PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Seventh Month 30, 1990
La Verne, California

PLENARY SESSION 1

The Clerk, Jane Peers, offered the following opening minute at 1:40 p.m.:

"Friends, we have come together in fellowship and trust to find strength through our common bonds of belief, and to learn what may be required of us through the leadings of the Spirit. In our search for Truth and guidance, we are mindful that we come in a spirit of worship and that all of our deliberations are a part of this week-long meeting for worship, for ours is still an experimental way of seeking to know and to live by God's will. As we meet together in all the ways we will meet; in worship, in study, in business, in play, and in social contacts, this family of ours which we call Pacific Yearly Meeting will be strengthened. So, too, may we each become clearer through the experience of corporate worship and corporate seeking. Yearly Meeting is a place where each of us may find ourselves closer to Truth and more ready to serve it. We will remember, as we meet, those who built this Yearly Meeting, and we will look with loving hope to those who are children now and into whose hands PYM will pass. May we do our work in such a way that it will seem good in the Divine Order."

The Clerk then announced that the 44th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting was now in session and asked that we begin with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk, Elizabeth Jones, read from the 1990 epistles from the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Monteverde Monthly Meeting in Costa Rica.

INTRODUCTIONS

The PYM Clerks introduced themselves: Reading Clerk Elizabeth Jones, Co-Recording Clerks Ron Sax and Ruth Peters, Assistant to the Clerk Marilee Eusebio, and Presiding Clerk Jane Peers.

Visitors from other Yearly Meetings introduced themselves as follows: Marty Walton, General Secretary of Friends General Conference; Cilde Grover, Northwest Yearly Meeting and western field staff for FWCC; Sara Crimm, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the American Friends Service Committee; Joe Havens, New England Yearly Meeting and Multnomah Monthly Meeting of North Pacific Yearly Meeting; Paul Jolly from Pendle Hill; and Brad Sheeks, Pat McBee, and Jennie McBee Sheeks from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting who are traveling with a minute of concern for support of marriage in Friends' Meetings.
ROLL CALL

The Assistant to the Clerk read the roll of member Meetings. Representatives were present from 35 of the 37 member Meetings and from 8 of 19 Worship Groups. No one was present from Fresno and Guatemala Monthly Meetings, from Big Island Preparative Meeting in Hawaii or from the following Worship Groups: Hermosillo, Mendocino, Ojai, San Mateo (which has been laid down), Taft, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, North San Luis Obispo County, San Luis Obispo, and Humbolt.

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Keith Wedmore, Worship-Fellowship Coordinator, described the purpose and process of the Worship-Fellowship Groups. There will be eleven traditional Worship-Fellowship Groups, with two additional drop-in groups for those who arrive late or know their attendance will be sporadic. Since continuity is important, Friends who signed up for a traditional Worship-Fellowship Group should make every effort to attend regularly and arrive promptly. Separate twelve-step groups and silent Meeting for Worship will also be available to those who prefer these formats.

ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements Clerk Eric Moon asked Friends to make any arrangement problems known to members of the Arrangements Committee, who were introduced. Announcements were made regarding camping, parking, and other details vital for our comfort during our work together this week. Most Friends this year are housed in a new dorm located several blocks from the dining and meeting rooms; Friends were cautioned to allow enough time to arrive at meetings promptly.

SECRETARIAT

Sandy Farley, Co-Clerk for the Secretariat, announced that Nancy Campeau is manager of this year's Secretariat, which is housed in the Chapel. Friends were encouraged to volunteer for the many jobs that will be needed. This year we are using La Verne University's copying machines instead of leasing our own, which requires advance notice when copies are needed. Pat Wolff is editing the daily newspaper this week.

MINUTES

This year the minutes of plenaries devoted to the conduct of business will be read back during the same session in which they were taken. They will be read and approved at intervals during these sessions.

YOUNG FRIENDS

Rusi Gustafson, Co-Clerk of Young Friends, described the program for young Friends, and asked anyone interested to come, regardless of chronological age.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Arden Pierce, Clerk of the Children’s Program Committee, introduced Rhea Farley as this year’s Coordinator of the Children’s Program. Rhea Farley described the structure and procedures for the children’s program, including several forms which are required this year. The elementary age group is being divided into two groups; the older children, ages nine through twelve, have asked to form their own group and are being given the opportunity to plan their own meeting. It is hoped that in the process they will learn something about Quaker process. Other plans for the Children’s Program, including the afternoon field trips, were described, and the staff of the Children’s Program were introduced. Friends were encouraged to volunteer to spend time with the Children’s Program, not only because the help is essential for proper functioning of the Program, but because these children miss spending time with their parents as the week proceeds.

MENITO PROGRAM

Liz Amen, convener of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Menito Program, described the Menito – or secret friend – Program, and invited Friends who would like to participate to sign up.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Jack Huffman, Advisor to the Junior Yearly Meeting, described plans for this year’s Junior Yearly Meeting. The staff and advisors of the Junior Yearly Meeting were introduced.

JUNIOR HIGH FRIENDS

Euclid Bautista, Advisor to the Junior High Friends, described plans for this group.

VIGIL

Jane Peers called our attention to the description of Wednesday’s noontime vigil, which was printed in today’s PYM Daily Paper. It is important that Friends who plan to participate in this vigil sign up for a box lunch.

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Marilee Eusebio introduced the coordinators of Friday’s Community Night and read several announcements.

The minutes of Session 1 were read and approved, and the session closed at 3:13 with a period of silent worship.

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PLENARY SESSION 2

At 4:00 p.m., Friends met in the main meeting hall for an hour of silent worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
Plenary Session 3 opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read the epistles from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland (Yearly Meeting), and the Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

The exercise of the evening, under the guidance of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, was an exploration of the State of our Society. Two related themes were gleaned from this year's State of the Meeting reports from individual Monthly Meetings. Kitty Barragato, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, introduced those members of the committee who would serve as presenters: Pru Myer, Madge Seaver, Hermione Baker, Vanita Blum, Bruce Folsom, Joan Johnson, and Becky Layfield.

Kitty Barragato introduced the process to be followed in exploring the two themes: (1) spiritual nurture and (2) pain, conflict, and healing. After a short introduction to each theme, members of Ministry and Oversight would read selected quotations from the State of the Meeting reports. Each cluster of readings was to be followed by a period of unprogrammed worship during which Friends were invited to respond from their hearts and from their experience, as we searched together for Truth.

Hermione Baker introduced the first theme: spiritual nurture. The Meeting for Worship is the vital source from which the life of the Meeting springs. The State of the Meeting reports show many ways in which Meetings nurture the spiritual life of its members, including outward expressions as Friends reach out to each other, to the many who need our help in our communities.

The most popular sessions in the adult education classes of one Meeting are when members describe their own spiritual journeys. Other Meetings are holding special meetings for sharing, centered on such topics as the grieving process, Quaker "theology," and addictive behaviors. One Meeting asks "Do we truly come to Meeting with hearts and minds prepared for worship?" Another notes that "We are drawn together, not by convention, but compelled by a spiritual quest."
Out of the silence, Friends responded:

- Coming to Meeting with hearts and minds prepared means different things to each of us. The real question is: "prepared for what?"

- Meetings should experiment with providing alternative opportunities for worship, such as early morning or mid-week Meetings for Worship.

- A mother has been challenged by her born-again Christian daughter: "Mother, what do you believe?"

- What do PYM Friends believe? Spiritual things often seem so terribly illusive to the intellect. When we attempt to put these things into words, the words seem so awkward and inadequate. When we look for spiritual growth, it often seems the most illusive, appearing instead sometimes when we least expect it.

- Differences in language will be found at next year’s World Gathering of Friends, but differences in religious expression will require our attention even more to arrive at understanding and sharing our spiritual experiences.

- Can we discern if a Meeting is dead or just asleep? Do we sometimes overlook the Source of the Light or Life? If we didn’t believe in a power beyond ourselves, would we be dead?

- When we open ourselves enough during Worship, we may find we are searched by the Light; we may find we are known more than we could ever be prepared to be, and thereby we are born again and again and again.

- Man is a worshiping animal. This is not voluntary. We simply are. On her back in her zucchini patch, this Friend discovered she was surrounded by Friends; all were yearning for the Light, finding various ways to reach up toward the Light.

