

MINUTES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
CHICO, CALIFORNIA
August 3, 1980

Clerk Ellie Foster called for a period of silent worship to open the first session of Representative Committee.

Officers, Representatives, and Clerks of Committees introduced themselves (see Attachment #1).

80-19

MINUTES of the March 1, 1980 Representative Committee were APPROVED. (Following the Representative Committee Meeting two corrections in March 1 Minutes were made: on Page 4, Honolulu Monthly Meeting, change to read "George and Helen Bliss"; on Page 8, Statistical Clerk, change to read "The year's end for statistical purposes is May 31st.")

The Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

ARRANGEMENTS: Ernie Von Seggern apologized for any discomfort or confusion in arrangements. He requested that windows and doors of air-conditioned rooms be kept closed. The swimming pool will be reserved for those who wish to swim laps from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Henry Lohmann reviewed the names of those involved in the Children's Program.

80-20

SCHEDULE REVIEW: Assistant Clerk Micki Graham-Newlin presented three changes in the tentative schedule. The PYM Schedule as changed was APPROVED.

A Sharing Group may hold its first meeting during the period for Interest Groups, but if the Sharing Group wishes to continue, it should schedule further meetings at a different time.

About twelve Interest Groups meet per day, an increase from recent years. It was suggested that a brief written report be made to the Chronicle about particular Interest Groups for the information of those who did not attend.

JUNIOR FRIENDS: Kerri Hamilton expressed frustration with the poor response she has received from her requests for help; however, good plans have been developed for a program of workshops and activities. David Foster is the Junior High School Advisor. Representatives thanked Kerri Hamilton for sharing her feelings.

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Ozzie Stout and Tom Farley described the variety of groups: ten unstructured, four Quaker dialogues, six theme-oriented, and an unprogrammed Meeting for Worship.

80-21

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT: Martha Dart proposed the names of Peter Nutting, Clerk; Lowell Tozer; and Jeanne Lohmann for the EPISTLE COMMITTEE. Representative Committee APPROVED bringing those names to Plenary Session.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT, Continued

State of the Society Report will be a Meeting for Worship with sharing in response to queries prepared from six recurring themes in the State of the Society Reports from Monthly Meetings.

Ministry and Oversight has sponsored ten Interest Groups.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION: Ellie Foster reminded Friends that the Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation will briefly convene during the sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Pegge Lacey announced that she has brought 170 copies of the reprinted Faith and Practice for sale at \$2.00 per copy. This is not a revision, simply part of a reprint of 1,500 to meet the needs until a revision is prepared. Copies will be on sale from the AFSC Bookstores in Southern California and San Francisco and the University Bookstore in North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Discipline Committee is sponsoring four Interest Groups: "Are we Christians?" "Changing Personal Relations" "Are we good stewards?" and "Individual and Spiritual Growth."

Plenary Session Time (Tuesday 10-12:00 noon) will examine our Advices and Queries by breaking into eight groups according to Worship-Fellowship Group.

YOUNG FRIENDS: Jim Navarro announced two panels sponsored by Young Friends: "What Gathers Us?" and "Discovering God's Will in our Lives." Young Friends plan discussion of the draft and registration and plan to coordinate two Meetings for Worship with Junior Friends.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Virginia Groninger indicated four concerns before the Finance Committee: 1) Budget for 1980-81; 2) Increased travel expense reimbursement for members of committees who cannot spare the time for cheaper means of transportation but cannot afford the cost of faster means; 3) Equalizing the cost of Yearly Meeting for Friends from the North and South; 4) How to encourage Monthly Meetings to help members attend Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Finance Committee will report in two Plenary Sessions: Tuesday night the Treasurer will report and Finance Committee will present the guidelines and results of their deliberation about the distribution of contributions to Friends Organizations; Friday morning Finance Committee will present the 1980-81 proposed PYM Budget. An open meeting of Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

Stratton Jaquette distributed Financial Statements (Attach. #2).

PEACE COMMITTEE: Ellen Lyon requested more money be budgeted to Peace Committee because members are not taking their travel reimbursements to prevent over-spending the budget. That concern was forwarded to Finance Committee.

