The thirteenth annual session of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends opened its first session Friday afternoon, August 21, 1959, at 4 o'clock with a family gathering under the redwoods in the outdoor amphitheater of the San Francisco Y. M. C. A. camp at La Honda, California.

After a short but meaningful period of silent worship the reading clerk read excerpts from the letter from London Yearly Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting: "We are all members of the same family of Friends, with the love of God enfolding us all."

Excerpts from the Epistle of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends (Homewood) were read:

"We have been challenged to search our hearts and develop our minds that we may assume a mature leadership irrevocably discontented with all that is cruel and unhappy; permanently at cross-purposes with falsehood, hatred and war; and ever-sensitive to the all-encompassing Truth, no matter where we find it."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland:

"As we have considered our children, fruit indeed of our Meetings, facing the upheavals of our time in ways that sometimes puzzle and alarm us, we have been reminded that we follow One who also in His days on earth broke through traditional rules . . . Recalling our own youth, we ask for faith to trust our children seeking in their own way to express the Light Within. We can offer them the historical facts of our common faith but they must make the living experience their own."

The reading clerk explained to the many children present that an Epistle is a letter from members of the family who could not be present. One very young Friend asked if we would "send a letter back" and he was assured that Hugh Campbell Brown, Margaret Simkin and Phillip Wells would attend to this matter.

The clerk called the roll by Monthly Meetings. Members were present from the following Meetings:

- Albuquerque
- Berkeley
- Claremont
- College Park
- Delta
- Eugene
- La Jolla
- Los Angeles
- Mexico City
- Multnomah (Portland)
- Orange Grove
- Palo Alto
- Phoenix
- Riverside-Redlands
- Salt Lake City
- San Fernando
- San Francisco
- Santa Fe
- Tucson
- University (Seattle)
- Vancouver, B. C.
- Victoria, B. C.
- Whitleaf
- Willamette Valley
- Eastside Preparative (Seattle)
- Tacoma
Members from the following independent worship groups were present:

Fresno
San Luis Obispo
Harbor Area (Southern California)

A travel minute from Newtown Monthly Meeting of Friends, Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, introduced us to Amelia Swayne who will assist us this year by conducting a workshop in Religious Education.

The reading clerk became a singing clerk and for the remainder of our session together we sang under his direction.

After a brief period of silence the meeting adjourned until 7:30 Friday evening.

Friday, August 21, 1959, 7:30 p.m.

After an opening period of worship the reading clerk read excerpts from Epistles from the following:

Denmark Yearly Meeting. "The longing in us to be that which God has planned for us has urged us to seek truth behind those problems which have become such a burden on the life of our Society."

Fritchley General Meeting of Friends. "... through seeking, we are gathered into a living silence, that we know the Spiritual Bread, with or without words, to be broken amongst us and handed out according to our need."

Canadian Yearly Meeting. "... we have been conscious of our membership in a world-wide Society of Friends and of the growing unity of spirit and purpose that pervades it."

The reading clerk read a letter from Robert and Etta Vogel returning their Yearly Meeting travel minute which had accompanied them on their journeys through Asia.

Ben Norris of Honolulu Meeting and Howard Brinton of West Chester Monthly Meeting were welcomed and introduced.

Representatives from Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting and Sacramento Preparative Meeting, who had arrived since the afternoon session, were introduced.

Minutes of the Friday afternoon session were read and approved.

The Meeting then heard reports on the state of the Society as follows:

1. Arizona-New Mexico (four Meetings), James Dewees reporting.

2. Southern California (eight Meetings). The report was prepared by Edith Sperry.

4. College Park Quarterly Meeting, David Bruner reporting.

5. Oregon Quarterly Meeting will report later in the session.

A report from the Committee of Oversight for the Multnomah and Tacoma Monthly Meetings was called for. Richard Broughton reported satisfaction with his visit to Tacoma.

Reports were heard from individual Meetings as follows:

1. The Salt Lake City Meeting, prepared by Mildred McAllister, clerk, and read by the reading clerk.

2. The Honolulu Monthly Meeting, prepared by Gilbert Bowles, read by the reading clerk.

3. Jorge Hernandez reported for Mexico City Meeting. "We have become a family. We are known to each other. We are growing spiritually."

4. Walter Chaffee reported for the San Luis Obispo Friends Worship Group which is requesting affiliation as a Monthly Meeting with Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Memorials were read for our Friends Robert Simkin, Los Angeles Monthly Meeting, and Robert Dann, Willamette Monthly Meeting.

1959-1. The Meeting approved sending our love to Lyra Dann, and requested the clerk to draft the message.

The Meeting heard brief comments on the trial of Earle Reynolds of the Phoenix. Friends were reminded that funds are needed for this effort to test the legality of the power of the Atomic Energy Commission.

After a short period of silence the meeting adjourned until Saturday morning, August 22, at 10:30.

Saturday, August 22, 10:45 a.m.

After a period of worship the reading clerk read excerpts from Epistles:

Wilmington Yearly Meeting. "Too often we forget that God is still our God and is the source of all life, physical and spiritual. In this thoughtless on-rush, we often seem to have lost sight of vital values, even forgetting to turn to that Source which not only fully gives us guidance but also satisfies our spiritual longing."

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. "We have prayed that we may be guided in our conduct, both individually and collectively, so that no action or lack of action on our part may obstruct the accomplishment of Divine purpose."
Ohio Yearly Meeting. "We have been admonished to be concerned about what is right, rather than who is right. Emphasis has been placed upon the importance of making right decisions now, and of following these by doing what we feel is right for us, and not looking back, press forward with the help of Jesus Christ."

Dorothy Bonner of Santa Barbara Meeting was introduced.

At the request of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, the reading clerk read portions of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Discipline.

Minutes of the Friday evening meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Albert Leinbach read the report on the state of the Society from Oregon Quarterly Meeting.

Isaiah Meyer read a report from the College Park Friends Educational Association. This report reviewed the history of the development of this concern for a Friends' Secondary School on the West Coast. This summer completes the second pilot summer school project. The Association welcomes the support, interest, advice and counsel of those who are interested in the development of the John Woolman School as an adventure in learning.

1959-2. Friends instructed Esther Richards to write a letter for all to sign to Gretchen Rudnick, sending her our love and prayers to speed her convalescence.

Ferner Nuhn, chairman of the Discipline Committee, reported on the work of this committee during the past year. We were reminded of our need to remain open to leading and to constantly study and reconsider our Discipline in light of our growth in spiritual power. Attention was called to a tentative draft of an Introductory Statement now available to Monthly Meetings for study. During this coming year the committee will explore the need for Advices and their function in our Yearly Meeting Discipline. It is hoped that a special interest group to consider the Discipline will be scheduled at the 1960 Yearly Meeting. The chairman expressed pleasure with the response from Monthly Meetings and looks forward to increased participation of members through their Monthly Meetings.

The Meeting then gave consideration to the following items approved by the Interim Committee, August 21, 1959, and forwarded to this session for consideration. Two types of items were reported, (1) informational and (2) those requiring action.

The following items were reported for purposes of information to the Yearly Meeting:

1959-2. The following were named to the Nominating Committee to serve during this session:

Richard Broughton, Chairman
Madeleine Stephenson
Madge Seaver

Asenath Young
William James
Stephen Young
1959-4. The following were named to the Epistle Committee:

Hugh Campbell Brown, Chairman
Margaret Simkin
Phillip Wells

1959-5. William and Anna James were appointed to serve as a committee of Oversight for the San Luis Obispo Friends Meeting, looking forward to their affiliation as an established Monthly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

1959-6. At the request of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, the question of the function of the Committee on Visitation was considered. It was agreed that these two committees would continue as separate committees (as they now are) and attempt to develop better communication between them.