The second theme, pain and healing, was introduced by Bruce Folsom. Many Meetings experience serious pain and conflict from time to time, and these are reflected in the State of the Meeting reports. Healing is a return to health or wholeness after some "illness" of the Spirit in individuals or the Meeting. While no Meeting used the word anger, we know experientially that anger and lack of forgiveness work as poisons in our hearts, as weights or burdens that cripple us. Forgiveness and understanding of the other person(s) are the medicines needed. Real forgiveness comes not with words, but in a moment of grace, when the heart, not the mind is rid of its resentment and hostility. We were reminded of Jesus’ words on the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." This prayer is our model for forgiveness. It is God's place to forgive. When we are healed through grace, we can begin to know the person we feel has wronged us or the Meeting; we can begin to
understand the language spoken by that person.

One Meeting continues to wrestle with forgiveness. While some feel "healed," others are troubled by "quickie forgiveness" that seeks simply to put the conflict behind us rather than to recognize it and continue to work on it. Another Meeting asks us to examine a deeper question: "What do we mean by unity in diversity?" How can we nurture the spiritual needs of all our members if the expression of one member's belief challenges the faith of another?

- How can we ask for forgiveness when in fact we know only too well exactly what we do? And sometimes it is hard to believe "he knows not what he does" and it's hard to forgive.

- Revelation is ongoing. The solutions to current difficulties are often there, but have just not yet been revealed unto us.

- Do we love one another because we forget each one's defects or in spite of them?

- It is hard for us to accept the loss of members from our Meetings because of the stands we take. Too often we assume separation is a bad thing. But this is not necessarily so, either for the Meeting or for the person who leaves. The departing Friend is often clearly already moving in a different direction and the Meeting is freed to continue to grow in its understanding of Truth.

- I used to believe that the worst thing was to be wrong and the best thing was to be correct. This led me into many difficulties. Now I realize that the most important thing is to love and the worst thing is to be hateful. Love and caring can transcend discord.

- Some Friends who are going through difficult times are able to ask for the prayers and support of others during Meeting for Worship -- when they do, they usually receive such support abundantly, for then we at least know what they are going through. But others are not able to ask and so they go unnoticed.

- There is a fine line between reaching out and patronizing.
The session closed at 9:00 p.m. after Kitty Barragato thanked Friends for their sharing, and read a final quotation from Isaac Pennington:

"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying for one another, and helping one another up with a tender hand." (Pennington, 1667)

The Assistant to the Clerk read several announcements after a closing period of worship.

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PLENARY SESSION 4

Clerk Jane Peers gathered Friends at 9:45 a.m., beginning with a period of worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk, Elizabeth Jones, read the epistles from New York Yearly Meeting, Religiose Gesellschaft der Freunde in der DDR (East German Friends), and Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends.

INTRODUCTIONS

Visitors from other Yearly Meetings introduced themselves as follows: Ched Meyers of AFSC, and Nancy Alexander of FCNL, Washington.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Reading Clerk read the action minutes approved by Representative Committee at their Session II on July 30.

Kitty Barragato read the amended Charge to the Subcommittee on the Structure of Yearly Meeting, approved by Representative Committee on July 30. She asked for ideas and invited Friends to attend the interest group on this subject. The amended charge follows:

Ministry and Oversight Committee recommends that the charge for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Structure should be to consider the relationship of the present structure of Yearly Meeting to its functions, and to assist Friends in exploring alternative forms. This will include a discussion of the role of Representative Committee, the length of Yearly Meeting, and the relationship of Yearly Meeting to quarterly meetings and monthly meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE MENTALLY ILL

Hermione Baker announced that the subcommittee is holding an interest group and three sharing groups. They’ve set up a browsing room.
STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS

The Reports will be available for perusal starting Wednesday.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Stratton Jacquette of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee reported the names of the new Nominating Committee, approved by Representative Committee: Euclid Bautista ’91, Rick Troth ’93, Lois Bailey ’93, David Wilson ’93, and Sally Davis ’92 (Clerk).

FWCC VISITOR

Harold Smuck, new Clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, introduced himself to us. He spoke of how FWCC serves Friends throughout the world and how we might help support it.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Allen Karcher, Clerk of the Peace Committee, thanked us for holding peace in our care.

Allen read the following two minutes for our attention and consideration, not for approval.

Southern California Quarterly Meeting advocates education and legislation to effect redirection of resources and priorities from military to civilian, humanitarian and earth-sustaining programs. We ask that present government spending be used to fund research, retraining, education, retooling and the assimilation into the above programs of workers now employed in the military-industrial complex. Specifically, economic conversion should include: environmentally sound transportation systems, development of sustainable energy resources and the conversion of military intelligence facilities to monitoring Earth’s eco-system.

The La Jolla Monthly Meeting proposes the following minute: We feel that disarmament is our first priority in this time of political and economic reappraisal. We recognize that military spending precludes the direction of the available Gross National Product toward reinvestment in a comprehensive social and environmental program. We urge all possible
reduction of military spending. "Not by might, not by power of outward sword, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." (Zechariah, 4:6)

Allen read the following minute, asking for reaffirmation of prior PYM minutes 83-11 and 85-21:

Pacific Yearly Meeting reaffirms its Minutes of 83-11 and 85-21, and once again urges the University of California Regents to sever ties with the nuclear weapons laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos at its coming meeting in September, 1990.

An addendum was offered: The Clerk will prepare a letter of concern to the President of the University asking to arrange a meeting to consider this issue. Friends discussed the minute, asking how we might best go about influencing officers and Regents of the University, how we might follow up on a previous meeting with the University President. A Friend proposed that we add to this minute our intent to also listen to those in the University to whom we're presenting our concern. There was general support for the minute, but there were questions about its implementation. The minute was returned to the Peace committee, asking for further seasoning.

Jane Badalato presented the following minute for PYM approval:

Pacific Yearly Meeting sponsors and supports the third Friends Witness at the Nevada Test Site, March 22-24, 1991. Pacific Yearly Meeting entrusts planning to a working committee consisting of liaisons from PYM committees, related organizations, and other peace churches. (See Attachment A for background.)

During the ensuing discussion, clarity was requested regarding the roles of FCNL and AFSC. A Friend asked if the Witness could include dialogue with people who make and test nuclear weapons -- that we listen to others’ truth as well as speak our own. The Treasurer questioned PYM’s legal, financial, and insurance liabilities regarding our possible sponsorship. A Friend asked if we could substitute the word "support" for "sponsor". It was suggested that the minute include ways we might listen to others, that we add names of the other peace churches. Although there was general support for the minute, the Clerk returned the minute to the Peace Committee to respond to these questions.

Jane Badalato reminded us that there will be interest groups this week on the Nevada Test Site Witness and on the issue of the University of California severing its ties with its weapons labs. She also announced a working lunch
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on the Nevada Test Site Witness on Thursday noon. She urged us to participate in the Peace Vigil on Wednesday.

PACIFIC ACKWORTH SCHOOL

Jean Gerard of the Pacific Ackworth Foundation reported that the school is finding ways of restructuring finances and curriculum. It is now a preschool, and is running in the black. Nancy Blomyer, Director of the school, reported that the school is trying to find ways of raising scholarships for needy children in the Temple City community and is planning to expand into another class for older children.

JOHN WOOLMAN SCHOOL

Harry Bailey of the College Park Friends Education Association (CPFEA), the board of John Woolman School, reported that the school has made changes after a very difficult year due to a serious enrollment deficit. The school is now smaller, emphasizes its Quaker identity in new ways, and is selling peripheral property to pay off its indebtedness. The school will open this fall. CPFEA sees a positive outlook after a year of travail.

MINUTES

Friends approved these minutes.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk

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PLENARY SESSION 5

An unprogrammed Meeting for Worship was held between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
Clerk Jane Peers opened Plenary Session 6 with a period of worship at 7:00 p.m.

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

The session was devoted to hearing our guest speaker, Marty Walton, General Secretary of Friends General Conference (FGC). She was introduced by Clerk Jane Peers.

Marty began by stating her theme: Coming home, longing for home. She feels in PYM such longing deep in our souls. She feels warmly welcomed here, and asks, "What can I give you?" Not the usual topics of Quakerism, she decided, but her own discernment, truth, and experience being among Friends. Her experience in many Yearly Meetings resonates with ours.

