSE CONSULTATIVE BOARD
1980 Wendy Carson, Strawberry Creek

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION
1980 Wendy Carson, Strawberry Creek

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION - JOINT NORTH-SOUTH COMMITTEE
1980 Isaiah Meyer