CRAIG HALL COMPLEX, 1400 WEST THIRD STREET, CHICO, CALIFORNIA, August 1 - 6, 1983

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION I: Monday, August 1, 1983, 1:30 P.M.

OPENING MINUTE: For a seventh year at Craig Hall, Chico, California, Friends met in joyous reunion as the 37th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Following a period of worship held in joyous anticipation, presiding clerk Robert Vogel offered the opening minute:

Friends, we come together this first day of August, 1983 here in Chico, California, United States of America as Pacific Yearly Meeting. We come to pray together, to open ourselves to the leadings of the Spirit, to give thanks for our spiritual ancestry. We come to affirm our faith in that which is eternal, to experience the joys of fellowship and to discover directions for our lives and for the life of the Religious Society of Friends. The 37th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now in session.

INTRODUCTIONS Robert Vogel introduced himself and other PYM Clerks:

Assistant Clerk: Jeanette Norton
Plenary Recording Clerks: Bruce Folsom, Linda Niebanck
Representative Committee Recording Clerk: Earle Reynolds
Reading Clerk: Prudence Myer
Young Friends Clerk: Elizabeth Perry
Young Friends Assistant Clerk: Paul Schneider
Junior High Friends Co-Clerks: Carin Anderson Shea Thiedermann
Junior Yearly Meeting Clerks: Carrie Niebanck, Tad Kershner

VISITORS Visiting Friends from outside PYM were introduced: From North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Esther Richards, Mildred Burck, Jack Herbert, Blair Gardner and her daughter Fay, Bill Coahran, Rose and Richard Lewis and their daughters Marta and Carmen, Snow Mountain and her three children Nikos, Robbie, and Rosie Mountain-Bluhm; from California Yearly Meeting Walt and Sali Damon-Ruth; from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Johanna Sibbett; and from Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Lawrence and Jane Scott who were introduced to us by a letter from G. G. Petersen, clerk of Cochise Monthly Meeting: We are informed that Lawrence Scott is traveling under the weight of a concern for peace and human relations, to establish a spiritual order of individuals through contemplation, study, and non-violent action. Connie Jolly introduced Catherine Essoyan who will be talking with us about her role with the American Friends Service Committee's Mideast Program.

EPISTLES Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read from an epistle from London Yearly Meeting: Friends rejoice in meeting together in the love of God, and feel a renewed commitment to work for peace.

ROLL CALL OF MEETINGS Assistant Clerk Jeanette Norton read the roll of meetings affiliated with PYM. Friends from
all PYM monthly meetings except Marin and Palomar were present as well as Friends from the following worship groups (WG) and preparative meetings (PM): Chico PM, Humboldt WG, Morongo Basin WG, San Luis Obispo WG, Yaudanchi WG, Conejo Valley WG, and Ukiah-Lake County WG.

ORIENTATION Details of some of the programs and activities to take place during Yearly Meeting were given by Junior Yearly Meeting Committee Clerk Jack Hunter who introduced Junior High advisors Kathryn Perry and Mike Turner, and Senior High advisors Ann Eibank and Sandra Gey. Children's Program Clerk Marilee Eusebio introduced Mary Miche who outlined children's activities, introducing Eric Moon, Laura Magnani and Linda and Paul Harris who will work with the babies, Ellen Baker, Blair Gardner and Maureen Hogan (Leos) who will work with the preschoolers, as well as Sara Burke and Emily Hunter who will work with the older children.

Following some announcements, the meeting closed with a period of worship.

Bruce Folsom, Recording Clerk

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION II: Meeting for Worship
4:00 p.m. Monday Aug. 1, 1983

Rejoice, praise God;
The spirit is with us.
Holy, holy, holy is the name, O God.

Linda Neibanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION III
7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, 1983

The meeting opened in worship

EPSTLES Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read epistles from North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. North Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends were reminded of the global network of peace-loving Friends in the face of serious world conflicts, and affirm the power of loving relationships in whatever form they may take in our own society. Intermountain Friends, in struggling with the difficult issues of Central American refugees, still were able to foster tenderness among themselves as their spirits were lifted in the enduring beauty of their surroundings.

MINUTES The minutes of Session I were read, corrected, and approved.
INTRODUCTIONS Clerk Robert Vogel introduced Gordon Browne, who will be speaking to us later this week.

PYM EPISTLE COMMITTEE Paul Niebanck presented the names of Paul Jolly, Betsy Dearborn and Robert Schutz to serve.

1983 - 2 It was APPROVED that Paul Jolly, Betsy Dearborn and Robert Schutz will serve as our Epistle Committee.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT Carolyn Estes presented a loving look at the historical roots of PYM, combining her own research, slide presentations, readings from books on Quaker history, songs led by Heather Raitt, and oral history offered by some of our present members. Our history was traced from 1873 when Honey Creek Monthly Meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting gave the first official recognition of a west coast meeting to San Jose Monthly Meeting, through the struggles of Joel Bean to seek Truth among the splitting of the Society, the establishment of Friends Bulletin in 1928 under the editorship of Howard Brinton, to the formation of Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1947. Personal memories, sources of inspiration, and delightful stories were recounted by Pegge Lacey, Foy Van Dolsen, Asenath Young, Margaret Brooks, Ed Morgenroth, and Barbara Perry. A great spirit of delight and joy moved among us as we uncovered treasured glimpses of our past, both our troubles and our periods of grace. We were blessed by a sense of connectedness to Friends who have come before us, and a vision of those who will come after.

We are strongly encouraged to take special care of our records and their storage, as it is a heritage that our children and those who come after us are entitled to.

The Meeting closed in worship in song.

Bruce Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION IV: 1:30 Tuesday August 2, 1983

EPISTLE In the silence of the opening worship, Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read an epistle from the 149th annual gathering of Canadian Yearly Meeting, dated August 22, 1982: "We pray for God's spirit to move among us, that in all things God might have pre-eminence." At this Yearly Meeting, Epistles will be read in the silence and will be available for re-reading in the Clerk's Office room.

MINUTES Minutes of Session I were corrected by adding the name of Shea Thiedermann as Co-Clerk of Junior High Friends. A record of Session II - Meeting for Worship was heard. The minutes of Session III were read, amended and approved.
INTRODUCTIONS  Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel asked for introductions of visiting Friends and greeted Robert Strain from Indiana, brother of Alan Strain.

SITES COMMITTEE  Committee Clerk Marie Shutz introduced the Committee report by reading a litany of quotes, "Why Do I Come to Yearly Meeting," which helped center the Committee's work this past year. The Committee recommended for 1984 the San Francisco YMCA Camp at La Honda, July 8 - 14, 1984. It allows for camping, dormitory cabins and some double occupancy cabins. Tenting and cabins are intermingled. The site is not level but it has been used as a camp for the physically handicapped. The dining room is adequate.

For 1985, the Committee recommends the University of La Verne in La Verne, CA, August 4 - 10. While the Committee is working with the question of our owning and developing a site, it is not prepared to report on this matter. No long term solution to the site dilemma has been found. (See Attachment A)

Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel reported that the recommendations come with Representative Committee's loud recommendation for approval.

1983 - 3 After some discussion, the Meeting APPROVED the recommendations of the Sites Committee. The Meeting further APPROVED expressing gratitude for the hard work of the Committee and the thorough preparation of the recommendations of action.

STATISTICAL REPORT  John Draper, Statistical Clerk, opened his report by noting changes in the name of two meetings: San Fernando Monthly Meeting has become San Fernando Valley Monthly Meeting; and, Riverside Meeting of Redlands has become Inland Valley Monthly Meeting. He urged Monthly Meetings to send in their reports in a timely manner.

This Yearly Meeting grows by about 1% each year - last year, 1502; this year 1518. The biggest gain is adults by conversion - 70 this year. Further, the number of Junior members and other youth becoming adult members this year is the highest since 1975 - 5. In comparing the growth of California Quakers to the population of California, the Statistical Clerk pointed out that while in 1956 the chances of 1 Quaker meeting another on the street was 1 in 23,000, in 1983 it was 1 in 17,000.

John drew our attention to the role of women, noting that in 1983 24 out of 45 Yearly Meeting officers, clerks and representatives to Quaker organizations are women, as are 23 out of 34 Monthly Meeting Clerks. He closed by quoting the apostle Paul, "...ye are all the children of God...There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female, for ye are all one." (See Attachment B)

* See later minutes for change of date.
Committee Clerk Jonathan Vogel reported the names of three new Nominating Committee members to serve to 1986: Jim Sanata of Santa Monica; Meta Ruth Ferguson of La Jolla; and Ruth Roberts of Claremont. Appreciation was expressed for the committee's hard work.

Committee Clerk Walter Jones presented the Committee's recommendation that the travel allowance be increased from 10¢ per road atlas mile to 14¢ per road atlas miles for officers, Committee Clerks and Committee Members of Yearly Meeting and from 5¢ to 7¢ per mile for Monthly Meeting Representatives.

After some clarification and recognition of the Budget implications, the Meeting APPROVED the increased travel allowance.

Walter Klein, Treasurer #2, presented the Interim Financial Statement and Balance Sheet as of July 25, 1983, advising us of corrections and interpretations. During the review, the request was made for a report on the Fund for Concerns at a Plenary Session later this week. Friends are urged to find, purchase and use the pamphlet, "Death in the Meeting." The Treasurer's report was accepted. (See Attachments C and D)

Committee Recording Clerk Earle Reynolds reported that Representative Committee had considered a concern brought by San Jose Meeting about the preservation of Quaker archives and approved the following minute:

The Clerk will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to labor with this concern. The Meeting APPROVED the minute.

Committee Recording Clerk Earle Reynolds read the minute approved by the Representative Committee addressing the relationship of the Yearly Meeting with the AFSC:

Five members will be nominated as representatives to the AFSC Corporation. The terms will be for 3 years. They will choose their own convenor. One or more will attend the annual meeting of the Corporation. Funds equivalent to 1 person's expenses to attend will be allocated. Arrangements with regional AFSC bodies will be made as appropriate.