She prefaced her theme with an exploration of her own path toward her present Quaker work. Born into a Philadelphia Quaker family that was "one step removed from" Quaker practice, she learned as a child to "trust the silence." But after moving with her family to Illinois, attending Earlham College, and beginning to find her own way; she eventually dropped her membership in the Society of Friends. Twenty years later, after much searching, she rejoined Friends; becoming a member of Kent, Ohio, Meeting. Although she now lives in the Philadelphia area, she retains her membership in Kent Meeting.

Six years ago, having raised four children and after a marriage dissolution, she found her way to Stockton, California. She attended Delta Meeting. She helped organize "Quaker Spiritual Quest" there and took on many Meeting responsibilities. Around the time that her job situation was going downhill, FGC was having problems; and they offered Marty the job of General Secretary in 1985. She moved to Philadelphia to take on her new duties. PYM, while not in FGC, "is in me," she said.

Discussing how FGC evolved, Marty said that Yearly Meetings came first, and often Friends crossed Yearly Meeting boundaries to deal with issues that seemed too large for each to handle. These issues included philanthropic labor, education, right living, helping one's neighbor, morals of the young, and "colored" people. Around the turn of the century, seven Yearly Meetings joined in a general conference - the origin of FGC. Travel was difficult, but the organization grew. The Committee on Philanthropic Labor helped develop the AFSC. There are now fourteen members of FGC, mostly Yearly Meetings. By the 1970s, the older leaders, mostly men, gave way to a generation of "rambunctious" younger Friends, including many feminists, many in jeans.

Marty spoke of newer Yearly Meetings where Friends are scattered -- Southeastern, Northern -- that are vigorous and include many experienced Friends. She spoke of Canada, where there are only a thousand Friends, who have influence far beyond their numbers. She said that only five Yearly Meetings have paid staff; most are, like PYM, of the "do-it-yourself character."
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, she said, is different. They’ve never had small numbers of members and were never underprivileged. "There is much confusion there about what is essential to Quakerism and what is cultural," she said. They are hardworking, with 45 paid staff. They seem not to realize that other Yearly Meetings have something to offer them. She says, "Philadelphia is the dead center of Quakerism."

Turning from her personal story to her theme, Marty asked, "What is home, the yearning, the pull toward deeper experience together." She referred to the comments culled from PYM members’ State of the Meeting Reports, read by Ministry and Oversight Committee on Monday night.

Home is the place I’m wanted, accepted. There is room for me. It’s a place where I belong. It nourishes, confronts, heals me.

She wasn’t speaking of the specific house and immediate family, but something larger, a wider group that reacts on an intimate level. What do I need? "Alive and growing edges"; the need to be nourished; one’s own uncharted space that is safe for exploration. We need a family of the spirit, an unfractured place to be at-home in.

We interact with bombarded and unhealthy structures, confront brokenness every day. We yearn to experience wholeness and growth. Meetings must be like living experiences of that wholeness.

When a couple is married under the care of the Meeting, the Meeting assumes ongoing care for the couple. How about applying that standard to all aspects of life? For example, we might ask a new member: In what areas should Meeting not concern itself with you? If this happened, it would profoundly change a Meeting.

Such questions can only be answered within the heart, where God’s presence makes itself felt. The home meeting, not PYM, is the place where Friends can love us with a truly knowing heart. In a family, we play out separation and connectedness. Family life is a "school of the spirit." Accepting the gift of each other’s honesty is how the Spirit appears. God is a presence we know of because of each other. Trust is a welcome place for truth. How do we grieve? How do we experience forgiveness?

Marty quoted a writer who set out four steps to healing:

1. Feel that pain; get to know it as reality, as it is.
2. Call on your angels. Ask for help; call it prayer or channeling energies. Be open for help.
3. Listen for messages. If you listen, you’ll know. You heal yourself; the message is about how you can do it.
4. Recognize the balance between fear and hope. Pain is scary. We come up against forces that keep us from change. To heal, we must choose hope.

Building community is how we build trust. It takes courage. We often find ways not to deal with the reality, not to communicate. All of us need to take leadership. Each of us is a minister. Each needs to listen.
Perhaps it's deeper: We need to open ourselves to the full implications of our longing. We want to be with God. We have a sense of estrangement from the one who sent us out in the world. God is in dialogue with us.

Coming home to God is coming to oneness with all. Home is close. We must only ask for God's presence in our lives. Home is a reality, beckoning to us, real, within our reach. We get there by going with others, by opening up.

When we can have that much trust, we're home.

Thank you, God, for being with me all those years.

Thank you, Friends, for the God I see in you.

Marty sat down and, out of silent worship, Friends responded to her talk, summarized here:

Homeless people told me they resented being called homeless. "Call us houseless."

Quoting Ursula LeGuin: "Home is something we always recreate." We need balance between freedom of the individual and corporate life; there is the possibility of benign tyranny. We also need joy - for example, from art.

There are "Yearly Meeting Friends", "Quarterly Meeting Friends", and "FGC Friends". Do we need to redefine our membership roles? Marty responded: I don't know; I sometimes think yes, sometimes no. Naming a commitment changes people. There's a place for membership, but it must be a more diffused place for someone like me.

Children need to leave home to grow up.

My daughter, after leaving home, went to the local meeting a few times. No one spoke to her. She decided no one cared.

We need to value in some the need to wander. Some can remain centered even while wandering.

Quoting Augustine: "Our hearts are restless till we rest in Thee."

Membership is more than just a place. I hope we have the courage of our yearnings.

I thought my Meeting needed me. But having been away, I realized I needed them. FGC is home. You need me and I need you.

I'm pretty new to Friends and to PYM. I felt, when I first came to Meeting, that I was home.

I'm struck by the God part of Marty's talk. I surprised myself recently by having a conversation about God. I'm now anxious to have a conversation about God with (a brief list of "weighty" Friends).
Walking into a prison, I feel more at home there than in many more familiar spaces. I was in the eye of a race riot there; the violence stopped when I came in. That’s "coming home" to me.

The meeting ended with a brief period of worship and some announcements by the Assistant to the Clerk.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
Plenary Session 7 began at 9:50 a.m. with a period of worship.

The Clerk welcomed Friends and reminded us of the story of the Quaker children in England who held Meeting for Worship even though their parents were in prison. These children held those Meetings for Worship despite the distractions of the soldiers and muskets, and it is hoped that today we can hold our Meeting for Business despite the distractions of the roofers who are working above us.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following guests introduced themselves: Sulak Sivaraksa and Supard from Bangkok, Thailand; Sombat from the Thai-American Project in Santa Monica; and Linda Haines Melvin from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (in process of moving to Grass Valley).

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read from the epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) in Switzerland; the Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region; and Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative).

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES

The Committee to Read the Minutes reported that the minutes from Plenary Sessions 2 (Worship), 3 (Ministry & Oversight), and 5 (Worship) have been read and approved.

ECUMENICAL CONTACTS

Stratton Jaquette, as past-Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, reported that on behalf of Quakers and the Pacific Yearly Meeting, he had been invited to and had attended meetings this past year with the Patriarch of the Koptic Orthodox Church and the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church.

PENDLE HILL

Paul Jolly, Pendle Hill staff member, described the opportunities available at Pendle Hill for education and renewal, and encouraged Friends to take apply for and attend Pendle Hill programs. Over the past years, many Quakers from Pacific Yearly Meeting have participated in Pendle Hill programs and found
Karen Loch of La Jolla Monthly Meeting described her recent experiences attending the first Gathering of Friends of African Descent, held at Pendle Hill from July 27 to 29, 1990. Over 100 Black Friends from Jamaica, Kenya, South Africa, England, and other countries participated in this enriching experience.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Kay Anderson, clerk of the East-West Relations Committee, described the recent activities of this committee, including organizing the upcoming Quaker trip to the U.S.S.R. and sponsoring the recent U.S. visit of Tatiana Pavlova. The U.S.S.R. trip this summer will include 31 persons from throughout the United States and England. Tatiana Pavlova, a Soviet historian who has written a book on early Quaker history and considers herself a Quaker, visited among Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends this past winter. Kay reported that recently a small group has begun to meet with Tatiana in Moscow, but the group is perhaps more ecumenical than strictly Quaker in nature.

