OPENING MINUTE

On a pleasantly warm August afternoon, Friends gathered in the dining room at Craig Hall, Chico, California, to venture together as the 35th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Following a worshipful silence, presiding Clerk Eleanor Foster offered an opening minute on our behalf.

1981-1 We have come to Yearly Meeting to better understand how to live in two widely disparate worlds. The joy we feel in each other's presence reminds us that there is a Commonwealth of Love. We will also remind each other to examine honestly the world of sorrows for we are called to live in it and to cherish it. In the depths of the spirit may we find the courage to bring the two together, and may holy silence surround and sustain us. The 35th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now in session.

INTRODUCTIONS

The clerk introduced herself and the following officers:

Assistant Clerk: Rosalie Pizzo Strain
Co-Recording Clerks: Eric Moon and Paul Niebanck
Reading Clerk: Margaret Brooks
Young Friends Clerk: Martine Ernst
Junior Friends Clerk: Aaron Cole
Junior High Friends Clerk: Ellen Ridgway

ROLL CALL OF MEETINGS

Rosalie Pizzo Strain read the roll of Monthly Meetings affiliated with PYM, and Friends stood as their meeting's name was read. All Monthly Meetings were represented at this opening session, as well as the following worship groups: Morongo Basin (located in Yucca Valley), Sonoma Valley, Chico, Humboldt, and Maui. The participation of Friends from our sister yearly meeting, North Pacific, was also celebrated.

VISITORS

An inspiring number of visiting Friends, presenting letters of introduction or travel minutes from their home meetings, were introduced: Ann Stever, who clerked North Pacific Yearly Meeting's Steering Committee and will address Tuesday morning's plenary session; Alfred and Dorothea Morse, the latter serving as clerk to Friends General Conference; Molly Sorell from Hampstead Preparative Meeting of London Yearly Meeting; Hannah Pearce from Thackstead Monthly Meeting of London Yearly Meeting; Samuel E. Mathews from Community Monthly Meeting in Cincinnati; Keith Barton from Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting; Micki Stirling from Vancouver Monthly Meeting; Robert J. Leach from Geneva Monthly Meeting; and Willis Good from Southampton (Pa.) Monthly Meeting. The attendance of Nina Hoffman, a Friend from Idaho, and former PYM Clerk Catherine Bruner was also noted.
GREETINGS

Reading Clerk Margaret Brooks read three letters from Friends' organizations, addressed to our August gathering: executive secretary Asia Bennett wrote on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee, mentioning the AFSC's continued strengthening of its Quaker connections and listing AFSC staff, board and corporation members who would be attending PYM; Quaker representative Stephen Thiermann wrote on behalf of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), providing an outline of that group's work for the next two years; and general secretary Richard Meredith wrote on behalf of Friends World Committee on Consultation revealing plans for an FWCC International Gathering in Kenya in 1982.

PYM EPISTLE COMMITTEE

Ministry and Oversight Committee clerk Martha Dart introduced to the plenary session the Epistle Committee approved that morning by PYM Representatives Committee: Jeanne Lohmann (convener), Joan Fasken, and Sang Dal Cha.

ORIENTATION

Martha Dart identified Craig 131 as a special "meditation room" with devotional literature for Friends seeking spiritual refreshment any time during the PYM week. On Wednesday, the "quiet morning", Friends who wish to walk around unaccosted by more talkative attenders will be provided with blue ribbons to wear. For Friends with an opposite problem -- i.e., insufficiently accosted -- particularly first-time attenders, the wearing of an orange dot on one's PYM badge is designed to elicit Friendly conversations, even from those heretofore strangers. An additional boon to new and wider acquaintanceships will be the "welcoming tea" at the rise of this opening session.

PYM Children's Program coordinator Mary Miehe made a strong appeal for volunteers; as many as ninety will be needed at different times during PYM week. This year's Children's Program staff are: Greg and Margaret Howard Jamison with infants and toddlers; Carole Kelly for the morning program with preschoolers; Snow Mountain and Jade Satterthwaite for the morning program with children age six to twelve; Donna Clark coordinating afternoon trips to Bidwell mansion and Centerville covered bridge, a hay-ride, and a canoe trip; and Mark Shepard showing evening movies at 3:30 following "capture-the-flag". Other afternoon options will include a crafts room, a quiet games and puzzles room, a room for napping, and the swimming pool, but volunteers are needed to staff all these "stations".

Arden Pierce, clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, provided some details on the content and locations of Junior Friends' and Junior High Friends' activities for the week. Linda and Michael Dunn are Junior Friends' advisors; Kerri Hamilton and Dave Calderon are serving as advisors to Junior High Friends. Young Friends Clerk Martine Ernst listed two events Young Friends will sponsor this week: "A Religious Consideration of the Use and Misuses of Drugs and Alcohol" on Tuesday evening and a small-groups sharing time, "Minding the Spiritual Life in Our Daily Living", on Wednesday immediately after dinner.

1981-2 MINUTE OF APPRECIATION

Plenary session approved expressing our appreciation to Henry Lohmann for his work as clerk to the Children's Program Committee in preparation for the program we had just heard outlined. (Hank unfortunately is unable to attend PYM this year.)
SHARING AND CONCERNS  We entered into a period of worship for sharing and concerns.

One Friend read a letter written in 1979 by Nina and Wilbert Braxton, teachers at the Friends School in Ramallah, on the West Bank, telling of the suffering of Palestinians there.

Two Friends asked for our thoughts and prayers for Pacific Ackworth School and particularly for Alice and John Way.

Another Friend lifted up into the Light the "Law of the Sea" Treaty currently being negotiated despite the apparent reluctance of our government to participate in good faith.

A Friend urged us to demonstrate concrete commitment to energy conservation by minimizing energy use at PYM (for instance, by turning off unneeded lights).

We were reminded that we must live during PYM under the discipline of the Spirit and so must enter all our sessions promptly, quietly, worshipfully, ready to give our best attention to the work at hand.

One Friend was moved to pray: "That God may, in the old Quaker phrase, 'speak through us as through a trumpet', may we refrain from blowing our own horns.'

Clerk Eleanor Foster then announced adjournment, to be followed within the hour by the first of our afternoon meetings for worship.

Eric Moon, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION II: Meeting for Worship, 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 1991

We are alive to the presence of the indwelling Spirit.

We have no fear.

We are ready to do Thy will.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION III  7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 1991

The meeting opened in silent worship.

EPISTLES  Reading Clerk Margaret Brooks read epistles from Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and the General Conference of Friends in India. These epistles spoke of their concerns regarding militarism, exploitation, poverty and hunger, and of their yearning to find fresh ways to express their individual and corporate concerns. The Philadelphia epistle described vividly a public witness for peace at Independence Hall and the hope that the unity of that hour would
remain with them for years to come. The Indian epistle also rejoiced in
the renewal of hope that its attenders found in their coming together.

A letter from the Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists of the USSR
was also read. It thanked us for sending Robert Vogel and Paul and
Karen Hillsdale as messengers of peace and friendship, and it prayed
God's abundant blessings on the activities of all peacemakers.

VISITING FRIENDS Several visitors were introduced and welcomed: Mar-
45. garet Jump, Charlotte Wise and Jim Whittier, from
North Pacific Yearly Meeting; David Edinger and Lois Ellis, from Califor-
nia Yearly Meeting; Virginia Gilmore, from Illinois Yearly Meeting;
and Kate Langworthy, from New England Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES The minutes of Session I were read, corrected and approved.

The minutes of Session II were read and accepted.

PEACE COMMITTEE Franklin Zahn, Clerk of the Peace Committee, read a pro-
posed leaflet for Hiroshima Day regarding the production
and use of nuclear weapons. Following a brief discussion, the minute was
referred to committee for editorial changes.

STATISTICAL REPORT John Draper, Statistical Clerk, described certain
shifts that have occurred within Pacific Yearly
Meeting during the past two decades. Virtually half of the Monthly
Meetings that currently comprise PYM did not exist in 1961. Numerical
growth is slower now than it was during the 1960s, and we have experi-
cenced a sharp recent decline in the recorded number of children. The
number of young people moving directly into adult membership is minus-
cule, and there are almost as many active attenders as there are active
members. John concluded his report with thanks to Monthly Meeting re-
corders for their service and with evidence of the intimacy of our com-
munity.