This recommendation grows out of a desire by this Yearly Meeting for greater ties and participation with AFSC and responds specifically to AFSC's desire for increased participation by Friends with the Corporation. The role is meant as a liason between PYM and AFSC. In the ensuing discussion, Friends addressed the nature and meaning of participation.
and the level of funding for participants. The policy issue concerning the Yearly Meeting's practice of appointing more than one representative to Friends organizations but allocating sufficient funds for only one to participate was raised. It may be that this issue needs to be resolved before action can be taken on the specific recommendation for representation to the AFSC Corporation. Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel suggested that we labor with this issue during the week, in the working group on community and come back with it at a later plenary session, perhaps Thursday afternoon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRELIMINARY REPORT Committee Clerk Margaret Mossman presented the report, noted corrections and asked for comments and suggestions. The report will be acted upon at a later plenary session.

The Meeting closed in silence.

Linda Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION V: Meeting for Worship 4:00 p.m., Tuesday Aug. 2, 1983

Here am I, God, send me.

Linda Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VI 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 2, 1983

The Meeting opened in worship.

EPISTLES Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read an epistle from Friends World Committee for Consultation. The many relationships formed during world gatherings brought awareness of the transforming power of the love of God, and we are urged to know, in the words of George Fox, the "Life and power of Truth in one another."

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel reports that he has appointed the following people to serve on the Committee on Archives: Jan Tappan, Clerk, Tom King, Pegge Lacey, Richard Sanders, and Sam Cox.

ADDRESS BY GORDON BROWNE Clerk Robert Vogel introduced guest speaker Gordon Browne who is the General Secretary of the Section of the Americas of the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Stimulated by our earlier session of history and nostalgia, Gordon spoke of his feeling part of the company of Friends for hundreds of years turning hearts and minds to God, fallible and faithful, hoping to serve Divine Will."
Speaking of challenges to Quakers in the 1980's, Gordon began by reminding us that we sometimes overzealously seek out challenge for its own sake. The crucial challenge to Friends is well expressed by the old query, "How doth Truth prosper among you?" This Truth belongs to God, not to men and women. Yet in our seeking, early Friends expected not that all be in the same place, but that all be on the same path.

Early Friends had no doubt of their Christianity, and yet along with the historical Jesus, the Universal Christ in the sense of the Gospel of John was well known to them. Can we be as confident as they, that the Christ Spirit is accessible to all peoples, whether Christian or not?

In pondering the expression of Truth in different cultures, we are challenged to consider what Truth means among affluent Americans, when in South Africa, children of five or six years of age go faithfully to Meeting on their own, and sit quietly for the hour. Power comes from giving up one's life to God. Dare we be powerless except for Truth? We must practice the disciplines of love and service as we support one another, steadfast in Truth and hope.

FRIEND IN THE OREINT Rose Lewis spoke of the gratitude that is felt for the presence of Lloyd and Mary Margaret Bailey in Korea, in service on our behalf. Besides offering the assistance of experienced Friends to the Seoul Meeting and increasing our own awareness of Asia, the Baileys are working with the campaign for human rights, helping to have Quaker literature translated into Korean, and working with the disabled. The Baileys are sending detailed letters and reports which Friends are encouraged to read. Rose spoke of other projects, including the publication of their newsletter "Windows East and West."

INTRODUCTIONS Clerk Robert Vogel introduced Betty Nute, who is visiting us from New York Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting closed in worship.

Bruce Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARLY MEETING SESSION VII

The Meeting opened in worship

EPISTLES Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read an epistle from Young Friends of North America, whose gathering centered on the theme of "Life work: following the leadings of the Spirit." In turning hearts and minds to the problems of the world, we are urged to listen to the voice within, find strength and love, and persevere.

INTRODUCTIONS Bud Baldwin, new president of Earlham College was introduced.

MINUTES The minutes of Session IV were read, corrected and approved. It was directed that these minutes record that Inland Valley Monthly Meeting is the new name for the gathering of Friends made up of two groups previously known as Riverside Monthly Meeting and Redlands Worship Group. A record of Session V, Meeting for Worship was read and accepted. The minutes of Session VI were read, corrected and approved.

YOUNG FRIENDS PANEL Young Friends Clerk Elizabeth Perry offered the query, "how do we practice, particularly in business meeting the love and trust we have for each other as a community?" Responses were first given by a panel consisting of Paul Schneider, Ann Friend, Robert Schutz, and Pegge Lacey, and then by other Friends.

Because we rely not on outward authority but upon that of God in every person we require ourselves to be more mature and more responsible in our seeking. In joining the Society we must have a willingness to be trained in the ways of Friends, and not overlook problem situations that violate those ways.

Love and trust are maintained by effort, by preparing hearts and minds to do the Lord's work, by listening beyond words, and by focussing on the need to know God's will. Believing that there is one Truth and that we can unite in it, we need not be afraid of conflict.

The Spirit which works through us is perfect, but we are not perfect. We must learn to speak from the Spirit and not from ourselves.

Coming to Meeting for Business prepared to stay as long as it takes allows the quietness to listen and to work more quickly and smoothly. We should come prepared as for Meeting for Worship and act as in Meeting for Worship. Then love and trust will come automatically. We come ready to live in the Light, not conform to this world.
Some of our difficulty in finding community is a result of not being clear enough with new members about the need to follow our discipline, which is greater than what can be written down. We teach it by example, and this is part of what Yearly Meeting is about. What is the meaning of community when less than half the membership attends the Meeting for Business?

A Meeting for Worship for Business is like seeing the mind of God. We open ourselves to something beyond our control.

The Meeting closed in worship.

Bruce Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARS MEETING SESSION VIII 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 3, 1983

EPISTLES During the opening worship Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read the epistle from 1982 Norway Yearly Meeting: "Peace is to create. Peace will come through the will of ordinary people like you and me." And from Monteverde Monthly Meeting, San Jose, Costa Rica, June 1983: "For it was by hope that we were saved... More than aid and education is the offering of vision, of hope and of love and caring."

AGENDA Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel introduced the evening's agenda by recalling our work at the Session earlier in the day presented by Young Friends on the conduct of Business Meeting and the love and trust to be practiced among us.

Reports from the four working groups on Peace and Social Concerns conducted over the last 2 years, will be heard this evening. Minutes related to concerns in these areas and brought to Plenary from Standing Committees or working groups will be considered. Any written reports from the working groups will be appended to these minutes. (See Attachments E - J)

WORKING GROUP REPORT Convenor Jane Peers presented the report for the working group. After listening to material from resource persons four groups formed to consider more deeply racism, gay and lesbian concerns, women's issues and the crisis in human needs.

Racism: Yearly Meeting needs to be more attentive in the area of racism. In response to the group, the Social Order Committee forwards a concern "That Pacific Yearly Meeting take up more explicitly the issues of racial equality and equality between the sexes. This involves not only education and awareness at the personal and Monthly Meeting level, but a commitment to action in society at large. Social Order Committee will facilitate this process (perhaps by appointing a sub-committee), and helping the Yearly Meeting to feel the weight of these concerns and guide our actions."
Gay and Lesbian Concerns: Gay and Lesbian issues are not solved by having once talked about them, nor will ever be solved as long as only gays and lesbians talk about them. The group forwarded a recommendation: "As a part of orientation for both the Adult and Junior Yearly Meetings, each year, we recommend that the Yearly Meeting state its support for gay men and lesbians. Further, in order to avoid the repetition of incidents of 'queer-baiting', we recommend that the Yearly Meeting caution us all against name calling and detraction. Since we believe all people to be worthy of equal respect, we see incidents of this sort as a violation of the Quaker testimony for a single standard of truth."

Women's Issues: There are serious and ongoing women's issues requiring continuing attention at the personal level, within Pacific Yearly Meeting and in the larger Society. The need is expressed through the concern on racial equality and equality between the sexes forwarded by the Social Order Committee.

Crisis in Human Need: We must seek a new kind of Social Order; freed from materialistic values; freed from prosperity dependent on the poverty of others; where technology enhances, and where dignity is accorded humans of all conditions.

We seek recognition of the equal worth of all human beings, among ourselves as well as in our sisters and brothers. (See Attachment E)

Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel suggested that we accept the report and expect a report from the Social Order Committee at Representative Committee Meeting in March.

WORKING GROUP REPORT: Convenor Connie Jolly presented the working group report. The group drew on participants direct knowledge of the Middle East and learned from AFSC materials presented by AFSC Staff member Catherine Essoyan, especially her own slides of Lebanon, and the AFSC slide show "Time is Running Out."

There is a Quaker Meeting in Palestine on the West Bank and in Brumannah in Lebanon. The security of all peoples in that embattled area is fragile. (See Attachment F)

Convenor Connie Jolly read a statement prepared by the working group, "Why a Pacific Yearly Meeting Minute on Israeli Settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." "It is to support...voices for peace and justice in the Middle East and to express our own sense of urgency that we offer this minute." (See Attachment G)
PROPOSED MINUTE

Leona Harvey Peace Committee, read the proposed minute on Israeli Settlements. The complexity of the issues to be resolved in the Middle East was demonstrated by the discussion that followed. "Homeland" has profound importance to both Israelis and Palestinians. Militarism, violence and the struggle for power over the area's oil compound the issue of the settlements. There are concerns for taking sides in the conflicts, for rising above the conflicts and for nurturing all affected people evenly.

Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel read the 1982 Minutes #3 of this Meeting which addresses militarism in the Middle East and stresses the right of both Palestinians and Israelis to statehood. After a period of silence, Robert Vogel concluded that there is deep opposition to this minute and that therefore we are unable to find unity and approve the minute. He suggested that a small group will convene to work with the minute further and return with it at a later planary session.

WORKING GROUP REPORT:

A TESTIMONY ON SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE CASE OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Convenor Susan Wood presented the report of the working group, which reflected on the roots of violence and human suffering in social injustice and locked at the case of Central America. Hundreds of thousands of Salvadorean and Guatemalans, having fled the violence in their own countries, face grave difficulties in Mexico and elsewhere, in this country, deportation. We feel a responsibility to people who are suffering because of current policies of the United States government, and are compelled by a sense of urgency. A dramatic witness from Friends is called for.

Friends are asked to join with and support the Peace Brigades International in Guatemala and Project Witness on the Nicaragua Honduras border. The group has asked Social Order Committee to begin a process that will lead to a statement on social justice and to develop queries to go to Monthly Meetings as a part of that process. Finally, the group has developed a minute on sanctuary for consideration by the Meeting.

(See Attachment H & I)

MINUTE ON SANCTUARY

Elizabeth Jones, Clerk of Social Order Committee, read the proposed minute on sanctuary. Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel reminded us that several Monthly Meetings and Southern California Quarterly Meeting have adopted minutes on sanctuary.