1959-7. The report of the Meeting House Fund Committee, prepared by the Chairman, Ellis Jump, will be printed in the Bulletin. The Finance Committee and the Meeting House Fund Committee were instructed to explore the problems of incorporation of the Yearly Meeting and report to the next Interim Committee meeting.

1959-8. Harold Carson, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, reported on two possible locations being considered for the 1960 meeting. Friends were asked to consider these proposals and communicate their preferences to the Chairman.

The following items from the Interim Committee were reported to the Yearly Meeting, with recommendations for action:

1959-9. The Interim Committee recommended that the chairman of the Nominating Committee be appointed by the August Interim Committee. After considerable deliberation this matter was referred back to the Interim Committee for further study. (See minute 1959-40.)

1959-10. Recommendations from Young Friends were approved as follows:

1. The budget item for Young Friends is to be set at $150.00.

2. A Young Friends chairman is to be nominated by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee and should function through the local arrangements committee for each Yearly Meeting session.

3. An adult adviser (or advisers) is to be appointed by the local arrangements committee and work with this group.

4. A Committee of Correspondence is to be set up by Young Friends with regional representation and possible meetings at the same time as Interim Committee meetings.

5. It was recommended that Young Friends begin to function through their Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings.

1959-11. The Meeting approved Bill Asord's appointment as a representative to the North American Young Friends Conference in Kansas this summer.
1959-12. The Meeting instructed the Nominating Committee to appoint a young Friend of college age to the Young Friends Committee of North America to serve through their 1961 conference.

1959-13. The Meeting recommended that the Finance Committee consider a budget item for the Young Friends Committee of North America.

1959-14. The Meeting approved accepting an invitation from the Five Years Meeting of Friends to send a fraternal representative to the Meeting at Earlham College, July 14-21, 1960.

The Finance Committee was instructed to budget an appropriate amount, also keeping in mind the General Conference Friends meeting in 1960.

1959-15. At the request of the Interim Committee, Elinor Ashkenazy and the clerk drafted a letter endorsing the Friends Retirement Association. The Meeting heard this letter and approved it. (Attachment No. 1.)

1959-16. The Interim Committee heard the following questions presented for consideration in a minute of La Jolla Monthly Meeting, Seventh Month 26, 1959:

"What is the relation of the individual Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting?"

"What holds the Society of Friends together?"

"Are there any standards that Pacific Yearly Meeting may set, such as the required reading of the Queries?"

"Does Pacific Yearly Meeting have the same relation to its Monthly Meetings as the Monthly Meeting has to its membership; does Pacific Yearly Meeting have any responsibility for the conduct of its members?"

"What is the purpose of the Discipline?"

It was decided to mimeograph these questions and circulate them at this Yearly Meeting session.

After considerable deliberation, the Meeting asked that the Interim Committee consider these questions again and come to a clear recommendation which they can present to a later session of this Yearly Meeting.

1959-17. Friends were encouraged to follow the practice of reporting to the proper person or persons (the appropriate Chairman and/or Treasurer) an accurate record of Yearly Meeting visitation expenditures, whether these expenses are met personally or by the Meeting. This procedure will give us an accurate and honest picture of expenditures. By following this recommendation, individuals will continue to be selected because of the service they can perform. The Meeting approved this recommendation from the Interim Committee.

1959-18. The Meeting approved the recommendation that Yearly Meeting visiting Friends carry travel minutes signed by the Chairman of the Visitation Committee or the Chairman of Ministry and Oversight.
The Meeting approved the continuation of our practice of reporting Yearly Meeting business in an article in the Bulletin, and mimeographing the full minutes for distribution to Monthly Meetings, Friends' Libraries, other Yearly Meetings and those individuals who wish their own copies.

After a short period of silence the meeting adjourned at 12:15 to re-convene with Young Friends at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, 1959, 7:45 p.m.

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

The reading clerk read excerpts from the following Epistles:

The Young Friends Group of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative). "In our discussions we have not always found unity of thought or action, but by the stimulation of analyzing our beliefs against the equally strong beliefs of others, we have gained much in knowledge and understanding. To talk, to disagree and to understand with complete absence of discord is in itself an accomplishment for which all nations of today should strive."

New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. "Dissatisfaction with ourselves, our meetings, and our times emphasizes the need to find a Center for our activities so that the unimportant things may drop away."

Wilmington Junior Yearly Meeting.

Cly Pappenheim, friend of the Friends from Germany and recently from Pendle Hill, was introduced.

Representatives from Santa Monica Monthly Meeting were welcomed.

The minutes of the morning session were approved as read.

The reading clerk read a letter to Gretchen Rudnick prepared by Esther Richards and Friends were invited to sign it.

The clerk welcomed Young Friends meeting jointly with us for this session and invited them to share their concerns with us.

The reading clerk read the following questions prepared and presented by the Yearly Meeting Education Committee:

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE OUR QUAKER IDEAS AND IDEALS?

How do we view and solve our personal conflicts?
Does our Quakerism help us in a unique way?

Is it possible for growth to come out of conflict?
Have we seen the relationship between vital faith, practical problem-solving techniques, and patience? (It is faith that conquers fear and builds trust and affection.)

Are we able to identify our problems in family and other relationships?

Can we cooperate in finding solutions which consider the welfare of the individual member AND the total group?

Do we have an increasing understanding of the developmental tasks of persons of varying ages in our culture, and are we developing patterns of living which effectively make use of this knowledge?

What are our sources of joy - as families? - as individuals?

Do we express affection, praise and consistency in our relationships?

Are we open to suggestion and criticism from our loved ones?

Can we look within ourselves for causes of conflict without feelings of self-pity or guilt?

What kind of authority should exist in a Quaker home?

How do we weather crises as an individual, a family, and a meeting?

Where is our ultimate strength?

How do we use silence creatively?

Do we find strength in our meetings? How?

After waiting together silently for a period of time, various Friends, both young and old, spoke.

One Friend reminded us that appointments to various Yearly Meeting responsibilities need to be brought specifically and promptly to the attention of the person appointed.

We became increasingly aware of the growth in size of our Yearly Meeting, as we realized the difficulty faced by Young Friends in speaking to an assembly of over three hundred. However, we were also aware of the validity and integrity of our Young Friends when we realized how well they have functioned in spite of a relatively rapid turn-over in their membership due to passing years and their advancement to adult status.

Friends were reminded that we are all children of God. The difference between the oldest and the youngest is small. Differences regarding age should not be emphasized in our speaking to one another.

Friends in the Northwest reported the formation of a Half-Yearly Meeting for Young Friends. Their experience was cited as an encouraging example to Young Friends in other areas. Young Friends in Southern California were invited to sit with meeting representatives from that area to discuss the formation of a Quarterly Meeting.
Suggestions were presented for further development of communication between younger and older Friends:

1. It was suggested that our session seat itself in a hollow square.

2. One younger Friend suggested that we decide in advance more specifically what mutual concerns we will discuss.

3. There seems to be a movement toward the formation of a more established Junior Yearly Meeting which is growing out of the Young Friends group itself.

4. Friends were reminded that Interim Committee recommendations and Yearly Meeting decisions at the Saturday morning session indicate the gradual development of an integrated Young Friends group.

5. One Friend brought our attention to the fact that the gulf which is said to exist between the generations is not experienced by some of our families.

6. One Friend requested that the questions from the Education Committee read at the beginning of the meeting be given wider circulation.

Students and staff members of the Friends Secondary Summer School were introduced and reported briefly of their experiences and studies undertaken at the session just concluded. At the close of the meeting, these Young Friends presented several dramatizations and musical numbers. At this same traditional "fun-night," Friends enjoyed the buoyant, creative leadership of Foy and Elizabeth Van Dolsen.