The East-West Relations Committee is presently struggling with ways to respond constructively to the victims of Chernobyl and to the desire among increasing numbers of Soviet citizens to be allowed to be conscientious objectors to military conscription. The Committee distributed the background statement to a petition being circulated by the Peoples’ Deputies of the Moscow City Soviet to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR (Attachment B) and recommended that a minute be approved by the Pacific Yearly Meeting supporting the rights of Soviet citizens to conscientious objection. A few wording changes were offered to the minute, but because there were insufficient copies of the background materials to the minute and Friends wished more time to study this background and consider the proposed minute, action was deferred to a later plenary.

In 1990, there will be a Human Rights Conference in the Soviet Union to which the East-West Relations Committee may send a delegation. The East-West Relations Committee is also developing a working relationship with the Quaker US/USSR Committee that operates out of Philadelphia. The US/USSR Committee initiated the drive to circulate in the United States petitions for conscientious objection and alternative service in the Soviet Union, and is also working on a project to translate selected Quaker writings into Russian.

Anthony Manousos, who recently attended the Citizen’s Congress for a Nuclear Test Ban in the Soviet Union, described a group in Kazakhstan which would like to work with western groups who are opposed to nuclear weapons testing. They hope to bring to the attention of the American public the facts that the USSR unilaterally stopped all nuclear testing in October, 1989, and the United States, France, and Great Britain are the only countries still opposed to the Comprehensive Test Ban treaty which will be considered at a United Nations sponsored conference in January.
In closing, Kay Anderson encouraged Friends to attend the interest group sponsored by the East-West Relations Committee to be held later this week.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Lee Cable introduced Sulak Sivaraksa from Thailand, or Siam as he prefers to call it. Sulak is a noted author and advocate of social justice in Thailand who has been deeply involved in working toward enlightened solutions to the social problems in that region. A recent project has been to establish the so-called "Jungle University" for Burmese students and refugees. There are an estimated 40,000 Burmese refugees in Thailand now, 16,000 of whom have arrived since January of this year. Sulak is now on his way to Philadelphia where he is to be an invited international guest at the "Celebration of Conscience" commemorating the 50th year of the existence of the conscientious objector status.

Sulak Sivaraksa briefly described the recent history of Burma and the current problem with Burmese refugees in Thailand. He read a letter from M. Brang Seng, First Vice Chairman of the Democratic Alliance of Burma, Central Executive Committee (Attachment C). Friends were invited to an interest group sponsored by the Friend in the Orient Committee to speak with Sulak in greater depth.

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

Michael Dunn, Co-Clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee, reported that the committee’s activities over the past year were described in their annual State of the Committee report (Attachment D) and that the Unity with Nature Committee is happy to be jointly sponsoring today's vigil, the theme of which is "What can we do for the earth and it’s people?"

Michael Dunn explained that the Unity with Nature Committee has recently come to realize that the literature springing from the Judeo-Christian traditions does not shed much light on our concern for the Earth’s endangered ecosystem. This literature, including the Bible and our own Faith and Practice, is largely silent on the question of our spiritual relationship to the natural world. The Unity with Nature Committee strongly recommends that, rather than simply adding a new section on this environmental concern to our existing Faith and Practice, the wording of the entire document be revised and expanded so as to integrate an environmental concern throughout. Toward this end, the Committee has initiated a project to explore just how the language of Faith and Practice might be changed; specifically, as an example, it has drafted a revised version of the Advices and Queries on Peace that reflects an environmental concern as an integral part of Friends’ concern for peace and justice (Attachment E). Cushioned by brief periods of silence, Michael read the proposed revised version of the Advices and Queries on Peace. During the silence, Friends expressed appreciation for the suggested revisions and suggested a number of additional ideas for consideration by the Unity with
Nature and Discipline Committees.

Robert Schutz reported on the current status of EarthLight, the magazine of spirituality and ecology sponsored by the Pacific Yearly Meeting through the Unity with Nature Committee. The first issue was published in January of this year and the second issue will be cut soon. (See Attachment D for more information.)

The minutes of Plenary Session 7 were read and approved with several suggested corrections.

The session closed with a period of worship at 11:50, after which the Assistant to the Clerk read several announcements.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
At 3:00 p.m., Friends gathered for the annual Meeting for Memorials, to remember the lives of those in and close to PYM who died this past year. Ministry and Oversight Committee presided. Clerk Kitty Barragato prefaced the meeting stating that it would be divided into four parts, each begun with readings by Committee members followed by a listing of some of the twenty-five memorialized Friends. The quotations below are some of the readings.

Death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity.
-William Penn

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
-Psalm 46:1

The remembered Friends are:

Richarda Sahla Baker, Morongo Basin
George Burcham, Grass Valley
Edris Cooper, Santa Barbara
Clarence "Ted" Cunningham, Berkeley
Gordon Daniels, Honolulu
Olivia Davis, LaJolla
Man Soo Chung, Los Angeles

They that love beyond the World cannot be separated from it. Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can Spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle ... They live in one another still. -William Penn
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance; ...
-Ecclesiastes, 3:1-4

Cleo Dorman, Los Angeles
Allen Gates, San Diego
Elka Herz, Redwood Forest
Lea V. Hurtel, Palo Alto
Eva Kersey, Sacramento
Exelee Krekler, Hermosillo
Pearl McPherson, San Jose

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

The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. -Deuteronomy 33:27

Nelle Noble, Mexico City
Mary Powell, San Diego
Virginia Repenning, San Jose
Barbara Reynolds, Long Beach Friends Church
Richard Roberts, AFSC Staff
Rose Marie Roberts, Grass Valley
Dorothy Saunders, Claremont
Lucia Simons, LaJolla
Dorothea Smith, Inland Valley

The confrontation with death -- and the reprieve from it -- makes everything so precious, so sacred, so beautiful that I feel more strongly than ever the impulse to love it, to embrace it, and to let myself be overwhelmed by it. My river has never looked so beautiful. ... Death, and its everpresent possibility, makes love, passionate love, more possible. I wonder if we could love passionately, if ecstasy would be possible at all, if we knew we'd never die. -Abraham Maslow
Come, lovely and soothing death,
Undulate around the world, serely arriving, arriving,
In the day, in the night, to all, to each,
Sooner or later delicate death.
-Walt Whitman

Fred Spitzer, Berkeley
Teru Togasaki, San Francisco
Foy Van Dolson, Redwood Forest
Henry Wade, North San Luis Obispo Worship Group
Jeanne Weston, Orange Grove
Louise Wilson, Palo Alto
Howard Wolcott, Palo Alto

Friends spoke movingly about these departed Friends, expressing their grief, their sense of loss, their joy having been part of many of these rich and varied lives.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 2, 1990
La Verne, California

PLENARY SESSION 9

Plenary Session 9 began at 9:45 a.m. with a period of worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Elizabeth Jones read epistles from two other Yearly Meetings: Junta Anual de Iglesias Evangelicas "Amigos" de Guatemala y El Salvador and from Société Religieuse des Amis (France).

VISITORS

Amos and Polly Brokaw, from Ohio Valley Meeting, were introduced. They are the resident couple at Brinton House, San Jose Meeting.

BANNERS

Marty Walton of Friends General Conference described the silk banners on display in the meeting hall. They were made by Beth Cross, a Quaker living in Scotland. They are full of stories written by people working for peace over the last few decades. Their theme is With All of Our Voices, With All of Our Visions. The banners were carried by our marchers during the Wednesday vigil for peace.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Asenath Young, convenor of the FYM members on the AFSC Corporation board, reported. She asked how many of us have participated in some way in AFSC activities; most have. She offered some history and background. Many FYM members are on AFSC national committees. AFSC Corporation decisions, she says, are being made in "a very Quakerly way." There is an interest group and a display of AFSC materials.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES

The Committee to Read the Minutes reported that the minutes from Plenary Session 6 (Invited Speaker) and 8 (Worship) have been read and approved.
FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Steve Birdlebough, convenor of the PYM members on the FCNL General Committee, reported. He offered us some background on FCNL, the oldest religious lobby in Washington. Kimi Nagatani and Ernie Bicknell are nominated to join this year's General Committee, FCNL's governing body. Steve spoke of resources offered to Friends and others concerned with how the national government affects us; they include The FCNL Newsletter and the Friday and the Friday telephone update. He introduced a number of FCNL local Meeting contacts. Nancy Alexander, of the FCNL staff, spoke to us. She said that PYM, though far away, feels very close to FCNL. She put a PYM Friend on a conference call with World Bank representatives to try to change the Bank's mind. Fax and other modern technology brings far-flung closer to the organization. FCNL relies on Meetings to shape its policies. FCNL is helping develop laws and processes that would address poverty. For example, Filipino activists attended the annual meeting and made an impact. FCNL dreams of catalyzing people to join hands across borders to make changes. A series of events led FCNL to organize U.S. groups in a network to "move our Neanderthal governments." A number of the network people have briefed our government representatives to a 1992 conference. Change must occur; Friends can move through FCNL to move government. Nancy mentioned other specific efforts: an economic conversion bill; helping develop a religious coalition to work on a Middle East land-for-peace policy; religious freedom for Native Americans.

