MINUTES
PYM Representative Committee
Sunday, August 2, 1981
Chico, California

The Meeting opened in silence.

Eleanor Foster, presiding Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, invited us to join in preparation for the 1981 Pacific Yearly Meeting gathering of Friends. Friends introduced themselves (attender listed on Attachment I). The minutes of the mid-year meeting of the Representative Committee, held in Pasadena, February 28, 1981, were approved with an expression of faith in Recording Secretary Eric Moon.

Clerk Eleanor Foster took the occasion to review for the Representative Committee meeting the types of items which are properly the responsibility of Representative Committee and the items which require consideration by the plenary session of PYM. Naming of the Nominating Committee, naming of the Epistle Committee, all plans for the plenary sessions, operational items consistent with already established principles of practice - these are the purview of Representative Committee. Items requiring a change in principle or a change in practice would be brought to plenary session of PYM. In addition, items which may be a substantive change but which do not involve a change in principle would be brought for information to plenary. It was noted that there are four action minutes from the mid-year meeting which will be presented to plenary session this year. The Recording Clerk read the four minutes (see Attachment II) and it was noted that they would be reproduced in the Daily Chronicle for PYM attenders' information prior to consideration in plenary session.

Clerk Eleanor Foster then reviewed the agenda for this meeting of the Representative Committee, adding to the agenda for Monday morning Anne Friend's concern on the proposed New Call to Peacemaking conference in June 1982.

Junior Friends Committee Clerk Arden Pierce introduced Eleanor Dray, Clerk, and Dora Dunn Assistant Clerk of Junior High Friends, who invited the participation of all Friends in the Junior High program. Arden then introduced Aaron Cole, Assistant Clerk of Junior Friends (high school-age Friends) who shared the group's schedule with us. Arden Pierce noted that Paul Frederick Niebanck, Clerk of Junior Friends, who has aided in the preparation of the program, would be arriving later in the week.

Rosalie Pizzo Strain, Assistant Clerk of PYM, reviewed the tentative schedule of PYM, noting that the content of the plenary sessions has evolved from the work and meetings of the standing committees and the Representative Committee earlier in the year. In a discussion of the simultaneous scheduling of the Quiet Morning and a workshop on clerkking and consensus, Friends were accepting of the diversity of wishes regarding the Quiet Morning and responded favorably to the suggestion that ribbons or badges be worn by those intending to remain silent in all places for that time. Further discussion of the schedule revealed uneasiness with the scheduling conflict on Thursday morning between the workshop discussions on the Discipline and the third session of Representative Committee.
Representative Committee
Minutes, August 2, 1981

Representative Committee approved the tentative schedule for Pacific Yearly Meeting 1981 with a suggestion about ribbon badges and pending further action on scheduling resolving the scheduling conflict between the meeting of the Discipline and the third session of the Representative Committee.

Arrangements Committee Clerk Ernie Von Seggern reported changes in arrangements at Chico this year on behalf of the Registrar, Sheila Moran, her concern about the costs of attending PYM. In the discussion that followed, Friends raised questions about the shape and form of PYM and the ability of Friends to participate in the annual gathering. Representative Committee APPROVED referring these concerns to Ministry and Oversight Committee with the request that the committee bring the issues into focus, appointing a small group if appropriate, and reporting back to the mid-year meeting of Representative Committee.

In reviewing the Interest and Sharing Groups scheduled for PYM, Assistant Clerk Rosalie Pizzo Strain reminded us that these groups emanated from interests or concerns brought to individual monthly meetings or PYM standing committees.

Worship Fellowship Committee Clerk Paul Jolly reported on arrangements for the Worship Fellowship groups and shared his anticipation of the evaluations of this year's program. He agreed, with the advice of Representative Committee, to reschedule the special worship fellowship meeting for the workers in the children's program so that it will not conflict with plenary sessions.

Ministry and Oversight Clerk Martha Dart recommended to the meeting members of the Epistle Committee. Representative Committee APPROVED the Epistle Committee: Jeanne Lohman, Clerk, and Joan Fasken and Sang Dal Cha.

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee Clerk Marie Schutz presented the names of three persons: Margaret Mossman, Clerk; Alan Strain, and Wilma Gurney. The committee has been unsuccessful in finding a Young Friend to participate, as so few Young Friends are members of the Society of Friends. This item will be brought for final action on Monday morning.

Ministry and Oversight Clerk Martha outlined the activities and presentations to be conducted under the auspices of Ministry and Oversight during PYM, including: the State of the Society report, the statistical report, the quiet room, a workshop on clerking and consensus, an open meeting of Ministry and Oversight, and the presentation by Ann Stever.