After a period of silence, the clerk read the last sentence of the Education Committee's report prepared by the acting Chairman, Dottie Pinney:

"All of us have been young once; our children will become Young Friends; and some of our Young Friends will grow up to walk beside us, as we search for our life's needs and fulfillments through our Meetings and our Pacific Yearly Meeting."

The meeting adjourned until 7:30 Sunday evening.

**Sunday, August 23, 1959, 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting opened with a period of worship. We must show forth that which has come out of our conviction.

The reading clerk read *A Peace Appeal* from Norway Yearly Meeting (See page 10).

The following were introduced:

Bruce and Suzanne Brown of Missoula Preparative Meeting
Wesley and Sylvia Osman of the Freedom Community Methodist Church near Watsonville, California
Victor and Marcia McLane, friends of the Friends, from Truckee, California
To Friends everywhere:

For more than three hundred years Friends have been united in their Peace Testimony. The first Friends left their homes and went forth to proclaim the truth in their hearts that the Inner Light makes it impossible to injure or kill another human being.

Today we, as Quakers, often talk about sharing our faith with others. We bring no religious dogma. But today, if ever, is the right time to preach the gospel of peace. The whole world is holding its breath in expectation. All are longing for the great, vital message, "Thou shalt not kill."

The world often expresses its confidence in our Society because of its efforts in various directions. Let us try anew to be worthy of this confidence. We must do all that can be done to bring this gospel, this burning message to mankind.

Friends in Norway hereby address themselves through the Yearly Meetings to Friends all over the world. Let us all consider carefully the responsibility we have both as individuals and as a Society. Let us, everywhere, send urgent appeals to the people and the authorities of our various countries, to stop all experiments with nuclear weapons, to call a halt to the arms race, and instead to use the money to improve the standard of living of those two-thirds of the world's population who so sorely need it.

Let us, within each Quaker group, encourage and support those members who are ready to devote all their energies to find and use every opportunity of proclaiming the peace message. And let our Meetings mutually exchange thoughts and experience on this question, the most burning of all, so that we can reach a better understanding of the problems and see more clearly the tasks that lie before us.

We never know whether our efforts will produce any visible results. Yet we must at all times do that which is right, that to which the Inner Light points the way. If we can find the right word our message will be fruitful, and will spread to wider circles.

Let us stand united in earnest work for this task. Let us stand united in prayer that every one of us may be an instrument in the service of peace.

Signed on behalf of Norway Yearly Meeting,

Ole F. Olden
After corrections, the minutes of the Saturday evening session were approved.

The Meeting then gave consideration to a report from the Peace and Service Committee.

The reading clerk read the Pacific Yearly Meeting Queries on social and economic relationships, civic responsibilities and human brotherhood.

Ferner Nuhn reported on the Nationwide Program of Education and Action for Peace. This program is based on the Report of the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches held at Cleveland in November, 1958. The report is titled: "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet." Friends were reminded that this program was nationwide in scope, and that Monthly Meetings might wish to explore their relationships to this program in their own communities.

Clara Shaw read a concern from Stanley Shaw in which he proposed that Friends adopt as our major effort for peace henceforth the purpose to set our own house in order. That "we endeavor to win each individual member of the Quaker household to give moral and occupational support only to efforts consistent with world peace."

Many Friends spoke to this concern during our session together. We searched for a common ground and explored many questions. Friends spoke freely of their deep convictions and interpretations of our Peace testimony. We were asked whether we are prepared to hold one another up as we shift our occupational orientation in an attempt to avoid our entanglement in a larger society engaged in preparation for war. We were reminded that the historical record shows that Friends who have taken the pacifist position have both suffered and found creative occupational opportunities.

Great concern was expressed for our responsibilities to our Young Friends in regard to their occupational choices and their understanding of the peace testimony. Are we trying to make it easier for ourselves by educating our children to do something we ourselves cannot do or are unwilling to do? One Friend asked whether we are willing to be revolutionary in our economic life so that we may have the right to speak to our younger Friends. Another Friend reminded us that there is no security outside of God. Our most useful work to be done with our Young Friends is while they have made their decisions about their life's work.

We must remind ourselves and our Young Friends that our primary testimony is the belief that there is that of God in all men, and that we cannot withdraw from our culture. We must avoid an intellectual solution which will lose the drive of the spirit.

Other Friends asked us whether we did not feel that our Queries and Advices were adequate if we took them to heart. We were cautioned against writing appeals and endorsements which salved our conscience. "Are we so small that we must take words from others?"

One Friend asked that we all seek guidance in our moral and occupational involvement in a war economy, but said that an attempt to "win our members" to a point of view or position left a feeling of uneasiness. "The Light Within must win the people, not we ourselves."
As we continued to share our hopes and prayers that we would find the will of God, we all sensed a longing to find some way to communicate to others what we all felt this evening. We re-read our own Queries, we heard Queries from the Lompoc meeting. We remembered the evolution of our testimony on slavery and reminded ourselves that we live "not only in a revolutionary world, but in an evolutionary world." We came to see that peace has many aspects, that the power to witness comes to each person in his own way, that the Light can shine in many ways.

Franklin Zahn brought us a concern from Claremont Monthly Meeting regarding the formation and support of a bill on war tax legislation, a proposal to join the FCNL in sponsoring legislation to provide alternate service for dollars.

A message was read from College Park Monthly Meeting proposing that Pacific Yearly Meeting issue a call to responsibility to people throughout the world, seeking the support of all men in an effort to prevent a general atomic war.

Friends were reluctant to leave their consideration of Stanley Shaw's concern and we turned our attention to it again. Friends reminded us that only a local Meeting can decide whether self-purification can be made the first order of business and that after self-purification has taken place, unless we change the system we cannot build a peaceful world.

1959-20. Summarizing Minute. It is clear that the message of Stanley Shaw has stirred the Yearly Meeting to consider the seeds of war in our own garments. We feel we must see to the cleansing of our garments in order that we may be worthy when we counsel and assist our young Friends.

On a minute to Meetings endorsing Stanley Shaw's concern we are not in unity. In the face of the actualities of our threatened world we are in doubt about the value of more words and question what endorsement would add. Yet this and the minutes forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by College Park and Claremont Meetings bring into focus our continuing uneasiness.

In spite of our varying degrees of emphasis on how our Peace Testimony should be expressed, there are many ways to peace. There are:

1. Those who feel that we must seek inward peace first as self-purification.
2. Those who are moved to radical personal and group action and need the support of Meetings.
3. Those who feel that as citizens of governments we still have opportunities to influence events.

We support Friends who are led to walk in any of these ways to peace. Whether we send messages to the Meetings is unimportant. We are the Monthly Meetings; if we have been moved our Meetings will be moved to action. We differ, yet we love each other.

A moving period of worship closed the meeting.
Monday, August 24, 1959, 10:40 a.m.

The meeting re-convened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistles from the following Yearly Meetings were read:

Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Friends. "More powerful than hydrogen bombs or atomic submarines are the forces of understanding, good will, friendship and love. They are the only forces that can make for a peaceful world or help bring in the kingdom of God."

Germany Yearly Meeting. "... We have experienced that God's strength, as it flows into us from the silence, is helping us to stand firm in the troubles that beset us... Our resting in God and our actions amongst men will only bear fruit if they go hand in hand. Living in the discrepancy between our faithfulness to God and our purposeful actions we are praying to God for guidance and insight."

North Carolina Yearly Meeting. "Our sessions have brought us to the Holy Spirit for guidance in the search for God's forgiving love that will not turn us loose."