STATISTICAL CLERK

Betty Hall, Statistical Clerk, read her report of the numbers and distribution of members in PYM. (See Attachment F for her report.) She illustrated the need for members notifying their Meetings about changes in their own status and their families' status.

FRIENDS BULLETIN

David Wilson, Clerk of the Friends Bulletin Committee, read the Committee's report. (See Attachment G for the report.)

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

Anthony Manousos, of the East-West Relations Committee, reported. He read a minute in support of Soviet conscientious objection to military service. This minute was initially read at Plenary 7 on August 1. Friends approved the minute as amended. (See Attachment H for background information.) The minute follows:
In keeping with long-standing Friends' testimonies, Pacific Yearly Meeting supports conscientious objection to military service as an inalienable human right. We therefore support the efforts of Soviet citizens to recognize the right of conscientious objection and to allow a civilian alternative service in the Soviet Union.

Proposed action: The clerk of East-West Relations Committee plans to write a letter of support on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting and to deliver it to the appropriate Deputies of the Moscow City Soviet. Friends are also encouraged to offer advice and support to Soviet pacifists as the Spirit leads them.

Marty Walton, FGC General Secretary, reported that FGC programs and resources are aimed at strengthening the spiritual life of Friends. They include: religious education materials and workshops; books and publications published and/or distributed by FGC (some of which are on display or for the taking); the annual Gathering of Friends; and the Directory for Traveling Friends (copies of which were on sale). All resources are available to all, not just members of FGC. Marty thanked us for "a wonderful week."

Paul Niebanck spoke as PYM's fraternal delegate to FUM. He affirmed the importance of conscious and active membership in the "ecology of Friends." Representation to FUM and other Friends' organizations, Paul said, is one of the best ways available to us to discover our deep identity.

Allen Karcher, Clerk of the Peace Committee, reported. He first read three minutes, revisions of minutes presented at Plenary 2. All three were approved after some minor amendments. The minutes:

Pacific Yearly Meeting urges the University of California Regents to sever ties with the nuclear weapons laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos at its coming meeting in September, 1990. The Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting is asked to prepare a letter of concern to the President of the University reflecting this position and to attempt to arrange for a meeting of a delegation from PYM to listen to the views of the President and to express PYM's views. Monthly Meetings are urged, in consultation with the PYM Clerk, to attempt to arrange similar meetings between individual Friends and the Regents of the University in their home areas.

(See Attachment I, Letter from Berkeley Friends Meeting, for background information on Minute 90-2.)
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PYM MIN
90-3  Pacific Yearly Meeting sponsors and supports the third Friends Witness at the Nevada Test Site, March 22-24, 1991. Pacific Yearly Meeting entrusts planning to a working committee consisting of liaisons from PYM committees, related organizations, and Brethren and Mennonite churches.

(Minute 90-3 was approved after Allen read a legal clarification resulting from consultation with PYM member Clark Dixon-Moses, an attorney. This was in response to a concern expressed at Plenary 2 regarding financial liability.)

PYM MIN
90-4  Pacific Yearly Meeting reaffirms its support of a comprehensive test ban treaty and asks the United States to support a total ban on all nuclear weapons testing. As such a ban is being considered at the United Nations Test Ban Treaty Conference in January, 1991, Monthly Meetings are urged to educate themselves on this issue and to take appropriate action.

Allen called to our attention to a minute and queries on Middle East peace, from Palo Alto Meeting. (This minute is Attachment J.)

Peace Committee requests that Monthly Meetings attempt, where possible, to provide minutes to PYM with enough time (two months in advance where possible) for committees to give required attention. For late arrivals, the committee would give priority to minutes from Quarterly Meetings. Friends discussed the need for such prioritization.

Peace Committee requests Discipline Committee to give careful attention to the role of the Peace Committee and to develop and distribute guidelines for Peace Committee minutes prior to the next Yearly Meeting. The committee stands ready to assist in this work.

Peace Committee, through its administrative responsibility for the designated usage of interest from the PYM Peace Tax Fund, allocates $200 as a direct contribution to the Alternative Revenue Service, a public education and action campaign related to tax concerns. (See Attachment K, that organization's "Income Tax Return.") The committee will further consider right usage of Peace Tax Fund monies, and encourages Friends' attention to the goals and projects of the Alternative Revenue Service.

The Peace Committee offers Friends a document describing the Friendly Observer Program, a U.S.-Mexico border witness program. (See Attachment L.)

The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship, followed by announcements by the Assistant to the Clerk.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk

9-4
An unprogrammed Meeting for Worship was held between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 3, 1990
La Verne, California

PLENARY SESSION 11

Plenary Session 11 began at 9:45 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read the epistles from the "Irish Junior Yearly Meeting" and from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Wright, a visitor from Southwest Yearly Meeting and Clerk of Whittier Friends Church, introduced himself.

COMMITTEE TO READ MINUTES

Martha Dart reported for the Committee to Read the Minutes that the minutes from Plenary Session 10 have been read and approved.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Jennifer Mahal, Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting told us about several structural changes which the Junior Yearly Meeting has made. They have joined junior and senior high Friends into a single group and approved a new clerking structure. (See Attachment M for a more complete description of these changes). The Junior Yearly Meeting hopes to become more active within Pacific Yearly Meeting, and they asked Friends to support them in this.

A minute on draft registration, which has been approved by the Junior Yearly Meeting, was read (see Attachment N). Junior Yearly Meeting asked that the PYM Peace Committee maintain a file on those who wish to be listed as conscientious objectors so that if a time ever arises when the draft is re-instituted, the objectors would have a clear record of being opposed to war. Yearly Meeting endorsed the minute and proposal from Junior Yearly Meeting and recommended to Peace Committee that they engage in a dialogue with Junior Yearly Meeting on this issue. Friends were reminded that there were many complexities to this issue, and Bruce Folsom of San Francisco Meeting offered his services as a draft counselor to the dialogue between Junior Yearly Meeting and Peace Committee.

Jennifer Mahal told Friends that the Junior Yearly Meeting wished to have a line item of $200 added to the Pacific Yearly Meeting budget to help junior and senior high Friends attend Young Friends’ events and occasions for witness. Friends were reminded of the Larry Scott Fund, which provides scholarship assistance to Friends of any age to attend the Nevada nuclear test site witness (although administered by the Treasurer of Southern California Quarterly Meeting, this fund is available to all Friends and is accessible through one’s local Monthly Meeting).

PYM MIN

90-5 Yearly Meeting approved the Junior Yearly Meeting Friends’ request for a line item of $200 in the 1991 budget to support their representation
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It was pointed out that Pacific Yearly Meeting also has a Student Conscience Fund which is available to college-age Friends who require help in attending college due to their having taken positions of conscience.

REPORT ON REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Clerk read the action minutes from the session of Representative Committee held on August 2, 1990. Representative Committee action minutes 90-28 through 90-31 were approved by the Yearly Meeting as follows:

**PYM MIN**

90-6  Yearly Meeting approved the Sites Committee's recommendation that Pacific Yearly Meeting meet at Craig Hall in Chico from Sunday, August 4, through Saturday, August 10, 1990.

90-7  Yearly Meeting approved the recommendations of the Committee on Wider Fellowship Among Friends that (1) our Representatives to Friends General Conference and Evangelical Friends International be expanded to two-year terms and that they serve as observers to the governing bodies of these organizations, and (2) the term of our Representative to Friends United Meeting be three years, as this is a triennial gathering.