After some discussion, Friends united in the minute:

1983 - 6 Pacific Yearly Meeting is deeply concerned by the devastation of civil war in Central America. We protest the current deportations of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States. Moreover, we urge our government to honor the 1967 Protocol on Refugees that protect the rights of refugees not to be sent back to their country of origin.
The United States government's military and economic policies and actions contribute to suffering in Central America, causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes. As long as the United States government, in violation of both spiritual and international law, refuses to grant them either political asylum or extended voluntary departure status, we affirm that civil disobedience such as aiding Central American refugees in avoiding capture and deportation is appropriate and imperative. Providing support, assistance, and sanctuary are courses of action that accord with our religious conviction. We join with Friends, congregations, and other groups in this movement both to alleviate the suffering of the refugees and to alert the American people to the human cost of the policies in Central America.

Pacific Yearly Meeting strongly encourages Monthly Meetings to take actions within the capacity of the Meeting.

The value of this minute is here in our process. We state our support of Monthly Meetings as they take on the care of refugees. Friends are encouraged to use the letter writing room for letters to lawmakers and others on this issue. Ministry and Oversight Committee should consider that there may be a need for a Committee on Sufferings.

WORKING GROUP REPORT: Reporter Hermione Baker presented the report of the working group. The group met under the Query: "Are we able to bring a Spirit of good will and joyousness to all of our work for peace, knowing that ultimately a living spirit orders the universe? Three groups convened: Beyond the Nuclear Freeze, Peace Tax Fund, and USSR - US Relations.

Beyond the Nuclear Freeze Friends need to speak with serenity and decisiveness to the crisis. Friends are urged to: significantly increase their financial contributions to Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee; significantly increase the use of individual and Monthly Meeting time and resources in community education and the political process; deepen our spiritual life, to alleviate fear and anxiety; and, bring a spirit of good will and joyousness to all our work for peace, knowing that ultimately a loving Spirit orders the universe.

Peace Tax Fund The Peace Tax Fund document is a good first step and is recommended for presentation to plenary session. There are fears of resisting, of not resisting, of God's will as balanced against our fears. Friends are urged to study and become aware of the legal aspects of the Peace Tax Fund and to form support groups for resisters and non-resisters supporting resistors: How do we support each other? Ways to avoid war tax collection include simple living, cooperative or communal living, support of each other in real ways.
USSR - US RELATIONS  There is a lack of mutual understanding and a deep need to seek mutual understanding. To this end, a minute (proposing establishment of an East - West Committee) was presented to the Social Order Committee.

The three groups shared an awareness of fears, a sense of helplessness. We have discovered that without God's help, without going more deeply inward, we cannot go forward. (See attachment J)

MINUTE FOR A COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS  Herb Foster, Social Order Committee, introduced the proposed minute for a Committee on East-West Relations reminding us that it is fruitless to attempt to determine which side bears the greater blame. For us the important point to recognize is that it is mutual ignorance and misunderstanding between the two societies which enables the cold-war proponents and their military supporters to prevail.

Following an exploration of whether another name for the committee might be more appropriate, we approved the following minute:

1983 - 7  We believe that it is incumbent on the American people and on us as a religious society, concerned for the preservation of life itself, to seek actively the understanding and the reconciliation that must occur between the peoples of East and West. We must by all means possible nurture the shift in attitudes necessary if we are to avert the tragedy of nuclear holocaust.

For this reason, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends establishes a Committee on East-West Relations, charging this body with the continuing responsibility 1) to promote intercultural visitation, 2) to facilitate the study of all aspects of Soviet and East European society (history, culture, language, and social structure), 3) to seek opportunities to cultivate deep personal relationships of trust, 4) to engage in direct communications with persons in decision-making positions as well as with ordinary people, and 5) to draw on any available resources for creative approaches to East-West relations. Further, the Committee should explore the possibility of providing a Quaker presence in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

PROPOSED MINUTE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESEARCH  Gladis Innerst, Peace Committee, presented the proposed minute opposing the involvement of the University of California in research and development of nuclear weapons and requesting the Clerk to arrange a meeting of a delegation of Friends with the President of the University.
It is timely to speak to the incoming President and to support legislative resolution calling for the conversion of the Livermore and Los Alamos Laboratories to peaceful activities. That the University is already engaged in constructive programs should be affirmed.

At the suggestion of Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel, we approved asking that the wording of this minute be reworked and returned tomorrow evening.

CLOSING Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel expressed thanks for our good humor and kind patience. He added to our store of history by reminding us that Sam Cox (SF) is the great-great-grandson of Joel Bean, one of the ancestors of this Meeting.

The meeting closed with worship.

Linda Niebanck, Co-recording Clerk.

YEARY MEETING SESSION IX - MEMORIAL WORSHIP
4:00 p.m. Thursday August 4, 1983

We gathered to give thanks to God for the lives of Friends who died during the past year.

Berkeley - Raymond Flick
Joachim Leppmann

Claremont - Paula Hans
Eula McCracken

Fresno - Charles Davis

Honolulu - Helen Chrystal Bender

La Jolla - Samuel Weston

Monterey Peninsula - Muriel Bastin
Agnes West

Orange Grove - Margaret Fleming
Joel Winans
Harvey House

Pacific Ackworth - Laura Smalakis

Palo Alto - Lucinda Hafkenschiel
Constance Carrel
Elsie Renne
Louise Haskin (attender)
Jessica Mang

Redwood Forest - George Reeves
San Fernando Valley - Ray Ranger
(attender)

San Francisco - Edna Rylander
Morgan Sibbett
(Member Swarthmore) PA

San Jose - Walt Spurrier (attender)

Santa Barbara - Amelia Eliza Rockwell
David Walter Stickney
(Member Lake Forest, Ill.)
Colwell Beatty (attend.

Santa Cruz - Larry Oswald (attender)
Lee Nunn-Grochowick
(Attender)

Strawberry Creek - John Ullman

Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-worn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home to itself.

Bruce Folaom, Co-Recording Clerk
YEARNELY MEETING SESSION X 7:00 p.m. Thursday August 4, 1983

Into the Silence of the opening worship there came a song: "We're going to look to the people for courage . . . wisdom . . . faith . . . love . . . action, in the hard times coming ahead."

EPISTLES Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read from the epistle of Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Friends, June, 1983, "...The Religious Society of Friends ...(is)like a stained glass window, a mosaic, a tapestry, a rainbow, or a prism...vibrant as red; steady as blue; fresh as green; warm and loving as yellow...the varied gifts and talents of Friends." From New York Yearly Meeting, July 1982 "We...expect to meet God face to face...Each brings one's own gifts, prophecy and ...thanksgiving."

INTRODUCTIONS Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel noted the presence of Della Walker of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, today on the 40th anniversary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Della is the West Coast representative to FCNL.

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

SECRETARIAT In response to a request by Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel, we approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to look
1983- 8 at the needs of the Yearly Meeting with regard to secretarial services, to report of Ministry and Oversight Committee in December and again to Representative Committee in March so that some action may be taken.

1985 YEARLY MEETING DATE The Meeting approved the recommendation of Sites Committee Clerk Marie Shutz that the dates of the 1985 Pacific Yearly Meeting be re-scheduled to July 28 - August 3, so that Friends traveling to the FWCC Triennial in Mexico City the following week may stop with us first.

COMMITTEE ON EAST - WEST Relations shall be composed of twelve persons, appointed for three year terms, with four persons rotating each year.

FUND FOR CONCERNS REPORT Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, Paul Niebanck, reported the history of the Fund for Concerns. Pacific Yearly Meeting established the Fund in 1979: "We were encouraged to 'take a great leap forward into our past,' recognize special gifts, and release Friends to the ministry . . . Monthly Meeting is central to the process." A substantive report on individuals and concerns funded was made to Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1981. A written report will be forwarded to Monthly Meetings this Fall by Ministry and Oversight.
Since 1980, $8,400 has been disbursed in amounts from $100 to $3850 to seven Meetings sponsoring Friends. No money has been disbursed this year, 1983. In that same period, $11,700 came to the Fund, a small portion early from individuals and the bulk from eleven Meetings. Five or six Meetings apparently regularly budget funds and have contributed $8,000; 8 or 9 others have made occasional gifts totaling $3,200. There is at present a balance of $3,300 - free money, so to speak. Friends are encouraged to think about the Fund for Concerns and the clearness process that is part of it: We are free...to do God's will, in doing God's will, we become free.

Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel outlined the agenda remaining for the evening. He reminded us of the important work conducted through the year by the Standing Committees on Social Order and Peace and introduced the Clerks respectively; Elizabeth Jones and Akie Reynolds.

MINUTE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESEARCH

Gladis Innerst, Peace Committee, prefaced the revised minute by reminding us that we grow in the Spirit in working these over one with another. After some further modifications, Friends united in the following Minute:

1983 - 11 The activity of the University of California in the management and direction of Livermore and Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, which do virtually all research and development for the United States Military lend the cloak of academic and scholarly legitimacy to policies which may destroy us all in the name of security. The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is opposed to the involvement of the University in research and development of nuclear weapons, and urges that the University cease all such involvement. We believe the laboratories should be converted entirely to development of non-polluting energy sources, research into programs for peaceful alternatives to conflict among nations, and other constructive activity.

The Clerk is requested to prepare a letter of concern to the incoming President of the University of California, and arrange for a meeting of a delegation of Friends with the University President to express the Pacific Yearly Meeting's concern.

PROPOSED MINUTE ON NUCLEAR MISSILES

Steve Jones, Peace Committee, read the proposed minute opposing the testing, production and deployment of the Pershing II and MX missiles.

1983 - 12 Friends, we must oppose these weapons. Hundreds of thousands of Europeans will be nonviolently protesting the deployment of nuclear weapons this Fall; we are urged to join in protest October 23 - 24. Friends Approved the minute in general with the request that it be edited to reflect suggestions made and returned for reading at a later time.
MINUTE ON PEACE TAX FUND

Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel read the 1982 Minute of this Yearly Meeting approving the Peace Tax Fund in principle, and spoke of the correspondence, research and other work by the Peace Committee that has gone into preparing the minute before us. Betsy Eberhardt, Peace Committee, presented the minute, citing as the procedure for this step, the long struggle of Friends in the 1800's to come to truth on slavery. Caring for a child of God is right; owning slaves is wrong. Contributing to a World Peace Tax Fund is right; paying for weapons that kill is wrong. We considered at some length the declaration of trust governing the operation of the Peace Tax Fund. The terms and conditions that state "any member or regular attender . . . may deposit" may imply a special privilege for Friends not available to others.