After slight alterations the minutes of the Sunday night meeting were approved. Upon the instruction of Friends, excerpts from these minutes will be mimeographed before the end of the Yearly Meeting sessions.

Friends indicated that a clarification of the function of the Peace and Service Committee is needed. The reading clerk read a minute from Floyd Schmoe, Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Service. This minute was referred back to the Peace and Service Committee with instructions to bring a revised minute with full committee agreement to the meeting of the Interim Committee Monday evening. It is hoped this revision can be heard by the 1959 Yearly Meeting.

1959-21. Franklin Zahn refreshed our thinking on the Claremont Monthly Meeting concern regarding the formation and support of war tax legislation. Friends again spoke vigorously and lovingly to various ways in which we might implement our peace testimony.

We explored our feelings with searching questions, some of which we have not been able to answer:

When did we lose sight of doing what was right?

Can we detach ourselves from position (status) or security?

Can we, from our favored circumstances, identify with suffering in the world?

Can we rise above our circumstances?

Why are we not ready to act?

Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that we go on record favoring this (alternate service for dollars) legislation in principle and that we assign a committee to work with the FCNL on this matter. It is agreed that we encourage Claremont Monthly Meeting to follow their concern further by communicating with other Monthly Meetings and that Yearly Meeting will refer this concern to its Monthly Meetings for study and action as the Light leads them. (Attachment No. 2.)
The Meeting heard a panel report from representatives of the American Friends Service Committee.

Cecil Thomas reported on Community Relations and in the words of Martin Luther King warned us of the "appalling silence of the good people" in regard to problems of race relations.

Egbert Hayes reported on the Peace and Community Education section. He recommended that local meetings cooperate with the newly developed peace education work of the National Council of Churches.

Kellogg Peckham spoke of the American Friends Service Committee work abroad. He referred with particular emphasis to Committee concerns regarding refugees. He closed his report by reading a letter from Ed and Marian Sanders, briefly reporting their experiences at the Youth Festival in Vienna.

Clifford Maser reported for the Friends World Conference. He reminded us that this is a consultative body which studies problems and makes recommendations; any action must be undertaken by Yearly Meetings. Three primary concerns of the FWC were presented:

1. This is the World Refugee Year and individual Friends were encouraged to pass on information regarding the refugee problem to other churches and groups in their communities. Friends have a large body of information at their disposal and have a responsibility to inform their neighbors.

2. A minute from London Yearly Meeting on slavery was read. Friends were reminded of the magnitude of this problem. Specific facts are needed and individual Friends who can assist in this matter are encouraged to do so.

3. A Race Relations Conference is being planned in June, 1961, by the FWC.

1959-22. The meeting instructed our Peace and Service Committee to encourage our government to become a signatory to the convention on the worldwide abolition of slavery. It was recommended that the government in Washington as well as governmental delegates to the United Nations be made aware of our concern. (See minutes 1959-29 and 1959-33.)

After a period of worship the meeting adjourned at 12:30 to reconvene at 7:30.

Monday, August 24, 1959, 7:45 p.m.

After a period of worship, the meeting continued in session.

The reading clerk read excerpts from Epistles from the following:

Sweden Yearly Meeting. "While the world is rapidly changing, our concern above all should be to prepare ourselves inwardly to be ready for the tasks we may be called to. Are we really willing to be used as instruments in the service of God, whatever it may involve or cost?"
California Yearly Meeting. "We believe that peace on earth is God's will for man."

A portion of a letter from Robert Dann, written August 4, 1959, was read:

"We trust that there will be a real feeling of fellowship that will allow for development and growth in ability to work together, and to understand the necessity of this, in order to experience the real significance of our religious life, or life as religion."

Portions of a letter from Margaret Brooks, clerk of Sacramento Preparative Meeting, from London, August 4, 1959, were read:

"The purpose of the (London Yearly) Meeting would be to inspire and stimulate those in attendance to put more of themselves into living the life of a Quaker. . . . it is our duty to find those among us who have the ability to arouse others. . . ."

In regard to the Peace Testimony, "we need our absolutists as well as our relativists; we cannot blast men into agreement with ourselves, they must be led reasonably; we must have the kind of meetings that will support members in their concerns. . . ."

A. J. Muste was introduced.

Glen Kitzenberger, new College Secretary in the American Friends Service Committee, Northern California office, was introduced.

The minutes of the Monday, August 24, morning session were approved.

1959-23. The following minute from the Peace and Service Committee was read and approved:

We recommend that the Committee on Peace and Service be known as the Peace Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting and that a separate Committee on the Social Order be formed as growing concerns in this area demand it.

1959-24. Ben Seaver presented a plan to establish support for a "Friend in Washington" to give particular attention to legislation on the crucial issue of world peace. The meeting approved the following minute:

We lay upon the Peace Committee the furthering of the concern for a Friend in Washington among the Monthly Meetings. We approve the effort to encourage new financial support from the Monthly Meetings to free Raymond Wilson from certain FCNL duties to enable him to serve as this Friend in Washington.

1959-25. Floyd Schmoe presented a concern to request the AFSC to continue to explore the possibility of calling a meeting "at the summit" of moral and religious leaders of the world. The meeting approved sending a letter to the AFSC in Philadelphia endorsing this concern and instructed Floyd Schmoe to write it.
1959-26. The meeting heard a concern from Claremont Monthly Meeting regarding an invitation to Pacific Yearly Meeting to send representatives to a Conference on Crime and the Treatment of the Offender called by the FMC at Camp Miami, Germantown, Ohio, November, 1959. Friends responded to this concern by requesting Franklin Zahn to attend this conference and bring a report to the Yearly Meeting. The Finance Committee was instructed to allocate travel and conference expenses for this purpose.

Walt Raitt reported the formation of the Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting.

1959-27. Robert Young, acting Treasurer, gave the Finance Report for 1959-60. The meeting received this report with approval and thanks for its careful preparation and presentation. (Attachments 3 and 3a.)

1959-28. Ellis Jump, acting Finance Committee Chairman, presented the Budget for the year 1959-60. (Attachment 4.)

It was clear to the Yearly Meeting that if we were to carry on the program of visitation so heartily endorsed by Friends, and if we were to meet the minimum needs of an encouraging growth in the size of the Yearly Meeting, it would be necessary to request Monthly Meetings to increase their per capita contribution from $4.00 to $5.00. After considerable discussion the meeting gave warm approval to this increase.

After questions and discussion of other items, an increase in the allowance for the clerk’s office expenses was the only change proposed. With this change the budget was approved as presented. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the chairman and committee for their services.

Hugh Campbell-Brown read a draft of the 1959 Epistle which was followed by a period of worship, and adjournment at 10:30 p.m. to reconvene for the last session on Tuesday morning, August 25, at 10:30.

Tuesday, August 25, 1959, 10:30 a.m.

The meeting opened with a period of worship. "We have chosen this way of life. Let us walk with God."

The reading clerk read Epistles from the following:

Japan Yearly Meeting. "We have prayed that we might be given more perspective and insight so that we might know when to rise and how to act."

The Religious Society of Friends, General Meeting for Australia. "We must be as instruments in the hands of God. His fingers will pluck the tense strings and bring forth harmony; His Spirit, breathing through our lives, will produce the 'Eternal Yes,' the positive, creative attitudes which will establish His Kingdom in the hearts of men."

Indiana Yearly Meeting (General Conference). "But we have a power greater than any we have yet used, if we learn to pray sincerely, constantly - 'Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.'"
The reading clerk read the endorsement of Margaret Simkin's travel minute from the New England Yearly Meeting.