Bulletin Committee Clerk Alan Strain shared with us his enthusiasm for the Bulletin, characterizing its usefulness in a quote from a Friend, "vital gossip of the Friendly activities of people known to one another." He looks to the presentation at PYM as an opportunity to share both the visions and plans and the problems, including the financial deficit.

Finance Committee Clerk Walter Klein made the Interim Financial Report available (it will be distributed at PYM, also) and indicated that in its report to plenary session Finance Committee would recommend changes in fees and quotas to meet the proposed budget.
Young Friends Clerk Martine Ernst, acknowledging the struggle to define the role of Young Friends Meeting in the (adult) PYM, and the difficulty in building a program around the PYM schedule, brought to our attention two special sessions sponsored by Young Friends: the evening plenary on the use and misuse of drugs and alcohol; and the morning meeting of small groups focusing on "Minding the Spirit in Our Daily Lives."

Social Order Committee Clerk Ron Steelman drew our attention to the round-table discussion on "faith and works" noting that this was a direct result of discussion at the mid-year meeting.

After a decision to carry to the next meeting a report from the Children's Committee the meeting closed in silence.

MINUTES
PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, August 3, 1981
Chico, California

Session 2

The meeting opened in silence.

Eleanor Foster, Presiding Clerk of PYM, reviewed the day's agenda, with additions and changes and a plea for brevity to meet the press of time. With the rescheduling of the third session of the Representative Committee (if a meeting is required) to Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., and the correct renumbering of the sessions, Representative Committee APPROVED the final schedule for PYM 1981.

Osmyn Stout of Redwood Forest Meeting, requested a letter of introduction for his forthcoming trip to China and nearby countries. Ozzie was an exchange student at Lingnan University, Canton, during 1934-35, and expects to visit there and other parts of China on a Friendship Study Tour to promote friendly relations and understanding about China. He sees this as a long-dreamed of opportunity to experience the new China. With appreciation for his familiarity for the place and language, Representative Committee APPROVED Clerk Eleanor Foster's preparation of a letter of introduction for Osmyn Stout.

Anne Friend of Santa Monica meeting, announced the Third Conference of the New Call to Peacemaking at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania in June 1982. The theme of the conference will be "The Christian Faith in the Nuclear Arms Race." Anne voiced her query as to how we might continue to participate, observing that the experience was indeed very valuable to the person sent by PYM, that it was an educational opportunity. The work of the conference requires persons seasoned in the good order of Friends. The June 1982 conference coincides with the United Nations Disarmament Conference in Washington and with a meeting of the Friends World Committee on Consultation. It may be that these are all gatherings of importance to PYM. Representative Committee APPROVED referring the concern for participation in the New Call to Peacemaking to the Peace Committee for consideration in the larger context of other peace initiatives.
Honolulu Monthly Meeting sent its report with Phyllis Thompson. "We are a harbor in the biggest ocean in the world... Our meeting is constantly changing... yet... the... certain center of our life."

Mexico City Meeting was present in the person of Jeanne Ortega who reported on the variety of Quaker experiences participated in by members of the Meeting and members of their families. The meeting has worked with others to meet the needs of the thousands of refugees from El Salvador and Guatamala. Dan and Rosalie Wilson will be resident hosts at Casa de los Amigos.

As is their custom, no report was brought from Southern California Quarterly Meeting. At Clerk Eleanor Foster's suggestion we paused to hold that meeting in the light, with love, for its work during the past year.

Sites Committee Clerk Sandra Farley will report fully on next year's dates for PYM at St. Mary's later in the week in Plenary Sessions.

College Park Quarterly Meeting Clerk Russ Jorgenson set aside the Quarterly's report to speak of the corporate crisis in leadership. People are unwilling to take principle responsibilities. The Fall Quarterly will focus on this matter and the planning committee has asked Paul Niehans to make opening remarks with small group discussions to follow. Part of the reluctance to lead may be fear of repetition of the stormy and difficult meetings over the heavy work tasks undertaken by the Quarterly: John Woolman School, PASE and the devolvement of Ben Lomond Quaker Center. There is also a weight in the multiple responsibilities resulting from these work tasks as well as the nurturing of Quarterly itself. Untried friends need to be engaged.

Charles Eubanks, serving upon short notice at the request of Hank Lohman who is unable to come to PYM, reported briefly on the Children's Program. Volunteers are needed.