Yearly Meeting should consider not surrendering deposited money under protest, but rather setting up the Fund so the government must act to seize the funds for payment. (Item #5) We amended the Declaration of Trust to stipulate that two treasurers signatures are required for disbursement of funds. (Item #2) We were reminded that Item #9 provides for amendment of Declaration of Trust governing the fund and that it may be appropriate to work with the Fund for a year as proposed to see what changes are warranted. The Meeting approved the following minute:

1983 - 13 The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, having studied the New England Friends Peace Tax Fund, approves the establishment of a Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Tax Fund. The fund shall be managed in accordance with the attached declaration. (See attachment K)

One Friend, Ann Friend, is recorded as having stood aside on the grounds that she cannot consent to the establishment of an exclusive agency as prescribed in the terms and conditions.

Another Friend Ann Dale, is recorded as having stood aside on the grounds that the moneys in the Fund should not be surrendered to the government, even under protest.

REPORT OF FRIENDS BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Alan Strain, Friends Bulletin Committee, noted that the Bulletin will be changing to a uniform renewal schedule from now until January, 1985 to aid in flow problems. In preparing their report for tonight the Committee members have explored the Bulletin files back to 1930. Shirley Ruth, Bulletin Editor, opened the report with a quote, "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive at where we started and know the place for the first time." T.S. Elliot.

Members of the Committee Jeanne Lohman, Elsa Glines, Alan Strain and Leornard Dart shared gleanings of their perusals of copies of the Bulletin from 1934 to just after World War II. It seems the concerns are the same - only the language changes. In 1937 Friends were asking, can Friends of 1937 speak to today - do so called leading Friends actually lead us anywhere? In the war years, the writings reflected the need for ministry and yet looked forward with optimism: Civilian Public Service Camps (CPS), internment of Japanese-Americans, education, moving toward a Yearly Meeting. After the war, a Japanese friend wrote:
"I do not feel hatred towards Americans...it is war that is wrong." Throughout, the Bulletin records the events and contributions of Friends. In closing Shirley Ruth expressed gratitude for the editors who have brought it to today, most especially Robert Schutz who enlarged the scope of coverage, moved toward thematic content, put it on a realistic budget and reorganized subscription as well. The Bulletin has been transformed even as our society on the West Coast has been transformed.

The Meeting closed in silent worship.

Linda Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARLY MEETING SESSION XI

2:00 P.M. Friday, August 5 1983

OPENING In the opening worship, Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel noted for us the Memorial Service now going on the Philadelphia for Olcutt Sanders.

EPISTLE Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read from Baltimore Yearly Meeting Epistle, August 3 - 8, 1982: "We need to keep our eyes on the horizon ahead. Matters close at hand will then fall into perspective. We pray that we will have the confidence to be amazed by God."

MINUTES The minutes of Sessions IX, the Meeting for Memorials, were heard. Minutes of Session X were approved with direction to elaborate the work of Robert Schutz as Bulletin editor.

MINUTE ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS The revised minute was read by Leona Harvey, Peace Committee. The Meeting Approved the following minute:

1983 - 14 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is profoundly troubled by the violence and suffering in the Middle East. We are moved to ask the United States government to examine the part United States policy plays in contributing to tensions in this troubled area.

It is in this spirit of peacemaking that Pacific Yearly Meeting wishes to express its deep concern about the development of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
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Pacific Yearly Meeting believes that a freeze on Israeli settlements would be a positive step toward the resolution of the conflict and would help to create an atmosphere which is conducive to comprehensive peace negotiations. We support those Israelis and Palestinians who believe peace with justice can only be achieved on the basis of mutual recognition leading to self determination and security for both peoples.

Two Friends, Mairin Malarka and Isiah Meyer are recorded as standing aside from the approval. The Peace Committee recommends wide distribution of this minute.

MINUTE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The Meeting approved the revised minute as it was read by Steve Jones, Peace Committee:

1983 - 15 The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, having sought for divine guidance, cannot support nuclear weapons, or even the threat of using them.

Rather than improving our security, these weapons weaken our economy and increase the chance of nuclear war. Because of the fourfold decrease in delivery time of the MX and the Pershing II missiles, accidental war becomes more probable. Because the Cruise missiles cannot be detected, a Nuclear Weapons Freeze could not be verified.

Therefore, we request that the United States Congress vote to withhold funds for the testing, production, and deployment of the Pershing II, the MX, and the Cruise missiles.

The Peace Committee requests that Monthly Meetings be notified promptly and urge members to contact their Congressional representatives. Timing is critical.

MINUTE ON PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATION TO THE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE CORPORATION

Margaret Mossman, Clerk of Nominating Committee, presented the revised minute. This proposal is our response to AFSC's expressed desire for wide participation by Friends in the Corporation. We united in approving the minute.

1983 - 16 Pacific Yearly Meeting shall appoint five persons to serve as Pacific Yearly Meeting representatives to the American Friends Service Committee Corporation, each for a 3 year term. At least one of the five will attend the annual meeting of the Corporation, that person to be named by the representatives themselves, with emphasis on continuity. The primary responsibility of the representatives is to develop and maintain a closer relationship between the AFSC and the Yearly Meeting. In order to do so, the representatives shall choose a convenor and consult among themselves and with other members of the AFSC Corporation residing in the area of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
Clerk Jonathan Vogel, reminding us of the three newly
appointed members to the Nominating Committee (Ruth
Roberts, Claremont, Meta Ruth Ferguson, LaJolla,
and Jim Sanatal, Santa Monica), recommended as Clerk
of the Nominating Committee, Bob Jolly. We approved.

Clerk Margaret Mossman distributed the report and noted
additions and corrections. The Meeting Approved the
report as presented. (See attachment L)

Clerk Pegge Lacey reported, advising us that there
are no more copies of the current Discipline available
and that new copies of the proposed Advices and
Queries are now available and being distributed for
use. In addition, other "finished" portions of the revised Discipline,
together with a plan or table of contents of the entire proposed
Discipline, is being distributed. In accord with previous practice,
when the revised Discipline is completed it will be presented in its
entirety for acceptance by the Yearly Meeting.

Clerk of Finance Committee Walter Jones presented the
proposed 1984 Budget of Pacific Yearly Meeting,
reviewing the items and amounts in detail. Friends were reminded of
the procedures in 1979 for recommendations on support to
Friends Organizations: Monthly Meetings are to consider, in January
of each year, from information provided by the Finance Committee, the
current levels of funding and forwarded any proposed changes to the
Finance Committee. Guidelines for Yearly Meeting contributions to
such organizations are included in the information to Monthly Meetings.
We Approved the 1984 Budget as presented. (See attachment M)

At the suggestion of Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel, we Approved including written reports of the working
groups in the addendum to the minutes of the Yearly
Meeting Sessions.

Clerk of the Epistle Committee Betsy Dearborn
read the draft of our Epistle to Friends Everywhere
and announced a meeting for Friends' response and

The meeting closed in a period of silent worship.

Linda Niebanck, Co-Recording Clerk

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION XIII

9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 1983

The Meeting opened in worship.
EPISTLES  Reading Clerk Prudence Myer read an epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Friends found that their challenge was to renew their faith, to be filled by the Spirit of the Lord in worship and in daily life. Putting Holy Obedience first, there is no separation of faith and works.

MINUTES  The minutes of Session XI were read, corrected and approved. A record of Session XII Meeting for Worship was read and accepted.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION  Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel read an expression of appreciation to Caroline Estes for her service to Yearly Meeting and presented her with a certificate. Gratitude was also expressed to Fry Van Dolsen.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SECRETARIAT  Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel reported that he has appointed Hermione Baker, Ann Penney, Caroline Estes and Jeanette Norton (ex officio) to this Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EAST WEST RELATIONS  Herbert Foster made the recommendation that the name of this committee remain as originally proposed. This decision was based on the fact that the AFSC has used the term "East-West" in connection with the Soviet Union for about 20 years; the term is used by the Northern Friends Peace Board in their publication "Toward a Quaker View of Russia," and these are previously established groups called the American Committee on East-West Accord and the Institute for East-West Security Studies.

1983 - 17 Meeting approved the Committee on East-West Relations as the name of this committee.


These names were approved.

In addition Margaret reported the names of those appointed by Ministry and Oversight to their sub-committees. (See Attachment L)
Ellie Foster reported on the Spiritual Testimony of the Society of Friends, Pegge Lacey reported on Quaker Community, and Lowell Tozer reported on Quaker Process. In all groups a powerful sense of laboring together in faith was evident. Full reports of each working group are appended. (See attachments N)

We heard with appreciation the epistle from JYM read by Carrie Niebanck and Tad Kershner. (See attachment O) The three JYM clerks for next year were introduced: Shanti Durieux, Susu Cowan, and Mark Allen.

Elizabeth Perry read the epistle of Young Friends, which was received with appreciation. (See attachment P) Elizabeth also read the names of next year's officers: Paul Schneider, Clerk; Ross McKinney, Assistant Clerk; Support Committee Members: David McKenzie, Lisa Klein, George Gastil, David Cowan, and Elizabeth Perry.

Karin Anderson read a minute from JHF requesting that Monthly Meetings support travel expenses for co-representatives to attend Representatives Committee.

1983 - 18 Meeting approved asking Monthly Meetings to support traveling expenses of Junior High Friends co-representatives attending Representative Committee.

Karin Anderson read the epistle from JHF which was received with appreciation. (See Attachment Q)

Paul Jolly read an amended version of the PYM epistle. Further changes were suggested. (See attachment R)

The minutes of Session XIII were read, corrected and approved. The Meeting closed in worship.

Bruce Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk
We are required not only to recognize that of God in everyone, but to call it forth. I need forgiveness, and I offer mine. O God, open my heart.

Closing the meeting, Presiding Clerk Robert Vogel offered a final minute on our behalf:

For the many blessings we have received this week, we give thanks, O Lord. We have caught once again the glorious vision of Thy peace and have experienced joy through worship, work, song, and play. Now it is time to return to the world to try again what love can do.

The 37th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now closed to meet again in eleven months at the San Francisco YMCA Camp and Conference Center, La Honda, California, July 8 - 14, 1984.