STATE OF THE SOCIETY Martha Dart and Roland Schinzinger presented a set
of observations and queries to which members of
the Ministry and Oversight Committee had been led as they read the vari-
ous state-of-society reports. Dialogue ensued.

Is worship a safe place where you receive confirmation of a
transient condition, or is it a place where you give your-
selves over to the Spirit, not knowing where it will lead?

Worship is expressive of relationship; hard work and self-
discipline are required to strengthen it.

Amidst the tensions of meeting for business, can you face
your weaknesses in order to achieve growth? Do you see tol-
erance as a strength or as a weakness?

We can identify and face some causes of tension relatively
easily: for example, low or selective attendance; too many
roles for too few people; inexperience with, or neglect of,
good order ... Other sources of tension are more elusive or more threatening: our difficulty in accepting anger, perhaps, or our fear that conflict will lead to permanent division ... or even our dependence on conflict in the absence of sufficient spiritual understanding. The usefulness of, and transforming possibilities within, the tension of business meeting are found in trusting ourselves, listening to the spirit of the concern, and waiting silently, expectantly for what we can learn. We are a religious society, and our witness is deeply rooted. There is a source to which we may go, co-operatively, and it is the Will of God.

Can you see ways to support one another more fully without violating individual needs for privacy? Are you able to receive, as well as to give?

We are a fellowship of struggle, in which human difficulty is meant to be shared. The ministry of healing is one way to use our gifts in new ways. To help, and to clear the way, are things that we can do very well. We are meant to be "bothered."

Do you respond to the crises of our times with faith and love, or with fear and frustration? Do you respond more out of a sense of guilt than from leadings of the Spirit?

We live in the Spirit which can convert fear and frustration into faith and love. Our experience of guilt or shame, our contact with the terrors and horrors of our time, our sense of powerlessness -- these are washed by our knowledge that the Kingdom is at hand. In need of forgiveness, we know that we are forgiven. "Oh, He gets me up in the morning, and He sends me on my way ... Hallelujah!"

Do we invite junior Friends to participate on committees and at Meeting for Business, and do we make them welcome? Do we play together well?

Children help us to recognize that we are playing all the time, that we are participants in the creation ... And that an important aspect of play is trust ... And that we can entrust important tasks to children and youth.

Growth comes to some Meetings easily, and to others only with great stress and strain. Where is the difference?

Growth is inhibited when we fail to take seriously our special purpose, or when we define things so tightly that the Spirit cannot get through. Growth is real when we accept its natural rhythms, and when we welcome the difficulties associated with it, and when we attend to the integrity of faith and works. The Divine seed that produces growth is within us.

The meeting closed.
The meeting opened in silent worship.

EPISTLES Margaret Brooks, Reading Clerk, read from epistles from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Danish Yearly Meeting and Nebraska Yearly Meeting. The springs of ministry are not dry. "I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts." (Jeremiah 31:33)

Margaret called attention to the tender closing of the epistle from Iowa: "Much love," it read.

VISITING FRIENDS Wilfred and Mary Howorth were introduced, and a traveling minute from Media Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, was read.

MINUTES The minutes of Session III were read, corrected and approved.

PEACE COMMITTEE Eleanor Foster, Clerk, read the proposed minute regarding nuclear arms and disarmament that had been held over from Session III. The minute was approved.

1981-3 We stand here in silent prayer as a memorial to the hundreds of thousands destroyed and maimed in the atomic bomb blasts August 6, 1945 in Hiroshima and August 9, 1945 in Nagasaki. We pledge our efforts to a search for peace and a cessation of all weapons research and manufacture.

We pray that the earth become a nuclear free zone. We believe that world security lies not in worldly power, nor in armaments, but in the power of universal love to speak to that of God in everyone.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE Linda Niebanck, Recording Clerk of Representative Committee, read a proposed minute regarding Mexico City Friends' request to send a written report to mid-year Representative Committee and to send two representatives to Yearly Meeting, rather than one. Several Friends spoke of the precious relationship we have with Mexico City Meeting, of our need to strengthen that relationship, of the various ways in which we might facilitate travel of Mexico City representatives, and of our concern for good order. Representative Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday to consider the matter further.

ADDRESS BY ANN STEVER:

Eleanor Foster introduced Ann Stever, who is past Clerk of North Pacific Yearly Meeting Steering Committee and who recently led an AFSC delegation to South Africa.

Ann spoke on "The Spiritual Base of Our Life and Work." For Ann, the base is in the historic and abiding testimonies of the Old Testament prophets, the Gospel with its special emphasis on love, and the unique beliefs and practices of Quakers. We must begin where the prophets began, in the
recognition of the glory, the transcendence, the power of God -- "Let justice run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24) -- and in our willingness to serve, however unworthy we might feel -- "Here I am; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

Jesus sustained the prophetic call -- "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead" (Matt. 9:21-22) -- and renewed the commitment to social justice. And He added His own commandment: "That ye love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Friends' recognition that there is that of God in every person leads us to our opposition to war and violence, to our conviction that people can change, and to our optimism and idealism. We are led to experiment, to learn, to risk failure, to share with those who suffer, and to work together to see what love can do. Our witness is that unconditional love can help release a love-response in other people.

Ann recounted several experiences within her AFSC work that have provided her strength and sustained her commitment to social justice. Recent among these was the occasion that she took, in a racially mixed group, to ride the third-class black car on the train in South Africa. Symbolic of the experience was the response of Scarnell Lean, Clerk of Southern Africa Yearly Meeting, when the group was challenged by police with orders to remove it from the train. "We have our own orders," he said. "... they're written on our hearts." The human capacity to see things freshly, and to take a right action, was evident on that occasion -- and is evident in our everyday lives as well.

Our challenge, of course, is to represent ourselves in the real and political world. "True godliness doesn't turn (us) out of the world, but enables (us) to live better in it and excites (our) endeavors to mend it." (William Penn) As we respond, we are aware of several inherent tensions:

Between humility and assurance;
Between action and acceptance;
Between spiritual grounding and political assessment; and
Between confrontation and conciliation.

Ann cited Kenneth Kaunda, president of Zambia and author of "The Riddle of Violence," as an example of a person who has tried to hold these commitments in creative tension. He has concluded that he cannot remain a pacifist in the face of a system in South Africa which denies black people the right to be, the right to belong, and the right to have -- a system which "seeks to do nothing less than obliterate the image of God in a large part of humanity." As we consider our pacifist position, we might take seriously four queries:

"Are you taking with sufficient seriousness the tenacity and depth of violence in the structures of society and the social disruption its diminution is likely to require?

"May nonviolent action emasculate effective resistance at crucial points in a struggle?"
"In adhering to this as an absolute principle, are you not in danger of giving the means priority over the ends sought?"

"Are you more concerned with your own 'good' conscience than with the good of the oppressed?"

As we allow ourselves to share the experience of those who suffer, as we break out of the bonds imposed by our own race, our class and our culture ..., we will be led, Ann concluded, in perhaps a variety of ways, to respond to God's call and to act out of our spiritual basis.

Words of gratitude were expressed in the silence following Ann Stever's address, and intentions to make it available widely among Friends were voiced. Friends spoke of the difference between political pacifism and spiritual pacifism, of the reality of suffering within the heart of the oppressor, of the humanity that is robbed by institutional and governmental violence, and of the presence of God in relationship: "Every person in the heart of God."

The meeting closed in silent worship.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARSMEETING SESSION V: Meeting for Worship, 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4
What is required of us is that we see each other through.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARSMEETING SESSION VI

The meeting opened in silent worship.

EPISTLES Margaret Brooks, Reading Clerk, read epistles from New York Yearly Meeting and from Religiose Gesellschaft Der Freunde. A large attendance of young people, and celebration through singing, added to the vitality of the New York meeting. The German epistle expressed the yearning, "Mindfully but without undue haste, ... to move forward -- jointly -- step by step."

Eleanor Foster, Clerk, acknowledged the arrival of Tony Henry, Executive Secretary of the Northern California AFSC office, and voiced Ann Stever's regret that the air traffic controllers' strike prevented her from staying with us longer.

MINUTES After the Recording Clerk, Paul Niebanck, read the minutes of Session IV, several Friends witnessed that, in subsequent conversation with Ann Stever, she affirmed that she had used Kenneth Kaunda's life to exemplify the degree of self-examination that is required of pacifists in situations of sustained oppression.