90-8  Yearly Meeting approved the Recommendation of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee that Leonard Dart be appointed to a one-year term on the Nominating Committee.

90-9  Yearly Meeting approved the Social Order Committee's recommendation that our Clerk be asked to add the name of Pacific Yearly Meeting to the list of endorsers that will follow an argument against a prison bond issue which will appear on the November, 1990, California ballot, provided that the Presiding Clerk and the Clerk of the Social Order Committee agree that the statement of opposition is in keeping with Friends' concerns. (See Representative Committee Attachment Z.)

The Clerk also read the discussion minutes pertaining to two proposed minutes that were considered by Representative Committee but on which unity was not found:

(1) the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the newly approved title Assistant to the Clerk be changed to Administrative Clerk, and

(2) the Social Order Committee's recommendation that PYM become a sponsor of the Alternatives to Violence Project West (see Representative Committee Attachment AA).

The Clerk also told us that Jennifer Mahal is prepared to recycle any papers we place in a specified box in Brandt Hall lounge, and that the Unity with Nature Committee hopes that some of our Representatives traveling to other Friends' organizations will carry and share information on Earthlight magazine and on Chico Meeting's project to preserve the rainforest.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Gloria Kershner, Clerk of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee,
described the history of a Western Gathering of Friends which is being planned by seven yearly meetings in the west: Pacific Yearly Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Southwest Yearly Meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, and the Western Half-Yearly Meeting of Canadian Yearly Meeting. An interest group was held earlier this week and Paul Niebanck, who serves on the Planning Board for the gathering, was given many ideas for the agenda of the gathering.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Virginia Klein, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that Finance Committee has considered the request that they look into the possible development of a Meetinghouse fund under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Their investigation led them to the conclusion that the Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund is already serving very well the needs of Monthly Meetings within Pacific Yearly Meeting and it is not wise to duplicate this effort. However, since the Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund is in need of funds, Finance Committee recommends that it be empowered to invest up to $10,000 of reserve funds in this Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund.

PYM MIN

90-10 Yearly Meeting approved empowering the Finance Committee to invest up to $10,000 of reserve funds in the Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund.

The 1991 budget was presented [see Packet Attachment O]. Several corrections were noted, which were made necessary by the addition of a $200 line item for Junior Yearly Meeting. Overall, the budget for 1991 is $977 less than the 1990 budget.

PYM MIN

90-11 The proposed budget for 1991 was approved. [see Packet Attachment O]

TREASURERS' REPORT

Walter Klein, Co-Treasurer, presented the Treasurers' Report [also in Packet Attachment O] and explained, page by page, how to interpret and understand the report. As an example of the many letters received by the Treasurers from the various organizations to which PYM contributes, Walter Klein read a letter from William Penn House thanking us for our recent contribution.
PEACE TAX FUND. Virginia Klein, as Co-Treasurer, reported that the amount deposited in the Peace Tax Fund has decreased since March, 1990, from $17,500 to $4,500, since one large contributor was visited by the IRS and needed to withdraw his deposit. Currently there are 12 depositors, with amounts ranging from $10.40 to $2,539. Nine of these deposits are under $100, and most of the deposits represent the withholding of telephone tax. As a consequence of the reduced status of this fund, the interest income, which is designated for Peace Committee peace-related activities, has been significantly reduced, from approximately $900 per year to $300 per year.

STUDENT CONSCIENCE FUND. Virginia Klein told us that the Student Conscience Fund has a current balance of $4100. Funds have been distributed to two individuals from one Monthly Meeting over the past three years. Only a few Meetings and individuals make contributions to this Fund. It is important that Friends be reminded periodically of the availability of this fund. Guidelines for both contributions to and requests from this Fund are available from the Treasurers upon request.

It was noted that the current inventory for our Faith and Practice is still extensive.

PYM MIN
90-12 The treasurers’ report for fiscal year 1990 was accepted
[See Attachment O].

EPISTLE COMMITTEE

John Mackinney, for the Epistle Committee, read a draft of the Epistle for Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1990. A copy will be posted and Friends were urged to communicate any suggestions or comments to members of the Epistle Committee, including Martha Dart, Marie Parker, and John Mackinney.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Bob Vogel, on behalf of the Friend in the Orient Committee, thanked Friends for their financial contributions this past year and introduced Russ Curtis, one of our most recently sponsored Friends in the Orient.

Russ Curtis explained that the charge given to Verna Curtis and himself as PYM’s Friends in the Orient was to make a trip through Micronesia to observe and support their aspirations for nuclear-free governments and for a sovereignty free of military bases. He then briefly described the political and economic situation in Micronesia and their own experiences visiting 10 areas within this region [see Packet Attachment P for complete report].

Robert Vogel concluded the Friend in the Orient Committee report by reminding Friends that the Curtises are traveling within Pacific Yearly Meeting and are available to meet with Monthly Meetings or individual Friends.

The minutes of Plenary Session 11 were read back and approved with a few amendments.

The session closed at 11:50 a.m. after a period of worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk

11-4
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 3, 1990
La Verne, California

PLENARY SESSION 12

Clerk Jane Peers opened Plenary Session 12 with a period of worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Elizabeth Jones read two epistles from other Yearly Meetings:
Yearly Meeting of Altearoa/New Zealand and New England Yearly Meeting of
Friends.

VISITORS

Two visitors were introduced: Edith Haynes of FCL and Gerald Haynes of
Southwest Yearly Meeting.

REGISTRAR

Co-Registrar Joe Magruder read attendance statistics for this year’s Yearly
Meeting, along with comparisons with previous years. (See Attachment Q.)
371 Friends have attended this Yearly Meeting for at least one day. Joe
thanked registrants on behalf of himself and Bob Jolly and looks forward to
next year. He asked that we remember to return our name tags for reuse.

SITES

Clerk Roberta Hogan of the Sites Committee read the Committee’s report.
(See Attachment R.) The report speaks of the difficulty of the search for
appropriate sites for PYM, and reported a survey of Friends’ preferences.
The Committee will repeat the survey next year at Chico.

ARRANGEMENTS

Margaret Mossman, Assistant Clerk of the Arrangements Committee, reminded us
to be sure to clean up before we leave. She asked for volunteers to drive
people to the airport and carry luggage. She reminded us to return room keys.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lowell Tozer, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, presented for our
consideration the Committee’s report of nominees for 1990-1991 PYM positions.
The report will be brought for approval to Plenary 14 on Saturday. Lowell
reminded us to fill out the Committee’s form in today’s PYM daily paper, to
inform the Committee of our activity preferences for the year beginning in
1991. Lowell discussed the Committee’s attempt to balance committee
assignments between men and women, north and south.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ingrid Petersen, Clerk, read a report from Quaker Spiritual Quest (QSQ) of Southern California. (See Attachment S.) She spoke of a successful religious study group at Claremont Meeting, and a similar one planned for Orange Grove. She informed us of the Committee's planning of a major weekend conference October 4-6, 1990, at Astara Conference Center in Upland, CA. Its purpose is to challenge Southern California Friends to enrich their spiritual lives. (See Attachment S for more detail.)

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Sally Davis, Clerk of the Executive Committee of FCL, reported. She offered some background on FCL activities, and presented FCL's agenda for the coming legislative session. (See Attachment T.) The great majority of members of FCL are appointed by Monthly Meetings. FCL advocates for the unrepresented or under-represented people. Its agenda includes areas of justice, health, mental health, human services, human rights, and peace. FCL works in two separate groups, North and South, to develop its recommendations, requiring that both groups separately reach the same decision on a measure before publishing its Support or Oppose position. Sally reminded us that the annual FCL Harvest Festival will be held on September 30 at Hidden Villa Farm near Palo Alto. (Flyers are available!) This is the major fund-raiser for FCL.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Arden Pierce, Clerk of the PYM Children's Program, reported on this year's program. The children attending included 3 infants, 5 preschool, 12 junior elementary, and 11 senior elementary. The splitting up of the elementary group was a success. The senior elementary Friends formed a business meeting that met daily. Among the activities were field trips and arts & crafts. Arden thanked all volunteers; there was no lack of them this year.