The reading clerk read an endorsement on a Yearly Meeting travel minute which was given last summer to Theodore Von Laue of Riverside-Redlands Meeting:

"We, the members of the Council of the Union of Baptist Churches in the USSR, were pleased to meet with Brother Theodore Von Laue in the Moscow Baptist Church and to share with him friendly and pleasant relations. We are glad that the ties of love, peace, and friendship with Quakers of various countries are growing and deepening, and we, the Baptists of the USSR, are ready also in the future to maintain the most friendly contacts with them for the welfare of our peoples and for the promotion of peace in the entire world."

Minutes of the Monday evening meeting were read and approved after minor changes.

A letter to the AFSC (Philadelphia) written by Floyd Schmoe after instruction by the Yearly Meeting, Monday evening, August 24, was read. (Attachment No. 5.)

1959-29. A minute regarding the establishment of a Yearly Meeting Social Order Committee was read:

The Yearly Meeting shall appoint a Committee on the Social Order for the term of one year. This Committee shall serve as a clearing house of information on the interest and activity of Friends in regard to race relations, treatment of the offender, capital punishment, the economic system, and other areas of stress in our society of interest to our Yearly Meeting. It will assemble and prepare reports of these interests and activities, including reports of conferences attended.

The Meeting approved the minute appointing a Social Order Committee.

1959-30. The Nominating Committee was asked to name three Friends to this new Committee.

1959-31. The Meeting agreed that the Indian Affairs Committee is to continue as a separate committee.

1959-32. The following minute on the World Refugee Year was prepared at the request of Orange Grove Meeting. It was read and approved:

Pacific Yearly Meeting is in wholehearted accord with the purposes of the World Refugee Year which has been created by the United Nations to focus efforts of governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals on refugee problems throughout the world.

Friends have long been concerned about refugees and the suffering which millions of men, women and children have endured over the past forty years. We recognize that it is war which has bred refugees, and that peace in no small measure is related to the solution of major refugee problems.
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1959-32, cont.

We recommend to Monthly Meetings in the United States, Canada, and Mexico that they inform themselves about the programs of the World Refugee Year and seek ways in which they as Meetings and as individuals can help. Through the American Friends Service Committee, Meetings can sponsor refugee families and support such overseas efforts as the new program to relieve suffering among the Algerian refugees and assist children and young people in Hong Kong.

Pacific Yearly Meeting suggests that Monthly Meetings write their respective governments, all of which have endorsed the World Refugee Year, urging them to support the Year to the fullest and to facilitate regular refugee immigration into their countries.

Copies of the above minute are to be transmitted to:

The Canadian National Committee for Refugees
The Archives, Sussex Street
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The United States Committee for Refugees
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

In lieu of a known address for a national committee in Mexico we will ask Jorge Hernandez to take a copy of this minute with him to Mexico and transmit it to the proper organization.

1959-33. The minute from London Yearly Meeting on Slavery (see page 14 of these minutes) was transferred to the new Social Order Committee for consideration.

1959-34. The following telegram was drawn up by the Friends Committee on National Legislation special interest group. It was read to the Yearly meeting and the Meeting approved sending it:

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

WE WISH TO COMMEND YOUR DECISION TO JOIN WITH BRITAIN IN CONTINUING THE SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP. WE REALIZE THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BUT WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS STATESMANLIKE STEP.

Catherine Bruner, Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, representing forty meetings in eight states, two Canadian provinces and Mexico.
1959-35. The meeting also recommends that individual Friends be asked to write letters to the President and to their Senators and Congressmen supporting this action to continue the suspension of tests. ACTION bulletins from the Friends Committee on Legislation, giving useful data for letters, are available.

Gretchen Tuthill described the Quaker Center being developed in Atlanta, Georgia. Individual Friends are encouraged to send contributions to assist in the development of a true center of Christian Brotherhood. "Recent developments in our city (Atlanta) deepen our conviction that the time for a more searching Quaker witness in Atlanta is today." John W. Stanley, 739 West Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta 8, Georgia, is the treasurer.

1959-36. The following minutes were presented at the request of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. The meeting heard both minutes read, and approved them:

1. By direction of its annual assembly on August 25, 1959, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends authorized its Clerk or Treasurer to establish a commercial checking account in the Pasadena, California, main office, Security-First National Bank, and designated
   Catherine Bruner, Clerk, or
   Robert T. Young, Treasurer
   as signatories authorized to make withdrawals from such account.

   Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
   by ________________________________
   Catherine Bruner, Clerk
   and ________________________________
   Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
   Dated ______

2. By direction of its annual assembly on August 25, 1959, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends authorized its Clerk or Treasurer to establish a savings or investment account in the San Marino office of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of South Pasadena, California, and designated
   Catherine Bruner, Clerk, or
   Robert T. Young, Treasurer
   as signatories authorized to make withdrawals from such account.

   Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
   by ________________________________
   Catherine Bruner, Clerk
   and ________________________________
   Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
   Dated ______
1959-37. The minutes of the Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting were read by Paula Hurn. (Attachment No. 6.) Friends expressed appreciation of the example of Friendly reporting.

Jim Baldridge read the Epistle of the Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting. (Attachment No. 7.) The clerk spoke for the Meeting in expressing the hope that we can grow together.

1959-38. The Nominating Committee report (Attachment No. 8) was read by Richard Broughton, Chairman. After questions, discussion, and minor corrections the report was approved and the Meeting expressed thanks to the committee for their services.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the alternate clerk's duties be extended to include presiding over the Interim Committee. After this was considered by the Meeting it was decided that the clerks should be given freedom to experiment with the assignment of duties as seems necessary.

To correct an error in the printed discipline, Friends were reminded that the term Committee on Worship and Ministry is to be changed to Ministry and Oversight.

1959-39. The Nominating Committee recommended that the Friends World Committee, Pacific Rim appointment, be discontinued. The meeting concurred in this.

1959-40. It was agreed that the Discipline Committee be instructed to study the problem of time of appointment of the chairman and members of the Nominating Committee. The length of their term of office is also to be reconsidered. The Discipline Committee is to report on this matter at the 1960 Spring Interim Committee. The yearly meeting approved of this action.

1959-41. The following Friends are to continue on the Nominating Committee until the date indicated:

William James, Chairman and member - Spring, 1960
Madeleine Stephenson - Spring, 1960
Cleo Cox - Spring, 1960
Lois Bailey - 1961
Madge Seaver - 1961
Asenath Young - 1961

1959-42. It was agreed that consideration should be given to the publication of Howard Brinton's lecture given before the Yearly Meeting, August 23, 1959. The Spring Interim Committee was instructed to explore this project.

1959-43. A special interest group, Ferner Nuhn, chairman, recommended that the Yearly Meeting continue the Committee on Inter-Yearly Meeting Relationships and asked that it extend its activity to include an exploration of our relationship to the Christian ecumenical movement. The Yearly Meeting approved.
Harold Carson, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, reported that the 1960 Yearly Meeting will convene at McMinnville, Oregon. The tentative dates have been set as August 17-20, 1960. Consideration is to be given by the Interim Committee to the recommendation that various committees and officers meet at least one day before the regular sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

1959-44. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crockett, managers of this Y. M. C. A. camp, thanking them for their thoughtfulness and efficiency in providing for the physical needs of this session; also a letter to Mr. Robert Simcock of the San Francisco Y.M.C.A.

Instead of individually thanking all who gave their time and effort, the Meeting gave thanks to God for sending his good servants to do the work of the Yearly Meeting.

Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting was reminded to begin plans for the 1961 Yearly Meeting to be held in the southern area.

1959-45. Charles Davis reported that the American Friends Service Committee requests the appointment of a Friend from this Yearly Meeting to work with them on California Indian affairs. The appointment of Alice Shoemaker was recommended and approved by the Yearly Meeting. The Meeting was reminded that future requests for regional appointments might be more appropriately presented to the proper Quarterly or Half-Yearly Meetings.