A Hiroshima Day Vigil is planned in cooperation with the Chico Peace Endeavor. A statement was read to Representatives and request was made for permission to circulate it in the name of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

LET US NOT FORGET

We stand here in silent prayer as a memorial to the hundreds of thousands destroyed and maimed in the A Bomb blast August 6, 1945, in Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, August 9, 1945.

We pledge all our efforts to a search for peace.

We believe Hiroshima's disaster is an awesome glimpse at the all-too-possible future -- not only of what may happen to our country, but to all of humanity.

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends

80-22 Representatives APPROVED using the name of Pacific Yearly Meeting with this statement.

Peace Committee is sponsoring a large number of Interest Groups.

The first session of Representative Committee closed in silence.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE SESSION II, August 4, 1980 9:00 a.m.

The second session of Representative Committee opened with a period of silent worship.

Additional Representatives and Clerks were introduced. Friends welcomed Floyd Schmoie.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE: Bob Schutz described the task of his committee as to think about a social order in which a Peace Committee will not be necessary!

Plenary Session for Social Order Committee Thursday evening will present six responses to the questions, "What is a Friendly Social Order? and what is thy place in it?" Panelists will speak for five minutes and allow ten minutes for responses.

Social Order Committee offers four Interest Group and an open meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Foy Van Dolsen announced that following the successful Conference on Quaker Religious Thought and Life (the former Theology Conference), Friends decided not to pursue Pacific Yearly Meeting sponsorship for the Conference. Education Committee is sponsoring four Interest Groups.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE: Rose Lewis shared her committee's concern for Ham Sok Han and the small meeting in Korea and small meetings of Friends in other parts of Asia. Recently Korea Quaker News, edited by Janice Clevinger, and newsletters published by the AFSC in Tokyo and by Lake Erie Yearly Meeting have been laid down. There is a need for information to Friends about conditions in Korea; Friend in the Orient Committee is exploring how to respond to that need. They will report to the Friday morning Plenary Session.

Room 107 Craig is open for those wishing to meet with committee members. There are no Interest Groups planned.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION: Van Ernst reported that she will be able to fill the twenty minutes allotted to FWCC in the Plenary Session Tuesday evening. There will be an Interest Group on FWCC.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE: Meta Ruth Ferguson announced plans to cut back from 10 to 8 issues per year because of increased costs. Friends inquired the cost of maintaining 10 issues per year -- about \$1,500. Friends requested that more consideration be given to the Bulletin Committee's proposal at the Thursday Representative Committee Meeting because of the value of the publication to Friends.

BRINTON VISITOR: Joan Fasken reported that Finnish Friend, Elvi Saari, will be in California for six weeks starting in March, 1981. Because of her rich background and experience, she would make an excellent Brinton Visitor although Brinton Visitors are usually planned for alternate years. Representative Committee felt easy about Joan Fasken's bringing the proposal directly to Plenary Session.

PRELIMINARY SITE COMMITTEE REPORT: Sandy Farley reported for Jim Brune that reservations have been made for the U. C. Irvine Campus for the second week in August. She listed the following as essential needs for a yearly meeting:

- Meeting room for 300-500 people
- Dining room for 300-500 people
- Access for handicapped, elderly, and infants
- Sleeping accomodation both indoors and out for 300-600 people
- Costs should not exceed Chico 1980
- Location closer to population centers

PRELIMINARY SITE COMMITTEE REPORT Continued

There are disadvantages to the Irvine site -- uncertainty about cost, difficulty of camping. More flexibility about time for meeting would open some possibilities otherwise closed. Friends appeared open to meeting the last two weeks in June as one suggestion. Further suggestions for changes included shortening PYM one day and changing the schedule so that PYM would run over a weekend. An open meeting of Site Committee is scheduled for 3:30-4:15 in 210 Craig Tuesday.

COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim Sanatel proposed the following names: Margaret Mossman, David Noble, and Jeannette Norton class of '83; Susanna Calderon, Clerk of Nominating Committee. These names will be brought to a Plenary Session.

HONOLULU MEETING: Sharon Swindle informed Friends of the Meeting's activities which include involvement with a Conference for a Nuclear Free Pacific, work with immigrants, ties with other churches. Construction is going on with the Meeting House that includes addition to the residence. Currently Mike and Margie Yarrow are the resident couple; in September George and Helen Bliss will come. Friends are invited to the Honolulu Meeting Retreat the first weekend in February. Leis were presented to the officiating clerks as tokens of Honolulu Friends' greetings to all PYM participants.