Robert S. Vogel, Clerk

Bruce Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk
In the past year, when I've found myself bogged down in some aspects of the process of this search, I've been encouraged by re-reading this little litany:

Why do we come to yearly meeting?

To experience Friends in a broader context
To live together with Friends for the week
For a Quaker version of the revival meeting
To renew the feelings of Friends as a family
"I'm addicted"
"I meet new people and they enrich my life"
"I enjoy renewing these contacts"
"It's fun"
To provide Friendly contacts for our children
For the Worship-Fellowship groups
To conduct our business
For the satisfaction of doing a job together with others
To work out our responses to the Queries
To seek together for the Spirit -- to pray
To love and to be loved in ways that are eternal
I come for inspiration, and
To be "trained" in the ways of Friends

These are mostly direct quotes from the M & O sessions on the Yearly meeting. They have inspired me. Some wonderful things were said last year about Yearly Meeting and why we come back year after year.

There were also in those sessions clear indications, even urgings, to move us out of our present way of doing things--a willingness to do things differently. Some of those seemed to come from people who felt we are in relatively posh surroundings and eat too well here at Craig Hall. Others complaining that it is uncomfortable at Chico--and too far to drive--and has too much paving--and it is too expensive.

The Sites Committee has investigated 39 sites, about 12 mother thoroughly. We have been guided by the results of the questionnaire replied to by about 200 people last year, as well as by the responses of many of you during those sessions on the Yearly Meeting.
We recommend for 1984 a site referred to last evening by Caroline Estes -- where Friends met about 25 years ago -- the San Francisco YMCA camp at La Honda. It is 927 acres in a beautiful setting of thousands of acres of public lands -- and has much of what we've been looking for. It is available for our exclusive use the second week of July, July 8-14, 1984.

This site allows us our camping option, has adequate space for our program needs, has both dormitory sleeping accommodations and somewhat limited double occupancy possibilities, will integrate campers' tents in among the cabins and help us break down the barriers we have felt increasingly in the last few years. The dining room is adequate.

Many changes will be necessary -- there is more outdoor living; there will be only natural air conditioning. It's not level, but has been designed for and used as a camp for the physically handicapped in recent years.

Any change -- is different. We will find this a challenge; the Committee feels it is well worth the shift.

We have in addition a second recommendation -- for 1985. We have reserved, subject to approval by the Yearly Meeting, the University of La Verne, in La Verne, California, the first week of August, August 4-10, 1985. My visit to that campus and my talks with the Conference Coordinator, Mary Ann Johnson, have been very good, and I believe the facilities will serve us well. There is the option to shift this date forward to June, I believe, if this seems a preferable date for Southern California.

At this point it seems that the Y camp will be a little less expensive -- Chico is not overpriced, Friends -- and La Verne seems likely to work out about the same. It is not possible to get specifics of this kind now.

Locations: La Honda, for '84, is about 1 1/2 hours south of San Francisco, west of San Mateo-Hillsdale, and La Verne is the next town west of Claremont in Southern California.

The Sites Committee is working as well with the question of our owning and developing a site, but is not prepared to make an extensive report on questions related to that at this time.

We don't feel we can say we've found any long term answer to the dilemma of Site. We welcome any suggestions you have. We will post a board, probably in Craig near the Communications desk, which will show how we've listed our requirements, as we've searched -- also a list of the sites we have looked into one way or another -- as well as the names of the members of the committee. And we ask you to tell us about possibilities.

John Draper

PYM has had 34 Monthly Meetings for a few years, but this year two have changed their names: SanFernando Meeting is now San Fernando Valley Meeting and the Riverside/Redlands Friends are still worshipping in Redlands, but under a new name: Inland Valley Monthly Meeting.

Again, I have the four membership forms available for you who deal with new members and also those transferring in and out. They will be on the floor along the wall there, starting tomorrow, and I will have them again next March. Let's avoid the high cost of postage.

For the first time of my tenure as Statistics Clerk, I cannot give you firm figures on the quantitative state of the Meetings, because three of the 34 Meetings have still to send me satisfactory report. I have a suggestion to nominating committees back in your Monthly Meetings. Don't name someone for statistical clerk or recorder who, in the month of June '84, plans a vacation trip, or a summer school teaching assignment in another town, or a move to a new house. ... But I do want to thank the 31 stay-at-homes who completed their assignments on time.

Generally speaking, this Yearly Meeting is growing each year by about 1%. Last year our adult membership was 1502; this year it's about 1518. Our biggest source of gain is adult convincing—about 70 per year. Deaths and withdrawals combined are usually less than that figure.

The brightest spot in an otherwise ordinary year (statistically) is the number of Junior Members and other youth becoming adult members. Though it was only five, that figure hasn't been equalled since 1975.

Working with all these figures year after year, one starts musing over the cause of cyclical trends. I got to thinking that the general population of our geographical locale has been growing fairly rapidly over the past 30 years. Has the Quaker population kept pace with this general increase? The findings may surprise you.

Unfortunately I couldn't come up with figures for Nevada, Hawaii, and Mexico, so I apologize to Reno, Honolulu, and Mexico City Meetings as I concentrate on California.

In the period 1956 thru 1970, California grew by 46%. But California Quakers (unprogrammed) grew, in the same period, by 104%.

But now look what happened: In the next period 1970 to 1983, California will grow a more modest 21%. The California Quakers will grow less than this, 15%.

To put it in another, happier, way, what are the odds that a Quaker will meet another Quaker on the busy sidewalks of California cities? In 1956, one in 23,000. But in 1983, one in only 17,000. Won't it be great when there are enough Quakers in the state to swing an election?

I noticed this year how many of our Monthly Meeting clerks are women, and that started me thinking about the whole question of statistical comparison of the genders. I'm not sure I should be treading this path, but it seems to me that the feminist movement, at least within organized religion, is a cause that won't be resolved for a good many years. Women are more plentiful in churches and synagogues, and they are largely responsible for the day-to-day work of the church. But they are volunteers, while the salaried rabbis, ministers—the prestigious church positions—are filled by men.

When I discovered Quakerism in my upper middle age, I could tell right away they were different. Quakers don't pay anything to anybody, at least within PYM. And what about the so-called prestigious positions in Quakerism? How do women fare here? By all measures, women are the major movers and shakers in PYM, and for this I tap my bench with enthusiastic decorum.

Of the 82-83 officers, PYM committee clerks, and representatives to Quaker organizations, there are 21 men and 24 women.
Of the presiding Clerks of Monthly Meeting last year, 12 were men, 22 were women; this year it's 11 men and 23 women.

We have records going back to 1947 that list the PYM presiding clerks, those who stood where I'm standing now, and it is a changing picture. In the period 1947 to 1965, men were in the majority; in the next period, 1966 to 1983, women were in the majority.

I'll repeat, I am not comfortable making these comparisons. I would rather not even notice who is up front—it really shouldn't matter. In the religious millennium, we'll be able to unite with the apostle Paul, who said one time "...ye are all the children of God...There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one."
## FY - 82 | Fiscal Year 1983 | FY - 84
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**Support of Friend's Organizations** | **Budget** | **Actual** | **Budget** | **Actual**
251 Friends Committee Nat'l Legis.$ | 500 | $500 | 500 | 500
254 Friends World Comm. for Consul. | 1,000 | $1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000
255 Quaker Office & the U.N. | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300
256 William Penn House, Wash., D.C. | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200
257 Young Friends of North America | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150
260 American Friends Service Comm. | 400 | 400 | 400 | 0
(½ each to Pasadena & S.F.) | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250
**SUBTOTAL: Support of Friends Orgs** | $2,800 | $2,800 | $2,800 | 0

### Conference Travel, PY. Delegates

275 American Friends Service Comm.$ | 358 | $450 | 450 | 0
277 Friends Comm. on Nat'l Legis. | 400 | 450 | 450 | 450
278 Friends General Conference | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150
279 Friends World Comm., Sect. of the Americas | 450 | 700 | 360 | 0
280 Friends United Meeting | 200 | 150 | 0 | 0
281 General Reunion of Friends, Mexico | 450 | 450 | 450 | 0
286 New Call to Peacemaking | 400 | 150 | 0 | 0
287 Friends World Comm. Triennial | 1,200 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,000

**SUBTOTAL: PY. Delegate's Travel** | $3,758 | $3,500 | $960 | 0

**TOTAL EXPENSES** | $21,387 | $25,850 | $13,693 | 0

### Breakdown of PY. Session Expenses, Net (Account 211)

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Period: October 1, 1982 through July 25, 1983

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**SUBTOTAL: COMMITTEE EXPENSES** | **$3,678** | **$5,900** | **$3,639** |
# Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 1983

## Pacific Yearly Meeting

### Balance Sheet (General Ledgers)

#### 1983-Minutes, Att D

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### Notes:

1. Under control of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee; not available for general PYM use.
2. Specifically contributed funds under control of the Friend in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Windows" ($171); "Project" ($831); does not belong to PYM.
3. Represents printing costs, etc., that should be recovered by sale of the publication. No sales of Death in the Meeting have been reported in two years, and this amount ($324) will probably need to be written off as a loss. Negative balance in Faith and Practice represents excess of receipts over costs of reprinted Faith and Practice.
4. Under control of the Clerk, not available for general PYM use.
5. Friends Bulletin monies; not available for general PYM use.
6. These are money market funds.
7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; most of these meet every 2 to 3 years, but we budget a portion of the cost each year.
8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use.

Virginia Croninger and Walter E. Klein  
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
1983 - Minutes - Att. E

Report of Working Group I-B-1

The Working Group on Equality had a huge area to cover. Six Friends presented material to help us begin thinking together in the areas of Racism (Virginia Heck and Elizabeth Jones), Sexism (Jean Walton and Rick Troth), and "The Current Crisis in Human Needs" (Elizabeth Gustafson and Pat Marone). We broke into four smaller groups, although the one on Women's Issues was a very large "small group". There was much sharing of concerns and a sense that the time was far too short for the seeking we need to do together.

When we reconvened for our final hour together, the group on Racism reported their frustration over insufficient time to articulate recommendations dealing with the deeply-rooted and important problems. They expressed the need for the Yearly Meeting to be more attentive to this critical area.