The opportunity for an unscheduled workshop for 6-11 year-olds on child abuse arose because of reports of problems in previous years. The Committee went ahead with it because they had an experienced counselor available. Staff members and facilitators are to be available on Friday night at 9:30 for any concerned parents who wish to talk about this.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

Carol Mosher, one of our five PYM Representatives to FWCC, Section of the Americas, reported. She gave some background on FWCC and spoke of its growth worldwide. Its membership figures are: Americas, 140,000; Africa, 200,000; Europe/Near East, 21,000; Asia/West Pacific, 5,000. Next March, the annual meeting of the Section of the Americas will be held in Houston. At the past two meetings, Carol has been particularly impressed by the inspiration of Friends from Central and South America. She quoted a pastor of a Friends Church in La Paz, quoting Paul's Letter to Ephesians, urging us to find the unity which comes from the heart of God.
Carol read the names of the PYM Delegates chosen by the Nominating Committee to attend the three sites of the 1991 FWCC World Conference. They are:

The Netherlands (June, 1991):
Gene Knudsen-Hoffman, Santa Barbara;
Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento (Alternate);
Julie Ralls, Inland Valley (2nd Alternate).

Honduras (July, 1991):
Jamie Newton, Palo Alto;
Margaret Willits, Humboldt;
Cliff Cole, Claremont (Alternate).

Kenya (August, 1991):
Paul Niebanck, Santa Cruz;
Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento (Alternate);
Julie Ralls, Inland Valley (2nd Alternate).

Other Friends from PYM who are not delegates also plan to attend.

Carol referred to the booklet whose title, In Spirit and In Truth, is the theme of the World Conference. The book is a preparatory study for the Conference and she recommends that Meetings buy it for their libraries. The theme is taken from John 4:23-24: "... They that worship God must worship in spirit and in truth."

A Northern California FWCC Regional Gathering will take place November 30 to December 1, 1990, at First Friends Church, Sacramento. John Punshon will offer two presentations. John Punshon will also travel through Southern California December 1 through December 4, speaking at Friends meetings and churches, Whittier College, and Friends Center at Azusa. Friends who wish to be contact persons for these gatherings should see or call Steve Birdlebough (north) or Jeanette Norton (south).

Marie Parker (PYM Representative) spoke of the FWCC Visitation Committee. Harold Smuck is here at PYM under its auspices.

Margaret Willits (PYM Representative) spoke of the new FWCC Bilingual Communication Committee. Its mission is to translate materials, especially into Spanish, and to provide language interpreting.

Cilde Grover of the FWCC Western Region spoke of FWCC’s new Friend to Friend program. Sixty Meetings in twenty countries are participating. She mentioned the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, for 16 to 18 year olds, alternating between the U.S. and Europe. And she told of Friends in Youth Work, which prepares a directory of opportunities for youth work, and is also organizing a conference.

Steve Birdlebough (PYM Representative) spoke of FWCC’s Right Sharing of World Resources program. He referred to an article about Robert Mazibuko of South Africa, a tree planter. (See Attachment U.) Robert Mazibuko was helped in his work by Right Sharing of World Resources.
Harold Smuck, our visitor from FWCC, Section of the Americas, spoke briefly about a job opening at FWCC headquarters, Philadelphia.

Bob Vogel offered us good reasons for contributing to FWCC. "Friends need FWCC", he said. He thanked Meetings in PYM for their assistance.

Jeanette Norton (PYM Representative) presented a talk and slide show on the recent first International Theological Conference of Quaker Women, at Woodbrooke College, England. Jeanette was one of the 74 women from unprogrammed and pastoral meetings (from 21 countries) who attended. (See Attachment V for the Conference’s press release and epistle.) The Conference focused on the meaning of theology. Participants read scripture, reflected upon their personal responses to the scripture, sang, did crafts and art. They held Creative Theological Reflections workshops. The women shared in many ways: Bible study, personal sharing, corporate worship.

Jeanette shares with us some of the things she feels are most important about this conference and its relevance to PYM:

1. It was important for us to be together.

2. Women's issues, including sexism in our religious institutions and educational materials, cannot be referred to any one committee such as our Social Order Committee. Sexism needs to be studied and considered jointly with Ministry and Oversight, Peace, and Social Order Committees.

3. The conference structure modelled Quaker and feminist values of equality and the use of individual gifts.

4. The way our time was structured was extremely helpful in heading us into a greater depth of spirit.

Jeanette read the epistle from the Conference. (See Attachment V.) She suggested that we watch Friends Bulletin for further information leading from the Conference.

Plenary Session 12 closed with silent worship, followed by announcements from the Assistant to the Clerk.
An unprogrammed Meeting for Worship was held between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
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La Verne, California

PLENARY SESSION 14

Plenary Session 14 began at 9:30 with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read from the epistles from London Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative), and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES

Martha Dart reported that the minutes from Plenary Session 13 (Worship) have been read and approved.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee has submitted a written report on its work this past year [See Packet Attachment W].

Friends were reminded to read the written annual reports not only from Discipline Committee but from the other committees which submitted written annual reports this year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lowell Tozer, Clerk of Nominating Committee, gave the final report of the Nominating Committee, which included a few changes from the preliminary version reported yesterday.

PYN MIN

90-13 The final report of the Nominating Committee was approved.
[See Packet Attachment X.]

EPISTLES TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

The Epistle from Young Friends was read by David Calderon [See Packet Attachment Y].

The Epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting was read by Sage Wexner [See Packet Attachment Z].

The final version of the 1990 Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle to Friends Everywhere was read by John Mackinney [See Packet Attachment AA].
The Clerk asked Marty Walton to thank Beth Cross from Scotland for her display of silk banners which were enjoyed so much during Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of Plenary Session 14 were read and approved.

There being no further business, Plenary Session 14 closed at 10:30 with a period of worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk

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PLENARY SESSION 15

An unprogrammed Meeting for Worship was held between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Clerk Jane Peers read the Closing Minute:

Dear Friends, we have known each other in new ways this week as we have lived together and sought together to find and follow the will of God. May we carry with us the courage and hope we have found here and take with us the confidence that we are each held in Divine love. While we are apart, let us continue to seek to know what the Lord requires of us, until we meet again at Craig Hall, Chico, from August 4-10, 1991. This, the 44th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting, is now closed.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
LEN T EN NEVADA DE SERT W I T N E S S

MINUTE:

"Southern California Quarterly Meeting (SCQM) recognizes that the Nevada Lenten Test Site Experience offers the Society of Friends and other religious groups the unique opportunity to witness to their religious faith by opposing nuclear testing. SCQM recommends that Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) actively support a continuation of this witness in 1991.

We also favor communicating with groups in the Soviet Union, such as the Nevada-Semipolitinsk Movement, that are opposed to nuclear testing.

We are convinced of the power of prayer and of the persistence and diligence of worship. We also believe in the power of faithful action in overcoming militarism. 'For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move and nothing will be impossible to you.' (Matthew, 17:20)"

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pacific Yearly Meeting include in its Epistle an invitation to Friends everywhere to the Lenten Nevada Desert Witness and to request that all Yearly Meetings publicize the Witness and give assistance to transportation.

The Committee on Ministry and Oversight help develop the theme "The Power of Prayer and Witness for an end to the threat of Nuclear War." The Clerk of Ministry and Oversight to be a liason to a working committee. The Quaker Spiritual Quest Subcommittee to lead the Worship-Fellowship groups. The Peace Committee to actively assist in implementation. The Unity With Nature Committee to help pick a site for camping and outdoor activities. The Social Order Committee to implement the Witness in light of our concern over the recent Supreme Court ruling that the government's need to regulate behavior supercedes the individual's right to follow religious belief.