1959-46. The Epistle was read by Hugh Campbell Brown and accepted with appreciation by the Yearly Meeting:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends
held at La Honda, California
August 21st to August 25th, 1959

To Friends everywhere:

More than five hundred Friends from our scattered Monthly Meetings in eight states, Canada and Mexico, each individual traveling an average of over five hundred miles, have gathered under the redwoods for five days of joyous seeking fellowship. The joy has been tempered by a humbling realization that though we are deeply and lovingly united in a yearning to express our Peace Testimony, we are so enmeshed in our war centered economy that we are unable to speak to the dilemma of our time with a truly united voice. There has, however, been a genuine harmony in our seeking together despite the disparity in our backgrounds and our ages, for we range in age from babes in arms to ninety-year-olds. One high school Friend reminded us that we are all children of God, and that the gap between the youngest and the oldest is relatively insignificant; talking about it only adds bricks to the wall of separation.

Our Yearly Meeting has been likened to a river rising as precious drops of crystal water in the hearts of each one of us, and flowing together through our lives and meetings to form a stream which we hope will water a thirsty land, bringing peace and not destruction.
Howard Brinton, in his talk about the rise of the Society of Friends in England, reminded us that our many small meetings of convinced Friends and seekers are similar to those of the early Society. The ability of our witness to be effective depends upon the faith that each one of us has in the crystal drops of Truth entrusted to him, and on equal trust in the Truth entrusted to others, that all of us may willingly let this Living Water flow through our lives.

"Our Father, hard to know, but always near, almighty, but always kind, help us to believe as well as to say, 'This is Thy world.' Lead us to the pure springs of living water, the source of life. Make of our Yearly Meetings strong, clear rivers which will be a refreshment and sustenance to Thy children. Accept these our hearts."

Friends heard minutes read, as we progressed, during this session and approved these final minutes without hearing them read again.

The clerk read the closing minute:

1959-47. Closing Minute. We have met under the redwoods near La Honda for the largest and perhaps most diverse Yearly Meeting of our short history. We have remembered the two Friends who gave so much to the Yearly Meeting and to Friends wherever they were, Robert Simkin and Robert Dann. To use the words of Robert Simkin at last Yearly Meeting, "We stand on their shoulders."

Our diversity and growth have created difficulties, yet through honest and loving meeting with each other we have advanced toward true unity in diversity.

God has taken our tumblings and our limitations and transmuted our plans, and given back to us in unexpected ways our efforts, transformed and lifted to the light of His presence.

We adjourn to meet in August, 1960, in the Pacific Northwest, probably at McMinnville, Oregon.

Catherine Bruner, Clerk

Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pacific Yearly Meeting, which is composed of Quaker Meetings in eight states, two provinces of Canada and Mexico City, views with interest and approval the plans of the Friends Retirement Association of California, Inc., to buy property and build a home for elderly Friends.

Our Yearly Meeting, in past years, has considered the need for such accommodations, and those who have taken the initiative in the project are members of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Because of the kind of organization Friends have, the Yearly Meeting has no financial responsibility for the Friends Retirement Association.

We are, however, glad to add our endorsement to those of other Friends groups and to recommend the Friends Retirement Association to the Federal Housing Administration.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Catherine Bruner
Clerk
Claremont Monthly Meeting recommends that Pacific Yearly Meeting work with the Friends Committee on National Legislation to look for an adequate basis for formulating and supporting a bill for the U. S. Congress to provide alternative uses for that portion of federal income taxes now being used for military purposes and paid by persons who have conscientious convictions against the use of violence in the settling of disputes.
## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
### TREASURER’S REPORT

Fiscal Year - August, 1958 to August, 1959 (8/8/58 - 8/12/59)

### Item | Budget | Actual Receipts
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Beginning Cash Balances (Incl. Bulletin $202.30) | $3,311.56 | $3,311.56

### RECEIPTS:
- Member Meetings General Contributions | 4,508.00 | 4,098.00
- Bulletin Subscriptions | 1,300.00 | 1,480.09
- Interest | 70.00 | 73.08
- Lompoc Conference: Contributions | $86.86 | $86.86
- Expenditures | 78.34 | 8.52
- Other (1958 Session Deposits in Excess of Expenditures - $8.11, Literature $43.70, for Lebanon $40.00, Disciplines $45.00 for Bad Pyrmont Conf. and report travel $40.00, Other Contributions $21.00) | - | 197.81

### Beginning Balance Plus Receipts
 Beginning Balance Plus Receipts | $9,189.56 | $9,169.06

### EXPENDITURES:
- Bulletin | $2,600.00 | $2,650.98*
- Clerk and Secretary Expenses (Incl. Printing) | 200.00 | 196.32
- Discipline Committee | 50.00 | 24.72
- Ministry and Oversight | 300.00 | 94.18
- Visitation Committee | 100.00 | 40.00
- Education Committee | 100.00 | 3.30
- Friends World Committee and U. N. Work | 400.00 | 300.00
- Young Friends Program (During the Year) | 150.00 | -
- 1959 Yearly Meeting Session Expenses | - | -
  (Adult, Youth and Children) | 400.00 | 50.00
- Indian Committee | 25.00 | -
- Peace and Service | 85.97** | 85.97
- Travel to Yearly Meeting and Interim Committee | 1,400.00 | 1,314.32
- A. F. S. C. for Lebanon | 300.00 | 340.00
- Conference Travel: Kansas Youth | 150.00 | 100.00
- Race Relations | 150.00 | 175.00
- Friends World Com., Bad Pyrmont | 600.00 | 600.00
- Friends World Com., New Meetings Conf. | 1,024.72 | 75.00
- Evanston Conf. | 50.00 | 50.00
- Other Expenses: Nominating Com. $6.10, Lit. $1.15 | - | 7.25

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES | $7,435.69 | $6,107.04

### RESERVE BALANCE, CLOSE OF YEAR
 RESERVE BALANCE, CLOSE OF YEAR | $1,753.87 | $3,062.02

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* Bulletin - Salary $1,400.00, Printing $841.00, Mailing $134.00, Office Expense $275.98
** Revised Budget
*** Ending Balance - General Checking $1,085.06, Bulletin Checking $103.88, Savings $1,873.08

Robert T. Young
## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
### TREASURER'S REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
#### August 12, 1959

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**TOTALS**

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1959 Minutes
Attachment #4

BUDGET FOR PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
1959-60
Approved, August 24, 1959

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(Yearly Meeting approved $100.00 from Reserves to Friends World Committee U. N. program for year 1958-59).

(Travel for Clerk, Alternate Clerk, Record Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor to Yearly Meeting and the above plus two other persons whose attendance is requested by the Clerk to Interim meeting in the spring computed @ 4¢/mile; delegates and other invited persons @ 2¢/mile.)
Pacific Yearly Meeting, held at La Honda, California, 
August 21-25, 1959

To: Colin Bell
Louis Schneider
American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Friends:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends, now in session, has been 
told of the suggestion, presented to the American Friends Service Com-
mittee some months ago by a group from Seattle, that you try to set up 
and facilitate, through the most effective channels available to you, a 
"Meeting at the summit" of outstanding world leaders in religious and 
moral thinking. The hope is that, with the aid of the various inter-
national news-gathering agencies, the findings and pronouncements of 
such a group of the subject of building and maintaining a peaceful and 
creative relationship between the peoples and the nations of the world 
would have wide acceptance and perhaps give us the new approach to the 
solution of world problems which we so desperately need.