MEXICO CITY MONTHLY MEETING: David Hernandez reminded Friends of the special conditions of his Monthly Meeting: its small size of thirty-six members, seventeen active; the problems of Mexico City's enormous size which requires traveling hours to committee meetings. The Meeting has been actively involved in the Coordinating Committee for Latin American Friends and with Aid to Friends in Nicaragua. The General Reunion of Friends in Mexico is scheduled for the 13-16th of September. "Because we are so small we make such efforts to see one another."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY MEETING: Marie Parker reported that the theme of the three meetings this past year has been "Meeting as Community." Madge and Ben Seaver participated and enriched the February Midwinter Fellowship. Peace and Social Order concerns have included Draft counseling and support for one Friend's trip to the USSR. The theme for next year will be "Nurturing Personal Relationships."

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING: Eric Moon detailed a number of concerns that engage the attention of Friends, including Relief and Refugee problems, peace, the draft, anti-nuclear action. The quarter expressed joy at sharing with Madge and Ben Seaver.

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING, Continued

Friends asked about current developments with FASE (Friends Association for Service to the Elderly). Eric briefly described the three corporations which College Park has created as extensions of their concerns: College Park Friends Educational Association (CPFEA) whose chief care is John Woolman School, FASE, and an incipient corporation to care for the Quaker Center at Ben Lomond. Elizabeth Gustafson will be given 10 minutes to describe current FASE activities during a Plenary Session.

The second session of Representative Committee closed with a period of silence.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE SESSION III, August 7, 1980 10:00 a.m.

The third session of Representative Committee opened with a period of silent worship.

MINUTES OF SESSION I and II have been duplicated and are available for inspection in the Secretariat.

80-23 AGENDA of the Third Session was read, amplified, and APPROVED.

IAN THIERMAN'S CONCERNS That 1) A Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race, a statement sponsored by many groups, receive wide attention by Friends, and 2) That the PYM Peace Committee's discussion of war resistance through both war tax refusal and draft resistance seemed unfinished, were discussed. After discussion Reps. agreed that 1) the statement be passed on to Peace Committee for appropriate action, and 2) that Peace Committee with Ian sponsor a threshing session Friday afternoon, 3:00-4:00, to further consider ways to support war resisters, including members of PYM who minute their resistance; and that word of this session be given to Plenary Session. These actions were APPROVED.

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TRAVELING MINUTE for Bob Vogel, Karen Hilsdale, and Paul Hilsdale, who will be traveling under a concern to the USSR, will be prepared by Clerk Ellie Foster for endorsement by Pacific Yearly Meeting. Representatives APPROVED this action.

COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim Sanetel recommended the names of Margaret Mossman, David Noble, and Jeanette Norton to serve terms on Nominating Committee ending in 1983, and recommended Susanna Calderon for Clerk. Representative Committee APPROVED forwarding these recommendations to a Plenary Session. (These are the same names proposed by this committee in Session II.)

80-25

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE: Kerri Hamilton expressed her relief at being able to speak to Representatives about her difficulties with the Committee's work. There are 20 Junior High School and 10 High School age Friends at Yearly Meeting; she and David Foster have worked most

80-27 JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE, Continued
closely with the Junior High group. Linda and Michael Dunn have expressed willingness to serve next year as High School Advisors. A threshing session for the Junior Yearly Meeting program is scheduled for Friday afternoon, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Kerri read a statement which was APPROVED as an attachment to these Minutes (Attachment #3).

80-28 MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT: Martha Dart read the following statement:
"In the light of responses to the Ministry and Oversight Committee communication regarding the use of alcohol and drugs at this yearly meeting and in view of a concern that a number of Friends have brought to us about pressures for excessive use of these substances in their social and business affairs, we ask that these subjects be seasoned in the Monthly Meetings during the coming year for an open discussion at a General Session during the 1981 Pacific Yearly Meeting."
Representatives APPROVED that this statement be made part of the Representative Committee report to a Plenary Session.