The minutes of Session IV were corrected and approved.
The minutes of Session V were read and accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE  Susanna Calderon, Clerk of Nominating Committee, distributed the committee's preliminary report and asked Friends to suggest persons who might serve well in the positions as yet unfilled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE   Walter Klein, Clerk of Finance Committee, distributed the interim financial report and interim balance sheet. He noted that interest on invested capital appears sufficient to allay the need for an increase in the quota, and he interpreted the relatively high travel expenses for Clerk and for Ministry and Oversight Committee as evidence of their good work. Walter asked for approval of an increase in mileage allocation formulas from 4 and 9 cents, to 5 and 10 cents. His request was approved.

1981-4 Reimbursement for travel to mid-year Representative Committee will henceforth be five cents per mile, and for other travel on PYM business will be ten cents per mile.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION   Barbara Perry, convenor of our representatives to the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, provided us with vivid and personal evidence of how FWCC touches our lives. Virginia Heck, Joan Fasken and David Tappan also spoke briefly, describing FWCC's regionalization plans, its need for greater financial support, and the ways in which its small budget is used. One program, involving professional training for Guatemalan students who intend to return to their villages, has put Friends Tom and Trudy Hunt in some danger. We were asked to hold these Friends in our hearts.

The presentation concluded with acknowledgment of the relatively strong financial support that FWCC receives from PYM Friends, and news that the theme of the Triennial in Kenya next year will be "The Transforming Power of the Love of God."

YOUNG FRIENDS' PRESENTATION ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Bruce Folsom introduced Jonathan Vogel, Martine Ernst, Asenath Young and Ed Morgenroth, and together they spoke to the subject, "External and Internal Pressures: A Religious Consideration of the Use and Misuse of Drugs and Alcohol." Bruce read five relevant queries. Statements by the other panelists followed; then, after a larger dialogue, the queries were read again. The queries were these:

"What is the religious basis for consideration of the use or misuse of drugs or alcohol?

"Are there external or internal pressures which hinder our spiritual fulfillment?

"Do our addictions separate us from our true selves and one another? As a Society do they prevent us from developing a spiritually nurturing community? Do they separate us from the Holy Spirit?"
"What has been our individual experience in feeling pressured to go beyond the limitations we have set for ourselves in the use of drugs and alcohol? How have we handled this?

"How can we lay down the crutches which prevent us from being whole spiritual beings?"

From the presentation and the dialogue came many witnesses:

Each of us has experienced addiction. To drugs. To alcohol. To tobacco. To television. To lust. To activity. To fitting in. To purity...

Addiction does harm to relationship: It separates us; it interferes with understanding. Addiction does harm to the spirit: It inhibits our availability to the Divine; it dims the Light in others.

Some addictions are more benign, and certain practices can help to prevent addiction -- meditation, for some; exercise, for others.

Judgments don't help. Prohibitions don't help. Especially among Friends, whose ways are doggedly independent.

The devil is always ready, in another guise, to fill the void. Our recourse is to God, to prayer, to the promise of wholeness, to the recognition of ourselves as creatures of God.

Lord, free us to be Thy nimble fingers.

The meeting closed.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VII; Meeting for Worship, 4:15 - 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 5

On the third afternoon of PYM week, fifty Friends gathered in Meeting for Worship. Several were led to offer vocal ministry:

... although I find it difficult to describe, or even affirm, an experience of God, I try to live as if God is a reality, for I sense God's witness in all of you ...

... when my love is purest, it is God's love ...

... in worship we seek stillness of mind. Like the surface of a lake rippled with waves, our unquiet minds cannot reflect things as they truly are ...

... I would hold up to the Light my will -- to see its flaws, and to understand that it cannot be otherwise than flawed, until I exchange it for God's will ...

Eric Moon, Co-Recording Clerk
EPISTLES Following a brief opening worship, Reading Clerk Margaret Brooks read to us a letter from London Yearly Meeting which accompanied the LYM Epistle, the LYM Epistle itself, and the Epistle from East Africa Yearly Meeting. British Friends offered their reaffirmation that "love is the truth about life", even in an increasingly unpeaceful world. East African Friends, meeting at Kaimosi Mission Station in Kenya, passed on to us the challenge of their gathering's theme: "Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."

MINUTES The minutes of Session VI were approved as read. The record of our Meeting for Worship (Session VII) was read.

Cleark Eleanor Foster announced that a follow-up discussion on the prohibition against consumption of alcohol and other drugs at Yearly Meeting would be held Thursday night at 10 in the Craig Hall dining room.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE Linda Niebanck, Recording Clerk to the Representative Committee, presented three recommendations from that committee for plenary consideration:

1981-5 WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS SUBCOMMITTEE: Plenary session approved the recommendation from Representative Committee (REPCOM '81-5) that the membership of the Ministry and Oversight Subcommittee on Worship-Fellowship Groups, heretofore nominated by PYM Nominating Committee, should instead be selected by Ministry and Oversight Committee itself.

1981-6 FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION: Plenary session approved the Representative Committee recommendation (REPCOM '81-60) that PYM, through its Nominating Committee, designate up to six Friends, with rotating three-year terms, as PYM representatives to General Committee of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) -- with the understanding that PYM will subsidize travel to the FCNL annual meeting for only one such representative each year.

Discussing the PYM Friends in Schools Committee, started several years ago as a sharing group for Friends who work in education, Friends enumerated the needs met by that committee and voiced hopes that those needs could be handled under the auspices of the PYM Social Order Committee.

1981-7 FRIENDS IN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Plenary session then approved the Representative Committee recommendation (REPCOM '81-13) that the PYM Friends in Schools Committee be laid down.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION FCL legislative advocate Pat Marrone spoke briefly about the work of the "Friends' lobby" in Sacramento on criminal justice and other issues and urged us to contact our state legislators personally.
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SOCIAL ORDER Ron Steelman, clerk to the PYM Social Order Committee, presented a minute proposed by that committee for testimony to a U.S. Congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians now holding public hearings on the West Coast. Ron talked about his feelings as a high schooler in Southern California as his classmates of Japanese ancestry disappeared into relocation camps pursuant to Executive Order 9066. Friends suggested that the proposed minute might include mention of the specifically religious grounds for the abhorrence we feel toward this injustice, and some recounting of Friends' experiences trying to alleviate the suffering caused by it. We agreed to hear the minute again Friday morning (Session XI), and Friends with particular interest in the minute were urged to talk with Ron in the meantime.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Barbara Graves, past clerk of the executive committee of the Northern California Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), acting as moderator, introduced the members of the panel: Robert Vogel, an active Friend who works as Finance Secretary for the Pasadena office of the AFSC; Paul Niestanck, an educator who serves on the AFSC executive committee in Northern California; Ruth Flower, legislative secretary for the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington; and Tony Henry, for the last six months executive secretary of the Northern California AFSC office. (Barbara cautioned us that though speakers might recount experiences as workers in institutional arenas, they would not be speaking as representatives of those institutions.)

Responding to the theme, "Faith and Works: How Can We Help One Another in That Which Is Eternal?" the panel proposed to devote their comments to three queries:
(1) What do you consider our shared religious base?
(2) As you experience it, what's the connection between that faith and your work and/or witness?
(3) How can we help each other in areas of either faith or work?
Following an hour of panel discussion, other Friends who felt so led would have an opportunity to respond to the queries as well.

Conscious that in the time in which we are living, God may be asking something, perhaps more than ever before, of us, the panelists and other Friends tried to trace out the connections between our faith and our works, our values and our lives:

A Quaker faith is difficult to pin down with words but can be read "between the lines" in the autobiographical journals of Friends' lives: that there is in the human potential something of the Divine, and something of the Divine at work in the world.

We Quakers seem to appreciate the complexity, the ambiguity, the paradox, even the confusion that seem to be part of the Reality of our universe. There is even a kind of mysticism within the confusion: Life is richer than simple cause-and-effect -- and a comfort in realizing that we are not in control of outcomes.
Visions -- of a Peaceable Kingdom, of a Commonwealth of the Lord, of the Kingdom of God -- draw and empower us in ways that fear of, and anger toward, the status quo cannot.