It is suggested that this would not be a meeting of churchmen 
and sectarian leaders who would be hindered by their differences and 
responsibilities, but a relatively small, selected group of free men who 
are already known to the world for their wisdom and love of humanity. 
Men of the quality of Albert Schweitzer, Toyohiko Kagawa, Raja Gopala-
chari, Pope John, Martin Niemoller and Robert Oppenheimer would be 
called from Russia, China, the Far East and Africa, as well as from the 
Western countries of the world; these men would be underwritten finan-
cially and allowed to meet in a central location such as Geneva for as 
long a period as they cared to use it to share their insights and pool 
their thinking. No agreement would be expected on a final pronounce-
ment, but plans and opinions would be expressed which would carry great 
weight in the hearts of people and the councils of nations.

Pacific Yearly Meeting urges that you continue to explore the 
possibility of organizing such a meeting, sharing the task with such 
orGANizations as the Friends World Committee, the Women's International 
League for Peace and Freedom, the World Council of Churches, and other 
helpful groups.

Pacific Yearly Meeting stands ready to cooperate in any way 
possible with such a program.

Signed on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Catherine Bruner
Clerk
MINUTES OF THE YOUNG FRIENDS OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

11:00 p.m., Friday, August 21, 1959

The meeting opened and Paula Hurn volunteered for secretary. We appointed a committee to plan the agenda for this year and to ask for speakers for our meetings. This committee consisted of Jean Prideaux, Melody James, and Nina Dodd. We discussed Young Friends' conduct at Yearly Meeting, including curfew. The meeting was adjourned.

7:30 p.m., Friday, August 21, 1959

Steve Young, clerk, opened the meeting with a period of silence. We appointed an Epistle Committee composed of Jim Baldridge, Ronnie Raitt, and Steve Young. The proposed agenda, which was combined with the Junior High group, was approved by the meeting and the manner of conduct was re-discussed. The meeting adjourned.

10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 22, 1959

Ramon True and Diane Pagent showed the group slides of Argenta, British Columbia, Canada, and the surrounding countryside in an attempt to interest us in the Friends High School to be started there. We also saw the slides of the North West Young Friends summer camp. The meeting was adjourned.

6:30 a.m., Sunday, August 23, 1959

The clerks opened the meeting with silence. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Queries of the Philadelphia and Pacific Yearly Meetings. However, this soon turned into a heated discussion on our ideas of God, and the meaning of living silence. The meeting closed with a period of silence.

9:00 a.m., Monday, August 24, 1959

The meeting opened with a period of silence. A sheet of paper was passed around to obtain names and addresses for a general mailing list of Young Friends.

The clerk introduced the speaker, Dr. Phil Wells, who led us in a discussion of Juvenile Delinquency. The main topic of discussion was "What is a Delinquent?" The meeting ended.
4:30 p.m., Monday, August 24, 1959

The meeting was opened with silence. The speaker for the afternoon was Carolyn Estes who gave an excellent talk on the work and background of Youth for Service and answered any questions we had. The meeting was closed with silence.

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 25, 1959

Jean Prideaux led a discussion on plans for next Yearly Meeting. The minutes of the previous meetings and the Epistle were read and approved.

The planning committee for the coming year were appointed by the nominating committee. These are: Northern California, Steve Schaffran; Southern California, Bill Bruff; Washington-Oregon, Melody James; Arizona, Paula Hurn.

Jean Prideaux - Clerk
Nina Dodd - Assistant Clerk

Ruth Dart - Clerk
Jane Wells - Correspondent

Senior High
Junior High

(signed) Paula Hurn
Jane Wells
Recording Clerks

Steve Young
Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
La Honda, California
August 21-25, 1959

August 25, 1959

To Young Friends Everywhere:

The Junior and Senior High groups of Pacific Yearly Meeting have combined to form a Junior Yearly Meeting. Stephen Young was clerk. Groups came from the Friends Secondary School and from John Way's trip, which was returning from Argenta, B. C.

We found we are able to conduct meetings by ourselves. In one meeting we had an excellent discussion about God which stemmed from two Queries. Resource people led us in discussions on the subject of juvenile delinquency.

In our free time we sway, sang, walked in the redwoods, attended adult committee meetings, and talked.

We have had a successful Yearly Meeting.

Steve Young, Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS
AUGUST 1959

Presiding Clerk: Catherine Bruner (Delta)
Alternate Clerk: Harold Carson (University, Seattle)
Recording Clerk: Edwin C. Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
Reading Clerk: James Riddles (La Jolla)
Statistical Secretary: Mildred M. Burek (Willamette Valley)
Treasurer: Robert Young (Orange Grove)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE
Madge Seaver, Chairman (San Francisco)
Esther Richards (Multnomah)
Edward Thatcher (Eugene)
Margarete Coe (University, Seattle)
Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
Stephanie Ullman (La Jolla)
Betty Peckham (Orange Grove)
Grace Lawrence (Willamette Valley)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
Ferner Nuhn, Chairman (Claremont) one year
Hugh Campbell Brown (Vancouver) one year
Margaret Jump (Multnomah) one year
Edith Dewees (Phoenix) two years
Mary Kershner (Los Angeles) one year
Edwin Sanders (Orange Grove) one year
Beatrice Crouse (San Francisco) two years

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Following the recommendation adopted at last Yearly Meeting, the Education Committee has been set up in another area of the Yearly Meeting for easier functioning and coordination.)
Frank Du Bois, Chairman (University, Seattle)
Winifred Clark (Victoria)
Monette Thatcher (Eugene)
Marian Alter (Eastside, Seattle)
Helen Stevenson (Argenta)
Elisabeth Elkinton (Tacoma)
Alura and Donald Dodd (Seattle)
Dick Anderson (University)
Dorothy Pinney (Orange Grove)
Ardelle Dennis (Multnomah)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Ellis Jump, Chairman (Multnomah) three years
Vern James (Palo Alto) one year
Charles Gritzner (Phoenix) one year
Virgil Moore (Multnomah) three years
Hilda Seligman (University, Seattle) two years
Georges Weber (Palo Alto) two years
Robert Young (Orange Grove) ex officio
## INDIAN AFFAIRS (Advisory Capacity)

- Charles Davis, Chairman (Orange Grove)
- Patience MacLean (Victoria)
- Alice Shoemaker (San Fernando)
- Albert Kramer (San Fernando)
- Isabel Bachelis (San Francisco)
- Russell Thornburg (Willamette)
- William Matchett (University, Seattle)
- Betty Jansen (Claremont)

## MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

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## MEETING HOUSE FUND COMMITTEE

- William Taylor, Chairman (Orange Grove)
- Stephen Thiermann (Palo Alto)
- Walter Dennis (Multnomah)

## PEACE COMMITTEE

- Ben Seaver, Chairman (San Francisco)
- Ward Miles (University, Seattle)
- Hazel Johnson (Vancouver)
- Olin Byerly (Eugene)
- Richard Elkinton (Tacoma)
- Esther de Gally (Mexico City)
- Marjorie Weber (Palo Alto)
- Walt Raitt (Orange Grove)
- Don Elton Smith (Monterey)
- Samuel Tyson (Delta)
- Harriet Schaffran (Berkeley)
- Kay Newton (Phoenix)
- Egbert Hayes (Whitleaf)
- Gladis Voorhees (La Jolla)
- Franklin Zahn (Claremont)
- Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles)
- Ben Norris (Honolulu)
- William Hobson (Calgary)
- Anna Alexander (Eugene)
- Ruth Boyd (Argenta)
- Roberta Martin (Multnomah)
- Ross Miles (Willamette Valley)
- Mildred McAllister (Salt Lake)
- David Hanson (Sacramento)
- Lois Bailey (San Fernando)
- Ian Thiermann (Santa Monica)
- Alma F. Brown (Riverside-Redlands)
- Florence Fawcett (Tucson)
- Bainbridge Bunting (Albuquerque)
- Olive Rush (Santa Fe)
- Chester Spurrier (College Park)
- Martha Vallance (Victoria)

## SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

- Franklin Zahn, Chairman (Claremont)
- Herbert Foster (College Park)
- Floyd Schmoe (University, Seattle)

## VISITATION COMMITTEE

- William James, Chairman (Berkeley)
- Richard Broughton (Victoria)
- Leonard Dart (Claremont)
- Clara Shaw (Tacoma)
- R. Kenneth Newman (Phoenix)
- Anna James (Berkeley)
- Leslie Spelman (Riverside-Redlands)
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Russell Thornburg (Willamette Valley)
Vern James (Palo Alto)

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVES

Ethel Miller (University, Seattle)  Sylvia Loomis (Santa Fe)
Georges Weber (Palo Alto)  Elisha Kirk (Tucson)
Bruce Brown (Berkeley)  Ernest von Seggern (San Fernando)
George Clauss (Multnomah)

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

John Ullman (La Jolla)  one year
Dorothy Lash (Victoria)  two years
Frank DuBois (University, Seattle)  two years
Clifford Maser (Willamette Valley)  one year
Lyra Dann (Willamette Valley)  one year

INTER-YEARLY MEETING ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE

John Ullman, Chairman (La Jolla)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside-Redlands)
Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)
Clarence Cunningham (Berkeley)

FRATERNAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FIVE YEARS MEETING, 1960

Harold Carson (University, Seattle)

REPRESENTATIVE TO YOUNG FRIENDS COMMITTEE OF NORTH AMERICA

John Taylor (Orange Grove)

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF YOUNG FRIENDS PROGRAM (Junior and Senior High)

Jean Prideaux (Willamette Valley)  William Bruff (Whitleaf)
Melody James (University, Seattle)  Paula Hurn (Phoenix)
Steven Schaffran (Berkeley)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

William James, Chairman (until Spring, 1960)
Madeleine Stephenson (until Spring, 1960)
Cleo Cox (until Spring, 1960)
Lois Bailey (1961)
Madge Seaver (1961)
Asenath Young (1961)
EPISTLES RECEIVED

Australia General Meeting
Baltimore Yearly Meeting - Homewood
Baltimore Yearly Meeting - Stony Run
Canadian Yearly Meeting (1958 and 1959 Epistles)
Denmark Yearly Meeting
East Africa Yearly Meeting
France Yearly Meeting (1958 and 1959 Epistles)
Fritchley General Meeting
German Yearly Meeting
Iowa, Five Years Meeting
Indiana, Five Years Meeting
Indiana General Conference
Ireland Yearly Meeting
Japan Yearly Meeting
Kansas Yearly Meeting
London Yearly Meeting
London letter to Pacific Yearly Meeting
Mexico - First All-Friends Reunion
Near East Yearly Meeting, Brummana, Lebanon
Nebraska Yearly Meeting
New York Yearly Meeting
New Zealand General Meeting
North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Five Years Meeting
North Carolina, Conservative (1958 and 1959 Epistles)
Norway Yearly Meeting
Norway Yearly Meeting Peace Appeal
Ohio Yearly Meeting, Conservative
Oregon Yearly Meeting
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Southeastern Conference
Southwest Conference
Southern Africa Yearly Meeting
Sweden Yearly Meeting
Switzerland Yearly Meeting
Wilmington Yearly Meeting

EPISTLES RECEIVED FROM YOUNG FRIENDS

Australian Young Friends
Indiana Junior Yearly Meeting, Five Years Meeting
Indiana Junior Yearly Meeting, Waynesville General Conference
Netherlands Yearly Meeting
North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Conservative
North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Young Friends, Five Years Meeting (1958 and 1959 Epistles)
Southern Africa Young Friends
Wilmington Junior Yearly Meeting
Young Friends at Quaker Knoll, Wilmington, Ohio
The workshop time for the Indian Committee was too short to cover very much of what needs to be done.

However, we had sufficient reports and discussion about Klamath River Reservation termination problems to know there is not much the Yearly Meeting Committee can do except to try to keep in touch with the progress of events there and to hope that those who are attempting to help there will be able to do much.

Hiroto Zaidyi reported on his work at Klamath under the Oregon State Department of Education to try to prepare the Indian people (belatedly) for the responsibilities they will have to assume when the present process of terminating government trusteeship is completed.

Arthur Currier reported that he and his wife have been working at Chiloquin as directors of the American Friends Service Committee recreation project. Their presence there has served as a catalyst in the matter of social adjustment.

The situation in California indicates the need for a state commission on Indian affairs.

The state legislature has appropriated $10,000 for the purpose of such a commission. Because the state Senate failed to approve the bill, this money can be used only at the discretion of the governor. The AFSC has offered to act as coordinator in efforts to get the governor to appoint the commission and has requested that Yearly Meeting appoint someone to work with them in this effort. Our Committee recommends that Alice Shoemaker be appointed to act in this capacity or to find someone from southern California to represent Yearly Meeting.

There is to be a seminar sponsored by the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the national office of the AFSC to be held probably in December to which representatives of the various Yearly Meetings and the various Indian tribes from all over the country will be invited. This may be held in Arizona this time. Our Committee expects to send someone to this seminar.

The Committee feels there is a need for better communication between Friends concerning Indian affairs and we expect to work on this problem during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Davis
Acting Chairman
REPORT OF FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
August 21-25, 1959

There is one issue with which your FCNL representatives feel you will be particularly concerned, especially because of its immediate urgency, and that is the likelihood that the United States will resume its bomb tests.

Can we consider this in the framework of a warning from Albert Einstein: "Our world faces a crisis as yet unperceived by those possessing the power to make great decisions for good or evil. The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus the drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."

Before we turn to the matter of tests, it might be well to remind Friends of the range of legislative activities of the Washington office of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the two California FCL offices. It seems to us who are especially connected with these efforts that Friends have real reason to be grateful for these programs. The FCNL is putting its emphasis, in 1959-60 on foreign policy, economic and technical assistance, freer trade, disarmament which includes cessation of testing and missile development, strengthening the United Nations and the World Court. Nationally it is concerned with immigration, civil liberties, civil rights, American Indians and some seven other categories. In California, the FCL offices worked on these issues and such state legislation as the abolition of capital punishment.

These on-going programs put the FCNL in another particularly valuable role: that of a kind of watch-dog... to be aware of issues or trends, quickly inform its constituents with special ACTION sheets, and communicate Friends' points of view to Congress. A particularly significant example of this occurred in June. President Eisenhower had submitted to Congress agreements to transfer nuclear weapons information and material to seven countries. As though the implications of this were not alarming enough, the manner in which it was done gives cause for further concern: Unless both Senate and House voted to disapprove a transfer agreement within 60 days after it was filed with Congress, the agreement was to become automatically in force. Congress did not act to disapprove the transfer, so the agreements went into effect. There was virtually no debate in Congress, practically no report in the nation's press and no opportunity for public discussion.

The FCNL promptly got out a four page ACTION sheet with details that probably were available from few other sources—perhaps none. The for four days, FCNL served as headquarters for informed people who had come to Washington to protest to legislators the transfer of these materials. Senators and Congressmen who would have been unaware of the transfer agreements were drawn into active discussion on the danger in spreading the ability to inflict nuclear destruction. Although the agreements went into effect as scheduled, opposition did develop in Congress and as a result of this effort, greater opposition against additional transfer of nuclear information can be expected. This illustrates what a marked influence a few persevering persons can have when they act forthrightly.