Social Order Committee Clerk Ron Steelman drew our attention to the panel on Friends and social action scheduled for Wednesday evening, and to interest groups sponsored by the committee. At the request of North Pacific Yearly Meeting the committee is considering a minute concerning redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II.

Discipline Committee Clerk Pegge Lacey advised us that a completed draft of the revised Queries and Advices of Faith and Practice will be completed following this PYM. She shared plans for the Thursday morning queries session on "Family and New Relationships" and urged all to participate.

For the Friend in the Orient Committee Rose Lewis related the happy possibility that Miriam and Ernie Von Seggren may serve as a Friends' presence in South Korea in 1981-82. The committee is considering whether to continue publishing the "Windows East and West" newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to raise awareness of Friends about events in Southeast Asia and the nature of American involvement there.

Peace Committee Clerk Franklin Zahn presented a draft statement to be used, with the approval of PYM, as a testimony for the peace vigil planned for Thursday, commemorating August 6, 1945. With the incorporation of wording to undergird our commitment to work on behalf of peace, Representative Committee APPROVED the following statement for presentation to the plenary session:
"We stand here in silent prayer as a memorial to the hundreds of thousands destroyed and maimed in the atomic blasts August 6, 1945 in Hiroshima and August 9th, 1945 in Nagasaki. We pledge all our efforts to search for peace and a cessation of all weapons research and manufacture, making the earth a nuclear free zone. We believe that world security lies not in worldly power, nor armaments, but in the power of universal love to speak to that of God in everyone."

For the Religious Education Committee, Clerk Foy Van Dolson submitted a written report stating that the group has been available to further any efforts toward religious education for which individuals or groups have expressed a need. He expressed his feeling that more could be done by this committee in espousing religious education and that it requires vigorous leadership. While Foy would be willing to serve on such a committee he desires to resign from clerkship.

Nominating Committee Clerk Susanna Calderon stated that it is difficult to find people to fill jobs and reminded us of the suggestion box.

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee Clerk Marie Schutz presented names for the Nominating Committee. Representative Committee APPROVED the Nominating Committee: Margaret Mossman, clerk, Wilna Guerny, Alan Strain and Bob Jolly.

A Friend shared his heartfelt concern about the problems of loneliness at PYM and wondered how we can go about building and keeping community here. Friends shared their own experience with the importance of volunteering to make yourself useful, the need for gathering places such as the open dining room in the late evening, the welcoming friendliness of a newcomers' tea. If we as adults feel this need, must it not also be so for our children?

The meeting closed with silence. Linda Niebanck

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
August 6th, 1981
Chico, California

The meeting opened in silent worship.

Eleanor Foster, Clerk, reviewed the agenda.

SESSION ON DISCIPLINE
Noting the importance of recording the participation of the whole Yearly Meeting in the revising of Faith and Practice, Representative Committee APPROVED recommending the following minute to PYM plenary session.

It is recommended that the Thursday evening plenary session of PYM 1981 include a note recording the morning meeting held under the Discipline Committee to consider the following four queries:
1. Since we believe all life is sacred, how do we reconcile our attitudes toward: war, the death penalty, abortion, and euthanasia?

2. What are our views on divorce and what is the Meeting's responsibility in this regard?

3. What is our attitude toward sexual relationships between people (whatever sex) outside of the traditional marriage commitment?

4. Do we modify our practice to conform to our faith, or do we modify our faith to justify our practice?

MEXICO CITY MEETING REPRESENTATION

Linda Niebanck, Recording Clerk, read the minute concerning representation from Mexico City Meeting that had been referred from plenary session for our further consideration. We were reminded of the need of Pacific Yearly Meeting for the presence and participation of all its members and APPROVED the following minute:

REPCOM 81-36 Representative Committee expresses the expectation and hope that Mexico City Friends Meeting will be present and participate in the mid-year meeting.

A revised minute concerning funding of representatives from Mexico City Meeting was Approved for presentation with a recommendation for approval by PYM plenary session:

REPCOM 81-37 Funding will be provided for one representative from Mexico City Monthly Meeting at the mid-year meeting and one observer at the summer gathering of PYM. The Quarterly Meetings are urged to consider assuming responsibility for hosting our representatives from Mexico City on their trips to be with us.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Martha Dart, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee reported that Ann Stever's talk, "The Spiritual Bases of Our Life and Work," will be published in the Friends Bulletin and also submitted for publication as a Pendle Hill Pamphlet. Martha expressed the committee's sense that this presentation by a speaker had been a fruitful addition to the PYM gathering, and asked Representative Committee for direction in preparing future agendas for PYM. PYM has prided itself on being a participatory meeting. The value of this talk may have been in the preparation of a written report with a clear theme. We may now be ready as a maturing Meeting to hear full speeches such as this one was. It seems important that if the way opens, Ministry and Oversight not feel precluded
from inviting a speaker to PYM. On the other hand, there should be no sense of imperative. Representative Committee APPROVED the following minute to provide direction for Ministry and Oversight Committee:

REPCOM
81-38

Ann Stever's visit was valued by Pacific Yearly Meeting. Her talk, "The Spiritual Basis of Our Life and Work" was a resource and catalyst for deliberations during PYM. Ministry and Oversight Committee should not feel precluded from inviting visitors to speak to Friends' concerns in the future if way opens.

Martha Dart reported that Ministry and Oversight has set up a subcommittee of concerns for mental and emotional health.

BRINTON VISITOR

For the Brinton Visitor Subcommittee, Joan Fasken reported that, although no visitor has yet been selected, the subcommittee brings for approval three names of three persons. The Representative Committee APPROVED a minute as follows:

REPCOM
81-39

The Brinton Visitor Committee will designate the 1982 Brinton Visitor from among these people: Van Ernst, Wilma Gurney, and Mike and Margaret Yarrow.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Walter Klein, Finance Committee, Clerk, brought for our approval two amendments to the 1981 budget. Representative Committee APPROVED the amendments:

REPCOM
81-40

The invited guest allowance of the PYM summer session budget will be increased by $200 to fund Ann Stever's visit with PYM at Chico.

REPCOM
81-41

The equipment item in the 1981 budget will be increased in the amount of $50 to fund the purchase of a typewriter for the use of the Clerks of Yearly Meeting.

FRIENDS BULLETIN

Alan Strain, Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, described the financial situation of the Friends Bulletin. The Committee, together with the Staff, has been working to achieve a positive cash flow, and longer range importance, to develop a sound financial base for the publication of the Bulletin. The budget, as it has been developed for 1981-82, is based on actual costs and represents a 20% increase over last year's budget. As will be shown in the proposed PYM Budget for 1982, this requires an increased contribution from PYM as well as a 50¢ increase to Meeting subscriptions. (This means an annual rate of $10.50 per meeting subscription and $14.00 to individuals.) The Committee is working with the finance committee to prepare an alternative financial proposal for presentation to the mid-year meeting.
1982 Budget

Walter Klein, Clerk of Finance Committee, reviewed the changes to the preliminary budget. The prescribed procedure for ascertaining monthly meetings wishes with regard to contributions to Friends' organizations was followed: 35 letters went out, 1 reply was received. Finance Committee concluded that contributions should remain as in 1981. Representative Committee APPROVED a minute for presentation with a recommendation for approval by PYM plenary session:

REPCOM The proposed 1982 Budget of the Pacific Yearly Meeting will be presented for consideration by the plenary session of PYM.

PEACE CONCERNS

Eleanor Foster, Clerk, clarified that under our procedures, as outlined in Faith and Practice, minutes for consideration by plenary may rise from interest groups, committees and the floor of the meeting. At this time we are being asked to consider several minutes for approval for presentation to plenary.

El Salvador and Central America: Herb Foster, for the special interest group, presented a minute for consideration. Expressing objection to the length of the minute, which included a quote from Archbishop Romero of El Salvador and to the use of the word "demand", Franklin Zahn, Clerk of Peace Committee, read an alternative version which placed the quote as a preamble not written in the body of the minute and which revised some language. After some discussion concerning both the text and the procedures, Representative Committee APPROVED the following revised minute for presentation for consideration by plenary session of PYM:

REPCOM "The real power (in El Salvador) is in the hands of the most repressive sector of the armed forces. If the Junta members do not wish to be accomplices in these abuses of power and outright criminal behavior, they should publicly announce the names of those responsible and apply the necessary sanctions, for their hands are red with blood."

As a religious community concerned for the application of Christ's law of love and for the principle of non-violence, we believe that the present administration in its economic and military support of military regimes in El Salvador and elsewhere in Central America is supporting terrorism against the vast majority of the population of those countries.

The words of Archbishop Romero quoted above, spoken shortly before his assassination clearly define the situation, i.e. that the real power in El Salvador is in the hands of the armed forces. Human rights require an immediate cessation of the delivery of all military, economic and other forms of aid to the respective ruling forces, as requested by Archbishop Romero.