The group on Gay and Lesbian Concerns expressed a need to remind Pacific Yearly Meeting that these issues are not solved by having once talked about them! Also, the issues will never be solved as long as only gays and lesbians talk about them together.

They had concerns for street youths and prostitution, for property rights, children, and visitation rights in hospitals when the "family only" rule is in force. They plan to print information on the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in the Daily Chronicle and also to have a reprint on the subject available to be taken back to all Meetings. They made the following recommendation: "As a part of orientation for both the adult and Junior Yearly Meetings each year, we recommend that the Yearly Meeting state its support for Lesbians and Gay men. Further, in order to avoid the repetition of incidents of "queer-baiting", we recommend that the Yearly Meeting caution us all against name-calling and detraction. Since we believe all people to be worthy of equal respect, we see incidents of this sort as a violation of the Quaker testimony for a single standard of truth."

They also called attention to the book, Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?, available in the Bookstore, and to Meeting Gay Friends, by the Friends Homosexual Fellowship of London Yearly Meeting.

The Women's Issues group had identified many serious and ongoing issues. They requested that the Working Group approve that we request the Yearly Meeting to identify a particular committee or group and charge it with a continuing attention to women's issues at three levels: personal; within PYM; and in the larger society. This group, whether a Committee or Sub-Committee, would be charged with taking actions to affect the larger community and would also have an educational scope.

It was clear that the Working Group approved such a charge and also approved a similar charge, to be implemented in the same manner, for our concerns about Racism. As one Friend pointed out, the issues are vital, although there are Quaker women present to speak to the women's issues and very few people here to speak for other races.
The sub-group on the Crisis in Human Needs felt that, while everything possible must be done to restore human services now being cut, we must seek a new kind of social order - one in which there is no "underclass". Friends tried on visions of societies where people are freed from our materialistic value system; where people do not depend for their prosperity on the poverty of "others"; where technology is used to enhance values; and where dignity is accorded humans of all conditions. As Walter Martin said, "Friends believe in love, but they also believe in the removal of the circumstances that make for hatred." In the inequalities lie the seeds of war. We seek recognition of the equal worth of all human beings, among ourselves as well as in our sisters and brothers.
We were 14 participants, several of whom have a special relationship to the Middle East through personal experiences, relatives, or a sense of spiritual identity with the part of the world where Jesus lived.

We were fortunate to have Catherine Essoyan as a resource person. Catherine works with the AFSC in Philadelphia with special responsibility for peace education regarding Lebanon and AFSC's reconstruction projects there following last summer's destruction. She has both academic expertise and personal experience, having lived in Lebanon for eight years.

We made note of the fact there are Palestinian and Lebanese Friends: the Ramallah Friends Meeting in the West Bank and the Brumannah Friends Meeting in Lebanon. There are Friends Schools associated with each Meeting. We also feel a special bond to those Israelis who, like ourselves, are protesting the military policies of their government, working for peace with their neighbors and for justice and human rights for all people.

On Tuesday we saw a new AFSC slide show entitled "The Time is Running Out" regarding the escalated settlement program in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. We composed a '1 minute which the Peace Committee approved and which will be presented for your approval in a few minutes.

On Wednesday Catherine Essoyan gave us a thorough background to the present crisis in Lebanon. She showed slides of the destruction of Lebanon and of AFSC's agricultural and reconstruction projects in southern Lebanon.

The two sessions together gave us a much better understanding of the Middle East and sympathy for the fragility of the security of all peoples in that embattled area. We feel a greater share in the work of the AFSC in the Middle East.
Why a PYM Minute on Israeli Settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

During the six day war in June 1967, Israel militarily occupied the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. In November of the same year, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 242, which emphasizes the "inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war" and calls for Israel to withdraw its armed forces from territories occupied in the recent, i.e., June 1967, conflict.

Although Israel agreed to this resolution, it has not withdrawn from the occupied territories. On the contrary, it has engaged in a plan of settling Israeli citizens in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These territories are home to 1.5 million Palestinians, the largest concentration of Palestinians in the world, and represent the last hope for a Palestinian homeland. Between 1967 and 1977, 44 settlements (new agricultural and industrial communities) were established on the West Bank by the Labor Party then in power.

Begin's Likud party which came into office in 1977 was ideologically committed to integrating the West Bank, Biblical Judea and Samaria, into greater Israel. To accomplish this, the Begin government developed a series of five-year plans designed to populate the West Bank with 100,000 Israelis in over 100 settlements by 1985. In addition, there are at present about 70,000 Israelis living in annexed East Jerusalem. To accommodate this expanded population, land has been expropriated from Arab towns and farms throughout the West Bank. In a ring encircling Jerusalem, ten large scale urban settlements or "satellite cities" are being constructed which will eventually be able to house 320,000. The economy of these new settlements is integrated with that of Israel, and the housing is offered to settlers at very attractive rates.

Meanwhile, the Arab inhabitants are squeezed into smaller and smaller areas. Many feel compelled to leave. This is the purpose of the Begin government, and the World Zionist Organization which has stated in its Settlement Plan: "The best and most effective way of removing every shadow of a doubt about our intentions to hold on to Judea and Samaria forever is by speeding up the settlement momentum in these territories.

. . . Being cut off by Jewish settlements, the Arab minority population will find it difficult to form territorial and political continuity."

A major fear of peacemakers in Israel who hope for a negotiated peace with the Palestinians is that there will be no land left for a territorial compromise, and therefore no incentive for Palestinians to seek peace with Israel.

Though there is no direct US economic aid to help in the building of settlements, the $3.2 billion given in annual economic and military aid have made it possible for the government of Israel to divert a minimum of $150 million a year to build these settlements.

The peace movement in Israel and a number of American Jewish leaders have asked Americans to press for a cessation of these settlements. The Central Conference of American Rabbis passed the following resolution
in March of 1983: "While Israel must be the judge of its own security needs, these decisions also have a fundamental impact on the moral character of Jewish life and on the democratic nature of the Jewish state. . . . We support the concept of territorial compromise, including a temporary cessation of further settlement activities on the West Bank with the goal of encouraging Jordanian and Palestinian participation in the peace process."

It is to support these voices for peace and justice in the Middle East and to express our own sense of urgency that we offer this minute.
A Testimony on Social Justice?

The Case of Central America

Betty Nute, a Friend from New York with Latin American experience, opened our working group by reflecting on the roots of violence and human suffering in social injustice. We looked at the case of Central America, where there is a long history of structural violence in the form of unequal land distribution, dire poverty, malnutrition and illiteracy, and at the role of the United States government in perpetuating these structures of violence and injustice. We heard from Nacho Gonzales and Cesar Martinez, Friends from Mexico City, about the difficulties faced by the hundreds of thousands of Salvodorans and Guatemalans in Mexico. Finally, we heard from Nelson Rodriguez his story of why he left El Salvador. Nelson, along with at least 500,000 other Central Americans have fled their countries and come to the US seeking refuge. The US government denies these refugees asylum and deportes them back to their countries where they face possible death. I would like to ask Nelson to share a small part of his story, for I think it will do more than anything I can say to share with you all the experience of our working group. We know well that our government has supported repressive systems and perpetuated violence in Central America and elsewhere for decades.

Our working group felt a responsibility to Nelson and all the people of Central America who are suffering because of the current policies of our government. We felt compelled by a sense of urgency because at this time our government is pursuing strictly military solutions in the region and the lives of millions of Central Americans are at stake. When asked how far the administration will go militarily our president refuses to reply, and when queried about sending troops, he replied "Presidents never say never." The crisis has escalated and our group felt that a dramatic witness is called for from us as Friends.

Our group broke into four small groups. Two of them discussed two projects to send nonviolent peacemakers to Central America and our entire group would like to urge Friends to support these efforts. Peace Brigades International is fielding a team in Guatemala to protect human rights and is attempting to organize ready-response brigades to go to conflict areas in the region on short notice. Project Witness is forming a permanent Christian witness on the border between Nicaragua and Honduras, where there is a conflict perpetuated by the US government that threatens to escalate into a wider war; a war that would surely take thousands more lives, and perhaps lead to a global confrontation. There were Friends in our group who feel called to participate in these peace brigades' efforts and ask all of us to search our consciences and join with them in these efforts.

Attached to the minutes of this session there will be information about how people can get involved.

There was also a small group that discussed a Testimony on Social Justice, and our entire Working Group has asked the Social Order Committee to begin a process that will lead to a statement on Social Justice at a future date and develop queries to go to monthly meetings as part of that process. Social Order may want to report on that.
Finally, our working group developed a minute on sanctuary for PYM to consider. There was a strong desire for PYM to pass such a minute, as there are many monthly meetings who are deeply involved in the sanctuary movement. This minute is to support and encourage monthly meetings in whatever they desire to do, and to send to elected officials, including the President.

Resources suggested by Working Group 1-C available to Friends and others interested in the issues and activities discussed in this PYM working group session:

American Friends Service Committee
Human Rights Program
2160 Lake Street
San Francisco, California 94121
(415) 752-7766

American Friends Service Committee
Central American Refugee Program
980 North Fair Oaks
Pasadena, California 91103
(213) 791-1978

Peace Brigades International
c/o Dan Clark
Post Office Box 1222
Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Project Witness
c/o David Sweet
1322 Laurel Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060
(408) 458-1210
Peace Brigades International in Central America

International peacekeeping is needed in Central America, and is not solely the responsibility of governments and military forces. Peace Brigades International is committed to the creation of a nonviolent international presence to help protect the people of Central America from the violence which is destroying them, and to stand by them as they work to create legitimate political channels of change.

In May, 1982, PBI sent its first exploratory mission to Central America. An international team visited briefly in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. The mission focused on border problems between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, Nicaragua and Honduras, and refugee problems along the Honduran/Salvadoran border, as well as the internal conflict in El Salvador.

On January 22, 1983, PBI placed a second team in the region, to remain a minimum of three months there. After spending two months in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Costa Rica and Honduras visiting conflict areas and exploring the need for peacekeeping and peacemaking, on March 23, the team was placed in Guatemala to monitor the first month of the government's announced "political opening".

PBI has now decided to commit a small international team to serve within Guatemala for a full year, and to develop a larger Ready Response Unit composed of contingents from various regions, able to be placed in Central America for brief periods of peacekeeping or peacemaking activity upon short notice (as on the Nicaragua/Honduras border). These international contingents will be available for short term assignment throughout the region during periods of crisis. Members of the unit will be experienced in nonviolent action, trained in third-party techniques, and familiar with Spanish.