One's faith need not be an unchanging standard. As we walk further in the Way, we come to understand that faith and works grow together, proceed from and nurture one another. Faith enables us to discern the first (and next) steps, supplies resources and strength to undertake those steps, and challenges us with "Kingdom standards' with which to evaluate our works.

Action often precedes a complete belief; sometimes we must "put our bodies on the line" before we can see the full truth of the witness in which we are engaged. Works are always performed in faith; we can never be sure that our course is perfectly correct. If we have the faith to act on the Light we have been given, out of that faithfulness and action new Light will appear -- Friends' involvement in starting halfway houses for paroled prisoners originated in a much less radical ministry of prison visitation, and seems to be leading us now to work for the abolition of prisons themselves.

We must remain open to calls to unexpected ministries. Works proceeding from faith are not qualitatively different from one another, either in terms of those to whom we minister (political opponents or those with whom we feel more sympahy) -- or in terms of the nature of the work itself (health care is as much a ministry as social change work).

We can help one another by seasoning and talking through to clearness each other's leadings. In the midst of action, we can de-brief one another, caring enough to reflect to one another our honest perceptions. We can avoid categorizing each other, even in our minds, as "those spirituals" and "those activists", realizing instead that we are all ordinary folks doing sometimes scary things.

We can teach each other, including the young, the possibilities and rewards of being open, vulnerable, ready, alert. We can teach one another to be willing to do what we are called to and to accept that there are opportunities that we are not called to, or even turned away from. We can teach each other to be assertive, to respond fully, to go as far as our strength will permit, to speak out for what we are and for the world we hope for.

We can make ourselves available for the neglected varieties of ministries, the reflective and supportive ones: the ministry of sitting, of being there, of weathering, of tolerating.

Individual Friends have a wider freedom of choice among the works of faith than do our Friends' organizations or even our meetings. Individual Friends throughout our history, and within this Yearly Meeting, have been memorable missionaries taking Friends' values out into our culture -- or has the Society of Friends become a secret society?
When the occasions arise for our faith to translate itself into works, we need not fear inadequacy to the need. Joining our faith with that of other Friends, we may embark safely on the very ocean of darkness. It is easy in these times to be overwhelmed by our sense of personal weaknesses and powerlessness. Christ not only saves us but empowers us for God's use, even in ministries where to show forth God's love we will appear very foolish.

There is so much more we need to say, and behind that saying so much silence we need to hear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Assistant Clerk Rosalie Pizzo Strain read several notices regarding tomorrow's activities at PYM. The plenary decided to end worship-fellowship groups fifteen minutes early in order to start the PIM Discipline Committee's discussions at 9:30. Friends walking as a group to the peace vigil in Chico's downtown square will leave at 11:30 a.m. Friends were cautioned not to schedule interest groups and committee meetings during the periods blocked out for plenary sessions. PYM Nominating Committee Clerk Susanna Calderon made another plea for Friends' suggestions for nominations as assistant PYM registrar, arrangements clerk, and assistant arrangements clerk.

The plenary session closed with another moment of worshipful silence.

Eric Moon, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION IX: Memorial Worship, 4 - 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6

We celebrated the lives of Friends who died during the past year:

Berkeley Meeting    Blanche Ponzo Orange Grove Meeting La Verne Betty Nan Dorland
                     Fred McCulloch
Claremont Meeting    Robert Edwards Palo Alto Meeting Marie Marcus
                     Anna Stevens Gerald Tremblay Palomar Meeting Evelyn Damus
Davis Meeting        David Williams Redlands Worship Group Tacy Standing
Honolulu Meeting     Ruth Snyder San Diego Meeting Jack Bryant
Humboldt Worship Group Inga Paulsen San Jose Meeting Janet Payer Konare
La Jolla Meeting     Joshua Daily Santa Barbara Meeting Joseph Rosto
                     Margaret Barnard
Marin Meeting        Betty Anderson Santa Cruz Meeting Vern Reynolds
Marloma Meeting      Ann Gifford Santa Monica Meeting Harriet Wendell
                     Forrest Peters Visalia Meeting Charlotte Huddleston

"Love remembered and consecrated by grief belongs, more clearly than the happy intercourse of friends, to the eternal world; it has proved itself stronger than death."

Eric Moon, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARNLY MEETING SESSION X 7:30 - 10 p.m. Thursday, August 6, 1981

EPISTLES Following the opening worship, Reading Clerk Margaret Brooks brought us epistles from Australia, Canadian, and Illinois Yearly Meetings and Central Alaska Friends Conference. Australian Friends spoke of the strength they had drawn from a poster visible from their meeting area: "World peace will come through the will of ordinary people like yourself," and closed their epistle with "no more but our love." Canadian Friends were troubled by their government's restrictions against immigration by future U.S. refugees from the military draft. Illinois Yearly Meeting, gathered among the soybeans and cicadas of a humid summer, worked "together in the Spirit" to resolve the question of recognition and representation to "Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns." Alaskan Friends appreciated a showing by Liz Walker of the AFSC slideshow "We've Got the Power."

MINUTES Minutes of Session VIII were read and approved as corrected. Minutes of our memorials Meeting for Worship (Session IX) were read and approved, with the addition of the name of Patricia Sykes, a former member of Santa Monica Meeting, who died recently in Oakland.

FRIEND-IN-THE-ORIENT Rose Lewis, Clerk of the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee, recounted the recent history and work of that group. Following an extended evaluation and planning meeting about a year ago, the committee has been working harder, with greater clarity, and feeling great about it! Among its projects are (a) promotion of Margaret Simkin's book "Letters from Szechuan"; (b) the trip by committee member Osmyn Stout to China; (c) raising funds to enable Asian Friends to attend the FWCC Triennial in Kenya and pre-Triennial meetings in New Delhi and Kenya; (d) a newsletter, Windows East and West, published every two months and directed primarily to Friends and Friends Meetings; (e) the translation of Haem Sok-hon's writings into English, for which Herbert Hadley of the FWCC Section of the Americas is raising funds; (f) providing Friends Meetings with information they need to lobby our government to open talks toward normalizing relations with the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea); and (g) arranging for new Friends-in-the-Orient, who will live with, and work in quiet support of, Seoul Friends Meeting for a year, possibly starting in February 1982.

Minutes session approved the designation of Ernie and Miriam Von Seggern as our "Friends-in-the-Orient" and asked the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee to prepare a travel minute for our approval.

PEACE COMMITTEE Committee Clerk Franklin Zahn provided a brief background for our hour of worshipful consideration of the "Spiritual Bases of the Peace Testimony: How Do We Define the Task of the Peace Committee?" by quoting from PYM "Faith and Practice": "... We realize that the basic task in peacemaking is to fill the spiritual void in our civilization by replacing the fear which cripples human efforts with faith in the Eternal Power by which God unites and sustains those who pursue his will."

Members of the Peace Committee and other Friends in plenary offered a wide range of perspectives on peacemaking.
... when we give in to fear and insecurity, we allow the spirit of war and of weapons to enter into our world...

... "I will fear no evil." Though evil will befall me, I need not respond with fear ...

... throughout Friends' history we have felt the tensions between -- and disagreed about trade-offs between -- ultimate goals and politically attainable intermediate steps. Those tensions and disagreements will continue, but perhaps we can come to see them in terms of "both-and" instead of "either-or" ...

... how quickly, not only in our political actions but even when intending to discuss the spiritual bases of our peacemaking, do we stray from that base ...

... we trust in that Power of God which can change the course of the world when we dare to live in Him. The power of war can be broken when we abolish its power in our own lives by a surrender to an ultimate defenselessness in God ...

... when we try to apply our principles in concrete situations of conflict, we often find that one principle contradicts, or seems to contradict, another. Sometimes we can find a higher principle which reconciles the contradiction ...

... Part of our Peace Testimony is to be aware of the states of mind of those who threaten or disagree with us. Much of public thinking about military policy is dominated by unexamined myths (e.g., that a nuclear war can be won or that the USSR wants to attack, or thinks it could benefit from attacking, our country). We must witness against such myths in dramatic ways ...

... God does not call us to effectiveness but to faithfulness, to a walk in the integrity of the Lord's way ...

... do we "season" too much our best impulses toward peacemaking? Maybe we are trying too hard to avoid appearing foolish in the eyes of the world. Only the foolishness of God may be strong enough to overcome the madness of military destruction ...