80-29 Kerri Hamilton and David Foster Stipend: Ministry and Oversight proposed paying a stipend to Kerri and David in acknowledgment of their work as Advisors to the Junior High and High School Programs. In the discussion that followed, it was established that the Yearly Meeting has not ceased to pay stipends to High School Advisors as a change in policy; rather, there have been no High School Advisors in recent years to receive stipends. The question, What is adequate compensation? both for Kerri and David, and for future Advisors was raised. The following action was proposed to Representatives: 1) Inquire of Hank Lohmann (PYM Children's Program Coordinator) what is currently paid to Advisors in the Children's Program; 2) Research what direction earlier PYM Minutes give; 3) Share the results of inquiry and research with the Clerk of Finance Committee and the Treasurer who will determine an appropriate amount to be paid to Kerri Hamilton and David Foster from the Clerk's Discretionary Fund. Representatives APPROVED this course of action. A report of the action taken will be made to the March Representative Committee Meeting.

80-30 PEACE COMMITTEE: Ellen Lyon requested that Nominating Committee propose two Representatives to attend the New Call to Peacemaking Conference and that those Representatives serve as ex officio members of Peace Committee. Representatives APPROVED this request be forwarded to Nominating Committee for action.

80-31 WESTCOAST GATHERING OF FRIENDS: The current proposal of a small, geographically representative gathering of Friends from Pacific, North Pacific, and Inter-Mountain Yearly Meetings to be held over the Labor Day Weekend, 1982, was discussed. Feeling was expressed that a gathering limited to one hundred, restricting some who might wish to attend, was not in the spirit of the gathering originally proposed and desired by Friends. The Committee to Plan a Westcoast Gathering of Friends is ASKED TO PROCEED with contacting Ministry and Over-

WESTCOAST GATHERING OF FRIENDS, Continued.
sight Committees of Pacific, North Pacific, and Inter-Mountain
Yearly Meetings, to propose a Gathering and to determine inter-
est, aware that sentiment ~~was~~ expressed in the PYM Representative
Committee is for a large gathering without restrictions by
geographical representation.

1981 PROPOSED PYM BUDGET: Virginia Croninger communicated for the
Friends Bulletin Committee that 1) The
Committee wishes to continue to publish ten issues per year; 2)
That the cost of maintaining 10 issues would be an additional
\$1,800.00; 3) That that cost be covered through an increase in
Individual Yearly Subscriptions of \$1.50, from \$7.00 to \$8.50
per year; 4) That to encourage subscription through the Monthly
Meetings, the increase for yearly subscriptions made through the
Monthly Meeting be only \$1.00; 5) That the PYM Subsidy of the
Friends Bulletin be increased \$700.00, from \$3,900 to \$4,600.
This proposal is incorporated in the proposed 1981 PYM Budget.

80-32 Other Increases: Committee Expense for Ministry and Oversight
be increased \$100.00; Peace Committee, \$50.00, A contribution of
\$150.00 be made to Young Friends of North America. To cover
increases in cost, it is proposed that the revenue from Contribu-
tions from Member Meetings be increased by raising the PYM Quota
from \$13.50 to \$14.50 -- the first increase in the PYM Quota in
three years. The quota from Mexico City and Honolulu Monthly
Meetings is unchanged. Representatives APPROVE forwarding the
Proposed 1981 PYM Budget to a Plenary Session.

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TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: Ministry and Oversight Committee requested
Finance Committee examine the need for additional travel reim-
bursement to "members of committees who cannot spare the time for
cheaper means of transportation but cannot afford the cost of the
faster means." Finance Committee proposed the following Minute:

A special travel reserve fund will be established
from unexpended committee funds. The fund's purpose
is to insure the availability of supplemental
travel reimbursement for those committee members
who otherwise could not attend committee meetings.
Committee Clerks may request this supplemental
reimbursement from the Treasurer for their members,
as appropriate.

80-33 Representatives APPROVED forwarding this Minute to a Plenary
Session.

SITE COMMITTEE REPORT; Sandra Farley had no new information to
present about the formerly proposed U.C.
Irvine site. In light of expected expense and difficult camping
arrangements, Representatives did not recommend proposing this
site to a Plenary Session. The Site Committee is charged with
meeting within the next six weeks, aware of the latitude Represent-
atives have given in dates for sessions, and is asked to present
a recommendation for Representative Committee's action in March.
A tentative reservation will be made at Craig Hall, Chico, as a

safeguard should no other site be found.