PBI's small in-country teams as in Guatemala, and the larger Ready Response Unit may work in cooperation with international organizations, governments, or popular groups, serving always in a non-partisan role. Their goal will be to contribute to a cessation of violence and to the opening up of political and social channels of nonviolent popular expression, which are essential to the functioning of any democratic social process. Such a process is the requisite for peace in Central America, which is becoming increasingly critical to global peace.

Information on PBI's activities in Central America can be obtained from Daniel Clark, PBI Secretary, P.O. Box 1222, Walla Walla, Washington, 99362, USA, tel. (509) 522-0399.
The working group concerned with the peace witness of Pacific Yearly Meeting met under the following query: "Are we able to bring a spirit of good will and joyousness to all of our work for peace, knowing that ultimately a loving spirit orders the universe?"

The group which met to consider the subject, "Beyond the Nuclear Freeze" reported that they were deeply aware of the emergency level of the crisis, with the escalation of the arms race and the nuclear strike possibilities, that Friends need to speak with serenity and decisiveness to the crisis. Friends are urged to (1) increase significantly their financial contributions to the Friends organizations involved in the peace testimony and the political process, those being the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee. These actions would constitute a message of empowerment. (2) To increase significantly the use of individual time and resources in the community educational and political process, and the use of time at the Meeting level. (3) To devote increasing time and effort to deepening our spiritual life to alleviate the fear and anxiety that grip us. (4) To bring a spirit of good will and joyousness to all of our work for peace, knowing that ultimately a loving Spirit orders the universe.

The group which met to consider the Peace Tax Fund reported as follows: they gave attention to those now resisting; to gaining information about peace tax funds, to considering the organizational aspects of facilitating peace tax funds. They were aware of fears of resisting, fears of not resisting, of God's will as balanced against our fears. Friends are urged to study and become aware of the legal aspects of the peace tax fund, to form support groups for resisters supporting resisters. They think that the Peace Tax Fund document is a good first step. They recommend its presentation to plenary session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

They ask; How do we support each other? General ways suggested are: knowing the names of local resisters, by networking, Monthly Meeting discussions, supporting local resisters, the use of newsletters and journals as support. Ways to avoid war tax collection are through simple living, cooperative or communal living, by the public witness aspect of resisting, by actualizing the ideal community by support of each other in real ways. A minute has been presented to the Social Order Committee and will be part of its report.

The group which met to consider USSR - US relations was a knowledgeable and lively group which enjoyed sharing experiences from visits to Russia, learning and speaking the Russian language, studying the Russian culture and its institutions. They agreed upon the lack of mutual understanding, the deep need to seek mutual understanding. To that end a minute was presented to the Social Order Committee which will become a part of its report.
The three groups shared an awareness of fears, a sense of helplessness. In deciding how to deal with our fears and helplessness, we have discovered that without God's help, without going more deeply inward, we cannot go forward. As we go forward with awareness of the Eternal at work in us we can go forward with the various means outlined earlier in this presentation. We agreed that the working group process has been a fine beginning. There may be changes in later years, but we value using the process.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Attachment K (1)

Certain members and attenders of Pacific Yearly Meeting, having held the matter of
war taxes to the Light, are moved to refuse payment of taxes which would otherwise be
used for war preparation. Wishing to stand in unity with those members and attenders in
their efforts to faithfully maintain Friends' peace testimony, and in recognition and
support of efforts other groups have made to oppose war taxes, the Pacific Yearly
Meeting establishes the Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Tax Fund, which agrees to hold in
trust upon the following terms and conditions:

1) Any member or regular attender of a Monthly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting
who conscientiously objects to participation in war, and who withholds payment of taxes
to the Federal Government because of conscience, may deposit the money withheld in the
Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Tax Fund. The Yearly Meeting intends neither to encourage
nor discourage such action by the establishment of this Fund, but leaves it to the indi-
vidual conscience of each member or attender.

2) The money so deposited in this Fund will be placed in a savings account in a
local bank in the name of Pacific Yearly Meeting, Trustee, and may be withdrawn on the
signatures of the two treasurers of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Responsibility for imple-
mentation and administration of the Fund shall rest with the Peace Committee in consul-
tation with the Treasurers.

3) The income from all such deposits, and the deposits themselves, if and when
they become completed gifts to the Yearly Meeting as hereinafter provided, shall be
used by the Yearly Meeting for life-affirming activities consistent with Friends' principles, but none shall be used for the operating budget of the Yearly Meeting.

4) By depositing money in the Fund, the individual disposes of money withheld
from taxes in a manner which will preclude personal profit or enrichment from it,
and will ensure that as far as possible the money will be used for peaceful work.

5) If the government demands that the Yearly Meeting surrender money deposited
by an individual, the Yearly Meeting will do so under protest.

6) If, as we hope, the World Peace Tax Fund bill now considered by Congress is
enacted into law, an individual may request the Yearly Meeting to transfer to the
World Peace Tax Fund the money he or she deposited in the Pacific Yearly Meeting
Peace Fund to the extent permitted by law. For this purpose, the Fund shall keep ac-
curate records by amount and donor of all funds given to it.

In accordance with the provisions of the PYM Peace Tax Fund set forth above, I deposit

($)

with the Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends.

(Signature)                      (Date)
Depositor's Name (Please Print)                           Make checks payable to Pacific Yearly
Address                                                Meeting of Friends, Trustee, and mail with
two copies of this form to:
Approved by PYM:                                          Date
7) If the government seizes money from the individual because of non-payment of war taxes, that person may be reimbursed from the Fund upon request up to the amount he or she has deposited or the amount seized, whichever is less.

8) Any money which has been on deposit for seven years without the occurrence of
   (a) its being seized, levied upon or otherwise demanded by the Internal Revenue Service, or
   (b) its being returned to the depositor to replace other funds seized or levied upon by the Internal Revenue Service, or
   (c) The Meeting having been notified in writing that such a levy or demand is impending
   shall become the property of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends as a gift by the original depositor. The depositor shall be notified of the completion of the gift at that time, by the Treasurer.

9) The terms of this Trust may be altered or revoked by action taken at a Yearly Meeting session which shall be at least sixty (60) days after notice by mail is sent to each person from whom a deposit is then held. Within ninety (90) days after any decision to revoke is final, any money remaining in the Fund which is on deposit will be returned to the depositor.
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84 Patricia Niska LJ
84 Phyllis Jones SD
85 yet to be named Michael Dunn IV
85 yet to be named Brian & Doris Weiss IV
EAST-WEST RELATIONS

84 Johanna Sibbett, S.F.
84 Steven Birdlebough SA
84 Ruth Roberts CL
84
85 Priscilla Heim WW
85 Michael Heim WW
85 Steven Jones SJ
85 Linda Niebanck SC
86 Herbert Foster, SC, Clerk
86 William Scott RE
86 Hermione Baker MB
86 Reta Lockart SV

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APSC: 84 Asenath Young PAC
84 Eric Moon BE
85 Linda Dunn IV
86 Margaret Mossman SF
86 Harold Loy OS

FWCC: 84 Lowell Tozer SD
84 Joan Fasken CV
85 Virginia Heck RE, convenor
86 David Tappan OG
86 Anton Nelson BE

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84 Marion Givens WW
85 Theodore Neff DA, Convenor
85 Duane Magill SM
86 Herbert Foster SC
86 Anna Alexander SLO

Penn House: Theodore Neff Da
PGC: 84 Robert Schutz RF
FUM: 84 Ferner Nuhn CL
New Call: 84 Lois Vincent SF
Gen. Reunion: none in 84

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JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Period: October 1, 1982 through July 25, 1983

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**TOTAL EXPENSES**

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REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT AND SEASONING OF CONCERNS

Some of us cannot restrain our impatience, our feeling of urgency, so we go to other groups than Quakers with our concerns, e.g. affinity groups that are sometimes under such pressure that they can't deliberate and season as much as they wish, where sometimes important decisions have to be made in two minutes with the police coming down the road.

We propose that the Discipline Committee provide a more detailed and specific outline for the development and seasoning of concerns. We emphasize development in the personal sphere, seasoning the group. How do we get an enthusiastic response for a concern from Quakers?

One of us suggested a supplemental pamphlet on these subjects be issued by Discipline Committee. This concern requires seasoning. Concerns do not necessarily follow the path through discussions in the proper committees leading to Minutes. Often they are individual matters into which a person pours his or her energy and in which members of the Meeting may be involved in ways that are known only to the Spirit.

Seasoning involves time, sometimes frustrating hair-splitting, but Friends need to be heard, then sometimes they can let go and accept a formulation different from their own.

REPORT FROM GROUP ON QUAKER DECISION-MAKING PROCESS with Jean Wilton as facilitator

This is a report of a discussion, still in process, with a focus on handling disagreements in meetings for business. We acknowledged having disagreements and we had no final conclusions. Ideas were generated about trust, responsibility, unity being a leading from God for the corporate body, and conflict being part of a healthy Quaker process. Unanimity in reaching a sense of the meeting are clearness committees and threshing sessions ahead of a meeting for business. Stepping aside is part of the process of making a decision, with that dissenter maintained in the group – not mowed down. Quaker process sometimes requires seasoning, waiting, and holding over.

Seasoning must be given the time it requires, be it simply a turning away from the particular issue for a brief period during a single meeting for business, or holding the entire matter over to the next meeting. The essential thing is that the Divine Will work among us, however we each hear that call. We need to have the willingness to labor together as a community. This is an unwinding process, and there must be a balance between the tension of time limits and our commitment to our Quaker process. Each individual needs to be committed to the seeking of unity rather than the satisfaction of personal ego.

We need a corporate testing which may be done in several ways, either spontaneously as Friends respond to another's statement, or by a request from the clerk for such response.

When a person wishes to stand aside it gives the meeting a direct opportunity for that corporate testing, particularly if there is an explanation. This may indicate that an issue does need more seasoning.
We need to work for a vital unity. How do we do this? In joining our Monthly Meeting our responsibilities include support of actions of our Meeting. It is the individual Friend's responsibility to participate as corporate decisions are made. If we are absent from the meeting for business we give our trust to those who go, and are still responsible for the actions taken.

REPORT OF THE SUBGROUP ON THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS

As a community, we believe we are the hands of God in the world. We come together for the corporate experience of finding truth -- God's will.