Closing this consideration of the Peace Testimony, Franklin Zahn read the texts of six peace-related minutes for possible consideration at tomorrow morning's plenary (Session XI). The minutes, copies of which will be available for Friends at breakfast, respond to (a) the work of the Nuclear-Free Pacific Movement, (b) U.S. policy toward repressive regimes in Central America, (c) the possibility of a PYM-funded Disarmament Program, (d) the initiative for a mutual US/USSR moratorium ("freeze") on nuclear weapons manufacture, testing, and deployment, (e) the Middle East conflict, and (f) the need for the Quaker United Nations Office to focus on alternative political structures.

Following a few announcements, we closed with another period of worship.

Eric Moon, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARN MEETING SESSION XI

The meeting opened in silent worship.

MINUTES The minutes of Session X were read and approved.

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE Eleanor Foster, Clerk, introduced Dorothea Morse, Clerk of Friends General Conference. Dorothea reported with delight that eight members of Pacific Yearly Meeting were in attendance at this year's gathering in Berea. She invited us to join in the next FGC conference, which will be held at Slippery Rock State College, near Pittsburgh, from July 4 to July 11, 1982.

EPISTLES Margaret Brooks, Reading Clerk, read a letter from the Friends World Committee for Consultation describing the "World Disarmament Campaign" that was launched at a large convention in London in April 1980 and which seeks to have world-wide influence toward general and complete disarmament. In an effort to reach as many citizens of the globe as is possible, FWCC asks us to participate in circulating a petition that demands:

(a) Abolition of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction.
(b) Abolition of conventional weapons, by stages.
(c) Switching of military expenditures to end world hunger.

The letter from FWCC will be included, in full, as an addendum (Attachment A) to these minutes, so that it will come to the attention of Monthly Meetings.

BILATERAL ARMS FREEZE Rosalie Pizzo Strain, Assistant Clerk, proceeded to read several proposed minutes on aspects of our peace testimony. Eleanor Foster described the relevant context of each, and the process which led to its introduction at this session.

The first proposal addressed the question of a bilateral arms freeze, as one element of a larger disarmament strategy. The minute was edited and approved, and the PYM Peace Committee was asked to make it known to Monthly Meetings, for the review and possible participation:

1981-10 The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends endorses and supports the Bilateral Nuclear Arms Freeze Ballot Initiatives proposed in California and Oregon, the general intention of which is to request the President of the United States to propose to the Soviet Union a mutual nuclear weapons moratorium immediately halting the testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles and delivery systems in furthering the move toward mutual general disarmament.

NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC The second proposal, regarding the concept of a "nuclear-free Pacific" zone, was approved with minor editorial changes:
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1981-11 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends minutes its endorsement and support of the Nuclear-Free Pacific Movement and urges constituent Monthly Meetings to study this movement and consider offering financial support for its 1982 conference, and to consider taking political action in the U.S. on behalf of the movement's concerns.

PYM DISARMAMENT PROGRAM Next to be considered was a proposal to establish a "PYM Disarmament Program," whose purpose would be to help Meetings and others to become engaged with disarmament issues at all levels; to keep abreast of developments, and to become a significant source of information about issues and resources on the questions of nuclear and general disarmament, and on the human and spiritual requirements of international reconciliation.

Friends expressed support for the intentions of the proposed minute, but reservations about its relative lack of seasoning in the good order of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Specifically, the fact that the Peace Committee had not adequately been involved and that the program as proposed would not be overseen by the Peace Committee were of concern to some Friends. Further, it was suggested that AFSC or FOC might be effective vehicles for the expression of the underlying concern, and that coordination with other disarmament efforts would be useful.

Several Friends expressed the hope that the PYM Peace Committee would take up the concern and advise the Yearly Meeting on an approach. Other Friends voiced the hope that one or more Friends would carry the concern to the Fund for Concerns, after securing clearness from their Monthly Meeting(s).

During the discussion, loving support was asked for Joan Michener, who plans to show the videotape "The Last Epidemic: The Medical Consequences of Nuclear War" to groups across the land, and for Gene Hoffman, who will be working on disarmament concerns with the Fellowship of Reconciliation during 1982.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REPRESSIO The next proposal addressed the fact of the United States government’s support for repressive regimes in El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America. A substitute minute, containing essentially the same message, was presented by other persons from the El Salvador interest group, was edited, and was approved:

1981-12 To the U.S. Government and our fellow-citizens:
As Friends concerned with the application of Christ's law of love and the principle of nonviolence, we believe that the present U.S. administration is supporting terrorism against the vast majority of Central American people. "The real power," said El Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero before his assassination, "is in the hands of the most repressive sector of the armed forces."
Therefore, we petition the United States government to cease all forms of aid to the repressive regimes in Central America. Moreover, we urge that the U.S. encourage efforts toward a negotiated peace, that all Central American people may enjoy the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

MIDDLE EAST The last proposal encouraged Monthly Meetings to write to government officials and circulate petitions regarding the Middle East conflict. Friends witnessed to the severity of the situation and to the great difficulty one encounters as one seeks to address it in an even-handed manner. An alternative proposal was offered and approved:

1981-13 To President Reagan and Members of Congress:

The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the United States government to include the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in negotiations, to ask the PLO and Israel to agree to the mutual recognition of the State of Israel and an independent state for the Palestinians, and to cease all shipments of arms to the Middle East.

1981-14 Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that Monthly Meetings and individual Friends study the situation in the Middle East, bearing in mind that a detailed analysis of it will be available from the AFSC in early fall.

EPISTLE OF FYM Joanne Lehmann, Clerk of the Epistle Committee, read the draft of our Epistle to Friends Everywhere.

Friends were asked to volunteer for proofreading and production work in the Secretariat.

Session XI was continued at 3 p.m. Following a moment of silent worship, the minutes of the above-reported part of the session were read, corrected and approved.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN REDRESS Ron Steelman, Clerk of the Social Order Committee, read the proposed minute on Japanese-American redress, modified in response to advice given at a previous session. In presenting the minute, Ron proposed that care be given, in the preparation of future minutes, to include the addressee's name(s) and address(es) so as to facilitate the public purpose(s) of such minute(s). The minute on Japanese-American redress was approved:

1981-15 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), at its session in August, 1981 held at Chico, California, is united in testifying to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians as follows:

That a wrong was committed against those persons who, solely for reasons of ancestry, were relocated and interned pursuant to actions of the Federal Government beginning in February, 1942, including Executive Order 9066;
That action is needed:
- To memorialize the failure of our government to protect the rights of those involved;
- To ensure that such events will never occur again; and
- To redress the wrongs committee.

We base this testimony upon our religious belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Many of our members lived through and remember this era: Some were victims, some were opposed to the action of the government, and some attempted to relieve the suffering of the victims. Some of our members have reviewed documents and materials, including those submitted to the Commission. We affirm our belief that all persons residing in the United States are entitled to have their freedom and dignity and other constitutional and human rights protected, not curtailed, by our government.

This minute will be sent, as testimony, to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, 2020 New Executive Office Building, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington DC 20506, and will assist Ed Morgenroth when he makes oral testimony at the commission's forthcoming hearing in San Francisco. Ellie Foster expressed the Yearly Meeting's appreciation to Ed for representing our concern at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MENTAL ILLNESS Clerk Eleanor Foster introduced an item that was inadvertently omitted from an earlier plenary agenda, the wish on the part of the Ministry and Oversight Committee to establish an ad hoc subcommittee on mental illness. The subcommittee's principal purposes would be to find ways in which Monthly Meetings can respond to situations of mental illness without horror or frustration, and to prepare for an interest group at the next Yearly Meeting. A minute was approved:

1981-16 Ministry and Oversight Committee is supported in its concern to establish an ad hoc subcommittee on mental illness. Members are to be appointed by M&O.

LETTER TO QUAKER UNITED NATIONS Office Appreciation was voiced for the preliminary work done by the interest group on disarmament on the importance of alternative political structures. Clerk Eleanor Foster will draw from that work when she prepares a letter (Att. B) to the Quaker United Nations office, and Monthly Meetings will be provided copies as a stimulus to their own work on the subject.