World Disarmament Campaign: Rosalie Pizzo-Strain, Assistant Clerk, read a letter to PYM from FWCC concerning the World Disarmament Campaign that has been established to gather signatures on petitions in an attempt to influence the United Nation's Special Session on Disarmament to be held in May, 1982. The letter serves as a context for the Minutes on disarmament to be considered.
Proposed PYM Disarmament Program. Herb Foster, of Santa Cruz Meeting, presented for consideration, a proposal which although not formally seasoned through the Peace Committee, has been discussed by many individuals. In the ensuing discussion, it was observed that Friends have in the past worked on disarmament issues through existing organizations such as AFSC and FCNL. There is currently no program in the Northern California office of AFSC. PYM has not had paid staff to work on any concern. This program is intended to work with monthly meetings as well as others.

Representative Committee APPROVED presentation of the following proposal for consideration by plenary session of PYM with the request that the proposal be reworked as appropriate prior to the presentation:

REPCOM "In note the deep sense of apprehension prevailing society today regarding the possibility of an eventual nuclear collision, and we share with thousands of our fellow citizens the belief that both nuclear war and the preparation for same is, or should be, unthinkable. Yet the preparations continue.

The elimination of this threatened terror is now a condition of survival for the whole human race.

In response to this we recommend that the Y.M. establish a PYM DISARMAMENT PROGRAM to be staffed on a paid basis, with continuation to be based on success of the program and availability of funds.

The purpose of the program 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; the staff person to become, if not already such, an exceptionally competent personal resource on the questions of nuclear and general disarmament, and on the human and spiritual requirements of international reconciliation.

(Examples of programs to be supported are: The Campaign For World Disarmament as being promoted by FWCC; The California Mutual Nuclear Moratorium Initiative; Jobs- With-Peace Initiatives; the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament scheduled for May, 1982.)

The program as suggested could be overseen by an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Y.M., using the Friend In The Orient Program as a model. Initial funding could be by subscription initiated at this session of the Yearly Meeting, with additional funding to be raised by the guiding Ad Hoc Committee. Estimated budget for one year would be 12000 to 16,000 depending on the salary required."

Nuclear Free Pacific. Elizabeth Duarte, for the special interest group, read a proposed minute which was APPROVED by Representative Committee for presentation for consideration by plenary session of PYM.

REPCOM Pacific Yearly Meeting 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 consider taking political action in the U.S. on behalf of the Movement's concerns.
Nuclear Arms Freeze Initiative. Franklin Zahn, Peace Committee Clerk, read and proposed a minute prepared by the interest group on disarmament which was APPROVED by Representative Committee for presentation for consideration with a recommendation for approval, by plenary session of PYM:

REPCOM The Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends endorses and supports the Bilateral Nuclear Arms Freeze Ballot Initiative "requesting 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" and requesting Congress to transfer funds that would have been used for that purpose to civilian use in furthering the move toward mutual general disarmament.

CLOSING

The action minutes were read and approved. The meeting closed with Silent Worship.

Linda Niebanch
Recording Clerk
Representative Committee
Pacific Yearly Meeting
ATTACHMENT A

Friends Attending
Representative Committee

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Minutes Requiring Consideration by Pacific Yearly Meeting

Representative Committee Meeting, February 28, 1981

REPCOM 81-4 In response to a request from Mexico City Meeting Representative Committee APPROVED granting as an exception to our general "traveling expenses" policy, Mexico City Friends the option of sending a written report rather than a representative to the mid-year Representative Committee meeting and then using the unexpended travel money to send as additional Friend to the August PYM session. (Gordon Bernstein, Stratton Jaquette, and Ozzie Stout asked to be recorded as unable to unite with this decision.)

REPCOM 81-6 Representative Committee APPROVED a recommendation from Ministry and Oversight Committee, developed in consultation with PYM Nominating Committee, that Ministry and Oversight should select the membership of the Ministry and Oversight Subcommittee on Worship Fellowship groups. Note: The nominations were previously made by Nominating Committee.

REPCOM 81-9 Representative Committee APPROVED the designation of up to six Friends (with rotating three-year terms) as PYM representatives to FCNL General Committee, with the understanding the PYM will subsidize travel to Washington for only one such representative each year. (FCNL may wish to subsidize the travel of others.) The matter was referred to the Nominating Committee in hopes that they can find Friends willing to serve.

REPCOM 81-13 Committee on Friends in Schools Clerk Elizabeth Israel Jones reviewed the recent history of the committee and pointed out the attention that the school's problems are now receiving from PYM Social Order Committee. Representative Committee APPROVED the committee's request that it be laid down.