The Meeting is an organic whole, bringing together many diverse gifts. We each bring our own gift, lay it down in the commitment to find the will of God (not our own preconceived solutions). We give our gift to the Meeting, we do not hold on to it ourselves. We stand as instruments of grace with all our imperfections. If we fail to move forward we have done our best. God's clock is not the same as our's.

Unity does not mean unanimity, but rather being in unity with the will of God as expressed in the corporate body, the Meeting. Dissent is not loss of unity when we trust God, trust each other, and are committed to the purpose of the Meeting.

In considering the question of standing aside, we heard that this is a new development among Friends, not an historical tradition. Perhaps it has developed in part in response to the cultural period we have been through when we were taught to "do our own thing". The "good of the Meeting" requires that we be faithful to our own light, but also aware of the corporate unity.

The process is as important as the product. When there are persons who are not in unity with the Meeting, we consider where they are as individuals. Recognizing that the light of Christ flows through us as channels, and that we do not work from a base of our own light, we check the channel through which God's light is coming.

There are problems. New meetings and older meetings alike may have difficulties with elites, with learning how to work with each other. In working together, we don't always see how to continue when we have disagreed. We need to turn to larger bodies of Friends -- preparative to monthly meetings, monthly to quarterly, quarterly to yearly -- for care and assistance.

We were reminded that it is important to come to Meeting for Business for the entire meeting. It is not trivial or peripheral, and all parts of it demand our care and attention.

Both the Meeting for Worship and the Meeting for Business can be likened to salt crystals in water. Each is capable of supporting a number of non-soluble crystals, provided each has a solid base of living water.
Thursday, August 4, 1983

We began our work by examining the meaning of membership. We heard concern that we sow the seeds of discord in our Meetings by failing to adhere to clear criteria for membership out of unwillingness to say "no". Membership is characterized by agreement with our corporate search for truth, commitment to our Quaker process and corporate worship. We believe God's life is the center of our gathering, from this living connection to Christ, all things take their rightful place. Membership is a process, a movement along the way. We were reminded, Jesus said, "I am the way," not the end of the road.

Transfer of membership was discussed and there was agreement that it is not automatic. All applications for membership deserve full, loving and detailed attention from the Meeting, we must not deprive applicants of this respect for the magnitude of their decision.

We turned our attention to "Junior Membership." There was a good deal of expression suggesting it is a class of membership which seems to satisfy parental need, not that of our young people. Some found it a great comfort as insurance for C. O. approval for sons (& possibly daughters). The view was held by a number that it is inconsistent with our understanding of what membership means, that it is functional and must be a commitment made by the member-to-be.

Quakerism is not something that can be taught, it is caught. Our children need to participate and experience our Meeting activity and so grow into membership.

Friday, August 5, 1983

The group heard of practices instituted in some Monthly Meetings dealing with members who have become inactive; one Meeting releases members earlier than Faith and Practice suggests, the other has minuted establishment of an "inactive" list. We were reminded that meetings need a functioning membership and have a responsibility to stay in touch with members at a distance, to visit with those at hand who are not participating to express concern and see what obstruction to meeting participation exists. Our membership lists need to reflect truth; not nominal membership, but the membership of those involved, interested and caring.

In the brief time remaining we asked ourselves why our young people fall away from the Society. A Young Friend told us we were too intellectual and did not feed her emotional needs when she was younger but she never terminated membership and has returned. Perhaps we should approach children at twelve to join us as a better time rather than at eighteen, when young people do not wish to conform and when life is so transient. Generally the group were not too disturbed at the statistics of our youth's participation, for we seem to have our young people still in our midst, though not as official members of the Society.
One hundred and twenty-four Friends participated in the working session on the spiritual witness of the Society of Friends. They met first all together; an introduction called to mind the spiritual hunger many are expressing in this time. This had been particularly evident in the expressions of the 600 women recently jailed in the Livermore Lab Civil Disobedience demonstration. Our secular age has relied on human knowledge and structured organizations; it now finally finds itself almost at the mercy of technological developments, the extension of that faith in human knowledge.

Hunger for the spirit, and for the unknown graces of God, fills our hearts. We know that hunger is met -- not by any system of belief, but by being-with-God. Friends are molded, however, by the secular society, and much distracts us from turning to meditation, or once turned, from yielding to the Presence.

Friends divided into six groups to share in Quaker dialogue fashion their response to the queries, "What delays us from turning to meditation?" and "Once turned to worship what distracts us from pure centering?" The total group reassembled to speak from the silence about what the query had opened for us.

The second day of the Working Session on Spiritual Witness, we met and remained as a Meeting of the Whole. Betsy Dearborn had been asked to speak from her own experience about how ministry grows among us. She presented to the group a cycle of spiritual growth she had found her own life following - "Sarah's circle" - from the "Call" - to "Commitment" - to "Community," to "Reflection" and then again to Call. She told of her own sense of calling rising from a period of grieving. For Betsy the spiritual call sometimes comes as a vision, sometimes sound. Response, and the support of community has been the path of growth. Friends present, speaking from the silence spoke of their own experience. Variety marked the outward experience, but a deeply moving unity of experience was also evident, and the Meeting was deep and inward. A Friend in closing reminded us that we must live in the expectation of imminent grace.

Ellie Foster, Facilitator
Betsy Dearborn, Resource Person
Dear Friends,

For those of us in the Junior Yearly Meeting, this year at PYM has been very similar to past yearly meetings, but at the same time unique. Similar in that we have enjoyed our traditional events like capture-the-flag and river trips, but unique in that many of us have realized that we are growing older. An increasing participation in PYM as a whole has emerged. Some of us have gone to worship-fellowship, most of us have worked in the children's program, and all of us have enjoyed each other's company. For those of us not comfortable with adult worship-fellowship, we organized our own morning discussions with the help of Jack Hunter. We have also joined with Young Friends and Junior High School Friends for a moving and enlightening discussion on communication and sex roles. This year, our concern reached beyond our fellow Quakers to include the rest of the world. We tried to express this through viewing the videotape, "What About the Russians?", participating in the Hiroshima Day Vigil, and discussing world affairs among ourselves. The older we get the more we realize that our future is in our hands. We have tried to learn more about life and Quakerism by talking with older and more experienced Friends such as Paul Niebanck, Gordon Browne, Ed Morgenroth and Foy Van Dolsen. All of us in Junior Friends have memories of Chico and of each other over the past five years, and although we will miss this town, we all feel that moving on is in harmony with our feelings of growing older. We leave the 1983 Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends looking forward to La Honda and to our futures.

Junior Yearly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
To Friends everywhere:

This year's PYM has been a positive experience for the Junior High Friends. For many of us, it has been a period of extreme emotional growth. One of our primary activities has been group worship sharing; which has given us an opportunity to freely express ourselves among our peers; and has enabled us to open up and share experiences and feelings unvoiced in the past.

Another worthwhile experience has been "verbal creative imagery". This has given us a chance to get in touch with ourselves at a meditative level and explore our imaginative abilities through creative visualization.

Massage has been an enjoyable aspect of the junior high group. While learning various techniques of foot and back massaging, we have become more at ease interacting with one another.

Singing, though it has left us slightly hoarse, has greatly increased our feelings of acceptance within the group.

Also stretching, aside from causing us to experience excruciating pain, has put us in touch with our bodies, and has enabled us to focus upon our respiration and level of relaxation.

Other enjoyable activities have included numerous rounds of Capture the Flag, and a river trip; both of which allowed us to interact with friends unacquainted with before.

All in all this year's PYM has been an extremely spiritually enlightening, growth stimulating, friendship inducing, emotionally draining experience.

Junior High Friends
Dear Friends Everywhere:

This year we are gathered in a spirit of joyous renewal and love. Together we are seeking a sense of balance in our involvements with the greater Quaker community and in our own circle of Young Friends.

Striving to learn more about Quaker practice, we invited Robert Vogel, the Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, to share with us his insights on meetings for worship for business. Furthermore, Young Friends presented a panel considering the query "How do we practice, particularly in meeting for business, the love and trust we have as a community?"

We have a concern for involvement of Young Friends in the larger social issues of our times, such as nuclear proliferation, world peace, and civil disobedience.

We feel great joy at the news of the confirmation of the Young Friends World Gathering, and all feel a great desire to establish connections with Young Friends around the world. In light of this we are establishing a fund to provide travel expenses for Young Friends in third-world countries to attend this gathering.

In conclusion, we hope that the joy and great feelings of love we feel here may also pervade your meetings as well as the daily lives of people everywhere.

With love and blessings of peace,

The Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting

ELIZABETH PERRY, Clerk

PAUL SCHNEIDER, Asst. Clerk
GREETINGS TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE --

We are ordinary people who gather to celebrate and to wait expectantly. Outside, the almond trees of Chico, planted years ago, grow in straight rows. Inside, we grow less predictably but with no less grace, seeking to know the shape of our roots. Our thirty-seven years have taught us to submit willingly to a process turning us to God. Our thirty-seven years have taught us trust; we have been torn by tigers and slowly mended by angels. Song is alive in us, though brokenness abounds. We are called to grow large in love. In this we cherish the serenity of spirit bequeathed us by Joel and Hannah Bean, our Yearly Meeting founders.

We seek to let our lives speak more strongly than words in the effort to live out our faith. We set up a Yearly Meeting Peace Tax Fund. We created a committee to foster east-west relations. We continued to write minutes: against further Israeli settlements on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, against further development of first-strike and Cruise missiles, in support of meetings providing sanctuary to Central American refugees, in favor of a visit to the president of the University of California to encourage the constructive use of the Livermore and Los Alamos laboratories. In addition, we affirmed our progress in responding to gender issues. We encouraged the continued use of our Fund for Concerns, begun four years ago, to enable those with leadings for social, political, and religious action.

Gordon Browne outlined to us some of the current challenges in Quakerism. "How does Truth prosper among you?" Our working group structure, experimental this year, invited us to create with new vision. We experienced a tension between the onslaught of issues and the need to nurture a more deeply grounded response to concerns.

As we hear of bodies broken in Central America, our spirits embrace the victims and oppressors. As we hear of children going on their own to meeting for worship in Soweto, we are gathered into a world family, grateful for the mystery unfolding among us and for the hands which eternally uphold us.

We send you all our loving greetings at this time.

Robert S. Vogel, Clerk