VIOLENCE AND HOMOSEXUALS A proposed minute (Attachment C), prepared by San Francisco Monthly Meeting and approved by College Park Quarterly Meeting, addressing the threat of violence to homosexual persons, was reviewed. While the minute, as presented, was not in a form that facilitated MM action, Friends united in the spirit of the concern. The following minute was approved:
1981-17 Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes its appreciation for the concern brought by San Francisco Monthly Meeting and College Park Quarterly Meeting regarding the violence that is threatened against homosexual citizens. We unite in the spirit of that concern and we will make the concern known to PYM Monthly Meetings.

BULLETIN Alan Strain, acting Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, reviewed the history of the Friends Bulletin, described the range of its present service, and pointed to current efforts to establish an adequate and stable financial base. While the staff of the Bulletin had brought to the committee a balanced budget proposal this year, the committee felt keenly that the costs, in the quality of the publication and in overextension of the staff, would be unreasonable. Rather, a set of basic changes in the budget structure will be offered to the Representative Committee in mid-year, and in the meantime, subscription rates will be increased. Friends affirmed that the Bulletin has become a periodical of substantial importance to the Quaker community in the Western United States and elsewhere, and expressed appreciation to the staff and committee for their service. The presentation concluded with a lively dramatic reading by Shirley Ruth, editor of the Bulletin.

PYM BUDGET, Walter Klein circulated the proposed budget for fiscal year 1982 and described the process through which it was developed. Of note is the fact that only one Monthly Meeting responded to the Finance Committee's recent request for advice on the matter of contributions to other Friends' organizations. The committee interpreted this as "concurrence with disinterest," left contributions at their 1981 levels, and looked forward to a somewhat more vigorous response next spring.

Walter called attention to the proposed increases in the Friends Bulletin and Travel-to-Representative-Committee allocations, and to the resultant need for an increase in the per-member quota.

1981-18 The budget for fiscal 1982 is approved, as presented (Att. D).

1981-19 The quota for contributions to PYM from Monthly Meetings is increased by fifty cents, to fifteen dollars per member (the quotas for Honolulu and Mexico City Meetings remain at their current levels).

Walter concluded his presentation by restating the Finance Committee's intention to clarify the types of expenditures that constitute appropriate use of PYM funds.

SITE FOR Rosalie Pizzo Strain reported for the Sites Committee, on behalf of its Clerk, Sandra Farley. St. Mary's College is the site proposed by the committee, but the college has not yet given us a firm commitment. Concern was expressed about the camping arrangements at St. Mary's; not only would their distance from the campus represent an inconvenience for large numbers of PYM attenders, but they might discourage many Friends - particularly younger Friends - from attending. Many Friends have expressed reservations about Chico as a site,
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on the other hand, and the Sites Committee appears to be content with St. Mary's if confirmation can be secured for the August 2-8, 1992 period. One Friend suggested that we might hold our options open, in case an entirely new site is identified, and in any case Chico should be held as a contingency.

1981-20 The Sites Committee is authorized to make a final determination regarding the 1992 site for Yearly Meeting. It is asked to report its progress in the Friends Bulletin.

APPOINTMENTS Susanna Calderon presented the final report of the Nominating Committee. She provided us an intimate acquaintance with each committee and responded to questions regarding unfilled positions, unusual membership patterns, traditions of rotation, and ex officio memberships. The discussion produced these minutes:

1981-21 The Nominating Committee is asked to consider enlarging the Peace Committee and the Social Order Committee, and to reflect on the value of reappointing Friends with long-standing and informed service in the areas of concern to these committees, and to report its considerations to Representative Committee in mid-year.

1981-22 The Nominating Committee is asked to offer a slate of alternative representatives to the Friends World Committee for Consultation, to ensure that someone will be available to attend next year's FWCC Conference.

1981-23 The report of the Nominating Committee was approved (Att. E)

Before closing the session, Clerk Eleanor Foster called upon Assistant Clerk Rosalie Rizzo Strain for critical last-minute announcements. In making her announcements, Rosalie offered her warm appreciation to the many people who have assisted this Yearly Meeting in invisible ways.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Paul Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION XII 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 1981

We opened our penultimate session in worshipful silence.

Co-Recording Clerk Paul Niebanck read the minutes of the second (afternoon) half of Session XI, which were approved with minor suggestions as to names and offices. We discussed the minutes regarding Sites Committee report and decided that as written they accurately reflected our decisions yesterday afternoon.
1981-24  We approved with appreciation a travel minute prepared for Ernie and Mirian Von Seggern as our Friends-in-the-Orient:

Dear Friends:

This will introduce our beloved Friends, Ernie and Miriam Von Seggern, as they travel among you. Their quiet way of living their faith can be an example for all of us. May the presence of God in their lives speak to and respond to that of God in everyone they meet.

For many years, Pacific Yearly Meeting has been concerned to encourage contact, understanding and sharing between American and Asian Friends. The Friends in the Orient Committee was set up in 1961 to foster this contact and understanding. In the years since then we have arranged for Friends to go to various Asian countries to spend a period of time learning about the concerns and ideas of local Friends, and sharing these insights with Pacific Yearly Meeting. We have also arranged for Friends to come from Asia to visit among us and interpret the life and work of Asian Friends. This exchange has been an inspiring and enriching experience for us.

For some years we have been searching for appropriate Friends to be once again our Friends in the Orient. We now feel fortunate to have found two qualified Friends to undertake this assignment. Ernie and Miriam Von Seggern have impressed us with their qualities of integrity, sensitivity, modesty and religious commitment.

We send with them our prayers for love, peace and justice in the world. We have asked them to convey our warm greetings to you and we commend them to your loving care.

We heard with joy epistles from ourselves, to ourselves and Friends elsewhere:

Approved by Junior High Friends, and read by Carl Magruder (Attachment F)
Approved by Junior Friends, and read by Paul Niehauze (Attachment G)

1980-25 Jeanne Lohmann, who convened the PYM Epistle Committee, read our Epistle to Friends Everywhere, which we approved as read (Att.H).

In an atmosphere of worship, several Friends offered concerns and vocal ministry for our reflection:

... we need, in our peace minutes and in our life together, to consistently reiterate the religious motivation of our words and actions. God's children ask of the Religious Society of Friends spiritual bread, and not stones ... Our minutes must speak to the fear pervasive in our world ...
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... our chiseled minutes for disarmament may not be enough. Perhaps we
must lay down our lives as a dam to hold back the threatened destruction
of our world. Could we take upon ourselves the burden of a fast, to help
our leaders see the need to start disarming now? ...

Young Friends Clerk Martine Ernst read another of our epistles, that of
Young Friends. (Attachment I)

... I suggest we minute our concerns less and live them more ...

... Friends intend to speak truth to power. What truth does power speak
to us? Loving is listening, and if we can listen lovingly to those in
power, truth will be born among us ...

... the concern for disarmament (brought in the FWCC letter on the World
Disarmament Campaign) can involve every one of us ...

... in my work back home with battered women and children, I will carry
the images of Friendly children I met this week. In the words of a beau-
tiful traditional hymn: "I will work - I will pray - I will sing - 'til
the day is done." ...

Minutes of this session (Session XII) were read and approved with several
additions.

Following a few announcements by PYM Assistant Clerk Rosalip Pizzo Strain,
the meeting concluded with a brief moment of silence.

YEARN MEETING SESSION XIII; meeting for Worship, 11 a.m. Saturday,
August 3, 1991

Virtually every attendant participated in our final Meeting for Worship,
swelling it to a "plenary" in the "full" sense of that word. Several
Friends offered vocal ministries:

... "Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations
wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts
of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the
world, answering that of God in every one."

-- George Fox (emphasis added)

... there are patterns of light even within the ocean wave of darkness
which now crests over us ...

... an open letter to God: We are comforted that, whatever suffering
Your children now endure, there will be no ultimate tragedy ...

... like the dove from Noah's Ark, our new Friends-in-the-Orient must fly
out in faith, not knowing among what dangers they may come.
From: Friends World Committee for Consultation
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Drayton House, 30 Gordon
London WC1H OAX, England

To: Friends in all Yearly Meetings.

June, 1981

Dear Friends,

WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

Friends were deeply involved in the work of the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament held in New York from 23 May to 1 July, 1978. We recognised the importance of the Final Document issued by that assembly, which was supported by 149 governments and included a Programme of Action and the recommended machinery for pursuing disarmament negotiations.