The third session of Representative Committee closed with a period of silent worship.

Richard W. Sanders,
Representative Committee
Recording Clerk

ATTACHMENT #1, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS OF PYM:

Presiding Clerk -- Ellie Foster
Assist. Clerk -- Micki Graham-Newlin
Co-Recording Clerks -- Paul Niebanck
Bob Vogel
Rep. Com Recording Clerk -- Richard Sanders
Reading Clerk --
Statistical Clerk -- John Draper
Treasurer -- Stratton Jaquette
Registrar --
Arrangements Clerk -- Ernie Von Seggern
Asst. Arrange. Clerk -- Charlie Swift
Historian-Archivist -- Jan Tappan
Holding Corp. Clerk -- Robert T. Young
Editor, Friends Bulletin -- Shirley Ruth
Past Clerk -- Lowell Tozer
Young Friends -- Jim Navarro
Young Friends Asst. -- Martine Ernst
Jr. Yearly Mtg. --

CLERKS OF COMMITTEES

Ministry & Oversight--Martha Dart
Brinton Visitor -- Joan Fasken
Worship Fellowship--Ospyn Stout
Tom Farley
Bulletin -- Meta Ruth Ferguson
Children's Prog.--Hank Lohmann
Discipline--Pegge Lacey
Education--Foy Van Dolsen
Finance--Virginia Croninger
Friend in the Orient--Rose Lewis
Friends in Schools
Junior Yearly Meeting--Kerri Hamilton
Nominating--Kitty Barragato
Peace--Ellen Lyon
Sites--Sandra Farley for Jim Brune
Social Order--Bob Schutz

College Park Q.M.--Eric Moon
Berkeley--Isaiah Meyer, Rep.
Gordon Guy Bernstein, Obs.

Davis--Dana Abell, Rep.
John Draper, Obs.
Delta--Catherine Bruner, Rep.
Fresno--Lowell Barnett, Rep.
Grass Valley--Gerri Alcamo, Rep.
Hayward Area--
Humboldt--
Marin--Louise Aldrich, Rep.
Sandra Farley, Alt. Rep.
Monterey Penn.--Lillias Adlercron
Palo Alto--Helen Currier, Rep.
Redwood Forest--Nancy Springer, Rep
Reno--
Sacramento--Chuck Hubbell, Rep.
San Francisco--Marilyn Heilman, Rep
Victor Staadecker/Ob
San Jose--Lea Frey, Rep.
San Luis Obispo--
Santa Cruz--Earle Reynolds, Rep.
Strawberry Creek--Bill Cooper, Rep.
Visalia--

Southern Calif. Q.M.--Marie Parker
Claremont--Leonard Dart, Rep.
Bill Lombardy, Alt Rep
La Jolla--Pat Niska, Rep
Los Angeles--Sang Dal Cha, Rep.
Marloma--Jean Flores, Rep.
Orange County--Jeanette Norton, Rep
Orange Grove--Gerri House, Rep
Margaret Mints, Alt Rep
Pacific Ackworth--Asenath Young
Palomar--Gretchen Tuthill, Rep.
Redlands--
Riverside--
San Diego--
San Fernando--
Santa Barbara--David R. Noble, Rep.
Santa Monica--Jim Sanetel, Rep.
Westwood--Wilma Gurney, Rep.
Whitleaf--

Honolulu M.M.--Sharon Swindle, Rep.
Polly Pool, Alt. Rep
Mexico City--David Hernandez, Rep.

ATTACHMENT # 3

I would like to encourage Meetings and individuals to respond to the need for assistance to the Junior Yearly Meeting and support them in their younger years.

I hope that we could begin, or rather continue, a process of learning how to deal with the roots of the problems that we as a Yearly Meeting have -- such as the lack of community between the "Adult" Yearly Meeting and the "Junior" Yearly Meeting; the fact that many Young Friends are not brought up with strong Quaker teachings, or much knowledge of Quaker history, but rather are brought to PYM solely because their parents bring them, and do not intend to attend the meetings of their program; and the use of drugs and alcohol among some Friends at PYM.

I pray and have faith that we will not sweep these issues under the rug, and will labor with them until the end.

Kerri Hamilton,
Clerk, Junior Yearly
Meeting Committee