British Friends through Quaker Peace & Service responded to a suggestion made during 1979 by (Lord) Philip Noel-Baker and (Lord) Fenner Brockway, who felt that a new, broadly-based organization campaigning for the UN disarmament programme was needed. The World Disarmament Campaign was launched at a large convention, attended by almost 2,500 people, held in London in April 1980. Although started in Britain, the WDC seeks to build up its international contacts and become a world-wide pressure group for general and complete disarmament.

In the United Kingdom the WDC has over 300 local groups. It is seeking in particular to influence the attitude of the British Government in relation to the 1982 UN Special Session on Disarmament.

During 1981 the WDC is planning to circulate its petition in every parliamentary constituency in Britain. Members of local WDC and other peace groups aim to visit every home in seeking signatures. The four-point petition summarises the 1978 disarmament proposals. A copy of the petition and the leaflet delivered to every house or flat is enclosed.

The World Disarmament Campaign seeks to encourage similar activity in as many parts of the world as possible. It realises that other petitions similarly worded have been circulated, or are circulating, in particular countries. The aim is to collect a maximum number of signatures as a means of influencing the 1982 UN Special Session. Door-to-door canvassing for signatures is a valuable means of taking the disarmament message to people at their place of residence.

The WDC is supported by many representative organizations in Britain, including the British Council of Churches. The churches are endeavouring to use their international links to assist world-wide distribution of the petition.

FWCC, at the suggestion of QPS, is writing to Friends in all Yearly Meetings. We ask you to publicise the work of the World Disarmament Campaign and its petition in your own country. We suggest that this could be discussed with other churches and peace groups. Further information is available from the World Disarmament Campaign, 21 Little Russell Street, London, WC1A 2HF, or Quaker Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Richard G Meredith, General Secretary.
8-7-81

Quaker UN Office
777 UN Plaza
N.Y., N.Y. 10017

Dear Friends,

We send you warm greetings from the 1981 PYM at Chico, Calif. Among the many concerns shared with each other during the last few days none have been more recurring than the concern about the still mounting arms race and the institutionalized violence and injustice which modern armaments are designed to perpetuate.

Therefore, we are very eager to respond to your request (in the May/June issue of your QUNO newsletter) for suggestions as to how the Quaker UN Office might speak for Friends on NGO Day at the 1982 Special Session on Disarmament.

We feel sure that you will find new and creative ways to remind nation states of the unspeakable hazards and immorality in the way they currently defend what they call their national security." And we urge that you also seek ways to question the moral justification for that very "national security" itself.

We can well understand, and even support, efforts to provide security for political structures which are equitable, which are just, and which are humane. But we strongly suspect that there is something fundamentally inequitable, unjust, and inhumane in the very structures of governments which choose to defend their national security by the criminal methods we see today.

We recall that Mahatma Gandhi came to believe that not even nonviolence can effectively defend and "secure" governments structured for institutionalized violence.

Therefore we ask the following: Is it perhaps fruitless and misleading to expect disarmament except as the governments which participate in the arms race change their political structures from inequitable to equitable, from unjust to just, and from being inhumane to being humane? For except as they do this they will not be worthy of the "security" they seek; and until they do this not even nonviolent means will secure for them "national security."

The fact that the QUNO office sponsored a panel discussion on alternative political structures at last summer's Special Session on the New International Economic Order (partly in response to a suggestion by the PYM Peace Committee) encourages us to hope that you will find ways to carry this important discussion into your future programs.

In Love and Fellowship
across this beautiful continent,
The members of San Francisco Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) are concerned to express our support for the homosexual citizens of our city who are now experiencing the violence of a "Moral War" declared against them by the so-called "Christian Moral Majority", a group whose intent, publicly stated in a recent Channel 4 newscast, is to polarize San Francisco's constituencies by a media and mail blitz. They predict that "It's going to be a bloody battle", and two of its members spoke their conviction that the government should execute homosexuals. Such homophobic declarations do not reflect our understanding of the themes of peace and love of the New Testament and our Judeo-Christian tradition. While we seek ways to reconcile all parties in this issue, we wish to make it clear that we oppose all violence, particularly that instigated under the guise of Christianity. Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged". Historically, attempts to suppress those who were "different" have caused extreme suffering and loss of life. (Remember the concentration camps of World War II in which millions of Jews, Christians, homosexuals and other victims of oppression were put to death after having suffered unspeakable cruelties.)

We, therefore, call upon all the religious and civic groups and residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area, as well as our city government to reaffirm

1) that every citizen has equal rights regardless of sexual preference,
2) that the use of violence as a solution to differences must be condemned,
3) that we stand beside the Council of Churches united in this city with the gay community and all minorities to insure the safety and civil rights of all.

(Through an oversight this minute was not forwarded to Pacific Yearly Meeting as directed by College Park Quarterly Meeting. Therefore, it is necessary to bring it before a plenary session directly.)
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TREASURER'S REPORT

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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| 202 Clerk's Travel   | 300            | 428              | 143              | 450         |
| and Discretionary    |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 203 Expenses of the  | 1,000          | 422              | 42               | 1,200       |
| Officers             |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 205 Insurance and    | 350            | 171              | 49               | 300         |
| Legal                |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 208 Travel to        | 5,300          | 4,875            | 92               | 5,900       |
| Representative       |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 209 Young Friends    | 200            | 80               | 40               | 200         |
| **SUBTOTAL: General**| $11,750        | $10,576          | 90               | $13,650     |
| Expenses             |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| Yearly Meeting       |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| Session Expenses,    |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| Net                  | $ (150)        | $(11,972)        | -                | 0           |
| Committee Expenses   |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 225 Bulletin         | $ 150          | $ 105            | 70               | $ 200       |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 226 Discipline       | 600            | 265              | 44               | 600         |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 227 Education        | 100            | 0                | 0                | 100         |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 228 Finance          | 150            | 21               | 14               | 150         |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 229 Friend in the    | 400            | 400              | 100              | 400         |
| Orient Committee     |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 230 Junior Yearly    | 300            | 0                | 0                | 200         |
| Meeting Committee    |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 231 Ministry and     | 850            | 922              | 108              | 1,100       |
| Oversight Committee  |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 232 Nominating       | 900            | 760              | 84               | 1,000       |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 234 Peace            | 600            | 546              | 91               | 700         |
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| 235 Sites            | 300            | 96               | 32               | 250         |
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| 236 Friends in       | 50             | 0                | 0                | 0           |
| Schools Committee    | (laid down)    |                  |                  |             |                |
| 237 Social Order     | 250            | 65               | 26               | 250         |
| Committee            |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 238 Children's       | 100            | 0                | 0                | 100         |
| Program Committee    |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| 240 Ad Hoc Committees|                |                  |                  |             |                |
| (Agenda Review, West | 300            | 61               | 20               | 300         |
| Coast Gathering, etc.)|             |                  |                  |             |                |
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| Supplemental Travel  | 0              | 0                | -                | 0           |
| Expense              |                |                  |                  |             |                |
| **SUBTOTAL: Committee**| $5,050         | $3,241           | 64               | $5,350      |

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'83 Bob Barns, Davis

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'82 Sheila Vogel, La Jolla
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'83 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley

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'83 Marjorie Thompson, Claremont
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'84 Marilee Eusebio, Davis (Clerk)
'84 Carol Kelly, Palo Alto

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'84 Stewart Mulford, Orange Cnty
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'82 Dee Steele, Santa Cruz
'82 Esther Morgan, San Fernando
'83 Myrtle Haworth, San Francisco
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'83 Ruth Roberts, Claremont
'84 Jack Hunter, Grass Valley
'84 Elizabeth Jones, San Jose
'84 Jim Brune, La Jolla

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'82 Geri Alcamo, Grass Valley
'83 Eric Moon, Berkeley

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'82 Paul Jolly, Strawberry Creek

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'83 David Tappan, Orange Grove
'84 Lowell Tozer, San Diego
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'82 Franklin Zahn, Claremont

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'83 Herb Foster, Santa Cruz
'82 Gil Hamilton, Davis
'84 Wendy Carson, Strawberry Creek
'83 Franklin Zahn, Claremont, Delegate
'82 Duane Magill, Santa Monica
'84 Betty Jacobs, Honolulu

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'82

GENERAL REUNION OF FRIENDS IN MEXICO

NEW CALL TO PEACEMAKING

'82 Marc Lambert, Strawberry Creek
'82 Louise Aldrich, Marin
'82 Martine Ernst, San Francisco

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Caroline Cox, Berkeley
Tom Farley, Marin
Eric Moon, Berkeley
Leon Ray, San Diego
Gretchen Rudnick, La Jolla
Suzanne Schmitt, Santa Barbara
Frances Ridgeway, Santa Monica, Clerk

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Asst Clerk: Sam Perry, Strawberry Creek

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Meredith Mercer, Davis
Martine Ernst, San Francisco
Bede Smith, Berkeley

Young Friends Nominating Comm:

Catherine Jolly, Berkeley
Meredith Mercer, Davis

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'82 Earle Reynolds, Santa Cruz
'82 June Manners, Pacific Ackworth
'83 David Noble, Santa Barbara
'83 Jeanette Norton, Orange County

'83 Margaret Mossman, San Francisco (Clerk)
'84 Alan Strain, Palo Alto
'84 Wilma Gurney, Westwood
'84 Bob Jolly, Berkeley
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'82 Lowell Tozer, San Diego
'83 Peggy Lacey, San Francisco (Clerk)
'83 Ed Morgenroth, Orange Grove
'83 Michele Graham-Newlin, Redwood Forest
'84 Asenath Young, Pac. Ackworth
'84 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
'84 Barbara Perry, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: Archivist: Jan Tappan, Orange Grove

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'84 Asenath Young, Pac. Ackworth
'84 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
'84 Barbara Perry, Strawberry Creek
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'83 Karen Hillsdale, Orange Grove (Clerk)
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'82 Margaret Simkin, Claremont
'82 Gretchen Tuthill, Palomar
'83 Lee Cable, Santa Monica
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FRIEND IN THE ORIENT (CONT)

'84 Sang Dal Cha, Los Angeles
'84 Richard Lewis, Salem/NPYM
'84 Rose Lewis, Salem/NPYM (Clerk)
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'84 Floyd Schmoe, University/NPYM
'84 James & Janet Anderson, Chico

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'84 Elizabeth Gustafson, Davis
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'83 Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek
'83 Sandra Gey, Berkeley
'84 Kim Lacey, San Francisco
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'82 Dana Abell, Davis
'82 Duane Magill, Santa Monica
'82 Gladis Innerst, La Jolla
'83 Sue Brune, La Jolla
'83 Akie Reynolds, La Jolla
'83 Steve Jones, San Jose
'84 Betty Lovelady, Claremont
'84 Leona Harvey, Palo Alto
'84 Ben Seaver, San Francisco
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So. Cal: Gladis Innerst
College Park: Jonathon Vogel
Ex Officio: New Call To Peacemaking, Louise Aldrich, Martine Ernst

Correspondents from Unaffiliated Meetings
Honolulu:
Mexico City:
Dear Friends;

We had a very successful Junior High program this year. The group was quite a bit larger than anticipated. We got to know each other through physical games as well as daily dialogue groups, which taught us how to share on a more personal level.

The most successful highlights of the program were: slideshows of Nicaragua and Nagasaki, a sharing session on "Why am I a Quaker?", and our trip to the river where we made ice-cream.

Seeing the videotape "The Last Epidemic" was scary and had a strong influence upon us. We learned about bombings, and the medical affects of nuclear war. Many of the Junior High Friends took part in the vigil on Hiroshima Day. Tad Kershner wrote this Haiku;

Terrible War God
Causes Pain; desolation
Why Must This Happen?

with love to all,
The Junior High Friends
Ellen Ridgway, Clerk
PYM, 1981
Dear Friends Everywhere,

This year was enriched by a special bonding between the Junior Friends and other age groups. There was a series of meetings in which Junior Friends discussed the problems with drugs and alcohol, among ourselves and with all of Pacific Yearly Meeting. In the mixed age meetings much was learned by both young and old. Ed Morganroth and Foy Van Dolsen visited us for an enlightening meeting entitled, "Why Am I A Quaker?"

We also had a visitor from Olney Friends High School in Ohio, who presented a slide show and gave a talk on facets of the school.

With the participation of the older people in our discussions and many of us attending Worship Fellowship groups, the gap between ages has decreased greatly this year.

We hope that the progress we have made will continue in the years to come.

In the Light,

Junior Friends
Pacific Yearly Meeting
To Friends Everywhere:

This letter comes to you with our love, in response to your own, and to tell you something of how we are.

Our 35th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting came together on a sunny campus next to an almond grove in Chico, California. This year we rejoice particularly in our large family of children. In sharing with them many of us found the delight that grows in playing well together. The joy we feel in each other's presence reminds us that there is a Commonwealth of Love. We remind each other to examine honestly the world of sorrows for we are called to live in it and to cherish it.

We came with many concerns -- for ourselves, for our Meetings, for people in our families, neighborhoods, institutions, for the large issues of the world. More than thirty Friends joined us following the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee's retreat on "The Spiritual Basis of Our Peace Testimony." On Hiroshima Day some of us fasted, prayed and stood in silent vigil in downtown Chico. We renewed, through worship and witness, our commitment to the end of weapons research, development and use on the planet earth, our home.

Two of our Friends, Miriam and Ernest von Seggerr, will serve as our Friends in the Orient for the coming year. They will leave early in 1982 and they carry with them our support, our love, and our prayers.

A minute of testimony protesting wrongs done forty years ago in the wartime relocation and internment of civilian citizens was sent to our government's committee of inquiry. Some of us lived through this era as victims, and some could only try to relieve suffering.

We were shaken and challenged by Ann Stever's message from her own life and experience in South Africa. Can we break the bonds of race, class, and culture, and respond to God's call? Can we accept and trust the tensions in ourselves, other organizations and our Meetings? Can we learn and risk for love, certain we have our orders and they are written on our hearts?

With tenderness and candor Young Friends called us to examine our use of drugs and alcohol. Caught in the subtle web of addictions which may take many forms, we sometimes hide from ourselves, and even from one another. Which of us is truly free? With new openness we are beginning to hear each other. As we come to know more surely that we are made and held in the hands of God for purpose, we can find ways to meet the pressures of daily living.

Dear Friends, sharing our full hearts is not easy. We want worship to be safe, and we want also to give our lives freely to the Spirit, not knowing, trusting we may be led. We fear conflict, pain and disaster, and yet our very lives often tell us that transforming whatever happens is necessary for growing.

We know that action alone does not offer peace of heart, and still we must act, praying to be open to love's first motion. May we be given grace and courage to see and take the simple first step. If our lives are to be one holy response to God, we will best be prepared by faithful involvement in the whole community of our Meetings, and by disciplined attention to our experience and history. If we are ready, we will recognize the call when it comes, learn what it means to say, "Lord, here am I. Send me."

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Eleanor Foster, Clerk
EPISODE OF YOUNG FRIENDS OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

August 2-8, 1981
Craig Hall, Chico, California

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

We came together anticipating the joy of reacquainting ourselves and welcoming new members into our community. Although sometimes intimidated by the prospect of letting down our defenses, we are rewarded by the love and support we find.

Hanna Pearce, a visiting Young Friend from London Yearly Meeting, challenged us to examine our relationship with Friends. She felt a strong need to unite Friends of various backgrounds and she encouraged us to travel and make these contacts. From this dialogue we realized the need to strengthen our bonds with our Monthly Meetings.

Two plenary sessions were held on "Internal and External Pressures: A Religious Inquiry of the Use and Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol." We examined this issue in regards to our daily lives and at Quaker gatherings, seeking ways to share our differences. Several spontaneous conversations throughout the Yearly Meeting reflected our need to talk about this subject. These exchanges resulted in the reaffirmation of the importance of our Pacific Yearly Meeting community. This week has nurtured and strengthened the spiritual base from which we act.

The plan to blockade the nuclear power plant at Diablo Canyon brought about discussions, non-violent training, and general support for those who plan to participate in this action.
We organized small sharing groups on Minding the Spirit in our Daily Lives. We value this exchange with friends of all ages and hope for the opportunity to continue these dialogues.

Young Friends played an active role in the vigil held in memory of victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We felt we've had a centering calmness with an understood warmth and an openness to each other's concerns.

WITH HOPES FOR PEACE AND LOVING
THOUGHTS FOR ALL,
Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends

Martine Ernst, Clerk.

Lisa Hubble, Assistant Clerk.
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