The Clerks of Young Friends and Junior Friends publicize the event among their members and appoint liasons to the working committee to aid in developing activities at the event, and to deal with issues concerning housing, transportation, and levels of involvement for their members at the site.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation to consider and implement the Witness in light of their work on nuclear disarmament and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The American Friends Service Committee, both nationally and regionally in Southern California, to aid in publicity and organization with staff and financial assistance.
Petition of
The Peoples' Deputies of The Moscow City Soviet to
The Supreme Soviet of The USSR

We, the undersigned Peoples' Deputies of the Moscow City Soviet, being convinced that freedom of thought, conscience and religion is one of the basic and inalienable rights of persons, taking into account Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of the International Pact on Civilian and Political Rights, which acknowledges the right of each person to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
taking into account also a series of resolutions by the General Assembly of the UN and the Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council on Human Rights, which call for teaching the young in the spirit of mutual understanding, peace, justice and respect for all peoples, and to acknowledge the right of each person to refuse military service as a legal expression of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
taking into account that the right to refuse military service for conscience sake was formally abolished in the reign of the administrative-in-command repressive system and anti-human, anti-democratic, militaristic thinking,
assuming that the acknowledgement of the right of refusal of military service for conscience sake and the codification of this right in law of the land will be an important step in the democratization of society,
assuming also that acknowledgement of the right of conscientious objection to military service will accelerate the transition to a professional army, a decrease in the Armed Forces of the USSR to a level sufficient for defensive purposes and tangentially allow a decrease in the country's military spending,
taking into account the fact that the draft call becomes more difficult with each year, meeting stronger and stronger resistance on the part of the draft-age youth,
interpreting the increasing passive resistance to the draft call as evidence of irreversible changes taking place in the social consciousness in the course of democratization and under the influence of the decrease of international tension and decrease of the threat of attack on the USSR,
being certain that establishment of a law on the right of conscientious objection will assist in further disarmament and strengthening of the spirit of trust and cooperation in international relations, a decrease in the threat of war, and will also eliminate certain political, legal and psychological barriers in the path of building an all-European homeland, specifically the formation of a single European legal entity,

we appeal to The Supreme Soviet of the USSR to - at the earliest possible moment - work out and take legal steps and actions directed at freeing from military service those who refuse military service on religious or ethical grounds and introduce alternative civilian service for those young persons who refuse military service on religious or ethical grounds,
we express the hope that the process of conscientious objection will not be demeaning or intended to limit the rights and freedom of citizens who choose conscientious objection,
we emphasize that the alternative service must be non-military, civilian in character, reflect the interests of society, and must not have the nature of punishment,
we propose that alternative civilian service should not be for a longer period of time than that of minimum military service, and call for elimination of any discrimination whatsoever with respect to citizens who are conscientious objectors both during their time of service as well as afterwards.
Dear Dr. Sulak:

My colleagues and I take this opportunity to congratulate you for your tireless efforts for the cause of the oppressed, justice and peace for all. Our prayer is that you will continue to be successful as you campaign boldly on behalf of those who are less fortunate.

Dr. Sulak, as you travel extensively to various conferences around the world, we should like to ask you to kindly keep in mind the plight of the peoples of Burma, and discuss it with others, both governmental and non-governmental groups, as opportunity arises. We should be most grateful to you if you will kindly communicate with the free world on our behalf the following points:

First of all, Burma held her first general election in thirty years on May the 27th. In it, the world has witnessed an overwhelming victory by the democratic opposition. Two months have passed since this election, but transfer of power by the military junta to legally elected representatives is yet to take place. We ask the community of free nations to apply every possible pressure for an immediate transfer of power to civilian government.

Secondly, to establish a democratic form of government, the drafting of a new constitution should be in order. We, of the Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB) and National Democratic Front of Burma (NDF), like to emphasize the fact that we represent tens of thousands of people who are directly under our control. And those who are under our control were denied by the military junta from taking part in the elections. Thank God that the democratic opposition won an overwhelming victory! Burma, as you are well aware, is made up of multi-nationalities consisting of various cultures and languages. As we are representatives of these varied cultures and language groups, we strongly feel that we are obligated to take part in drafting of the new constitution which is so sacred and perhaps the single most important document ever written for us and for our posterity.
Thirdly, due to the long-drawn civil war, countless lives have been perished. Tens of thousands of families have been rendered homeless throughout Burma. Under the pretext of the civil war, the military junta has been able to commit flagrant atrocities and human rights violations which are unknown to civilized world. The DAB and the NDF strongly believe that it is mandatory to achieve peace if Burma is going to survive. We have repeatedly made press releases for negotiated peace settlement, but Rangoon has been negative. We believe that as long as there is a civil war, it will be a hindrance to commencement of a democratic form of government. Since the Saw Maung regime wants to continue to hold on to power, it is obvious that the military junta does not want the civil war ended. Also, as long as the civil war continues, there will be multitudes of displaced people, especially in the mountain regions, who would have no choice but to resort to opium cultivation for their survival, and thus, the drug eradication will continue to be impossible. Also, the military junta will continue to have the opportunity to collaborate with drug trafickers. In fact, the military regime recently permissioned the CPB forces that gained understanding with SLCRC to cultivate and refine opium in their areas.

For these and other reasons, it is extremely important that the transfer of power to a democratically elected government should take place immediately, and those political parties who love democratic process must be included in the drafting of the new constitution.

Thank you, Dr. Sulak, for your kindness in making our plea known to the world.

With best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

M. Brang Seng
First Vice Chairman
UNITY WITH NATURE
STATE OF COMMITTEE
JULY 30, 1990

EARTHLIGHT Status Report

EarthLight is the magazine of spirituality and ecology sponsored by Pacific Yearly Meeting through your Committee on Unity with Nature.

We have been in operation nine months, have produced our first issue in January of this year, and the second issue is about to come off the press. The Committee is justifiably proud of the first issue, with articles in depth by Francis Hole, David Oates, Robert Rodale, and JoAnn McAllister. We know, as you do, that humankind will not be able to save the earth from destruction as a habitat for life without a change in our attitude toward the creation. That is a matter of the spirit. That is the content of this magazine. And the second issue is likewise illuminating, with articles by the British writer Rex Ambler, and our own David Wilson.

As sponsors of this effort, you will be interested in its mundane aspects as well as its spiritual. I believe we are husbanding your resources carefully, spending them frugally, and making real progress toward self-support from subscriptions. But we have a ways to go.

First, I want to thank our professional staff. Our editor, Chris Laning, and her office manager, Lois Richter, are doing outstanding work in their respective capacities. You will find that these two people, plus a number of volunteers, are doing all of the work that is normally done by a magazine with a staff of a dozen.

As of today, we have 451 subscribers. We have exceeded our budget for subscriptions in the first year, which was $5,000, but many of you have subscribed for two years, which means we have earned only $10 of your $25 payment. We will soon be asking those of you who have subscribed at the low initial rate to renew. And we are asking you right now for your individual contributions and contributions from your meetings.

I have forms for those of you who would like to ask your Meeting members to subscribe to the first two issues, in groups of a dozen, at the half price of $5 per subscription.

We believe it will take us two years to break even at 2,000 subscribers. We have a ways to go. We are doing fairly well in our requests for
grants to fill the gap. Pacific Yearly Meeting itself has given us a $500 grant and a $500 loan. The national organization of Friends in Unity with Nature has given us $5,200. We have $8,000 in hand from your historical gifts. We have another $2,000 loan, and have received gifts from individuals and a foundation in the amount of $3,000. That adds up to $19,200. Our budget for the first two years is $45,000. Fundraising goals for 1991 are $10,000 from new subscriptions (667) and $10,000 in gifts—from individuals and meetings.

This is a significant project. So, also, is our spirituality and the environment. We have a ways to go. And we are making progress. We have hope, faith, and charity. And the greatest of these is love.

Idyllwild Conference:

Thirty participants attended the fifth annual Unity with Nature Conference held in Idyllwild, CA, on April 20-22. The conference was scheduled to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day, which occurred on Sunday, April 22. Frances Hole, emeritus professor of soils science at the University of Wisconsin, and David Oates, author of Earth Rising, acted as facilitators for the group. With poems, fiddle tunes and puppets, Frances Hole increased our awareness of our relationship with the living resource that is the soil beneath our feet. David Oates led us through a discussion of the assumptions or, as he called them, the myths that are the foundation for an ecological world view.

Conference expenses exceeded the budget, largely because of the smaller than expected number of participants. Feedback from the conference participants was very positive. An evaluation of the conference has led the Unity with Nature Committee to opt for the workshop format at the next of our annual gatherings, which is scheduled for June 14-16 at Ben Lomond.

We have used our previous times together to strengthen the spiritual side of our environmental interests. We want now to pursue the second part of the advice: "Think globally, act locally"—shortened for this occasion to "DO IT!" We will do is to gain experience in and confidence with activities aimed at conserving and preserving environmental resources and at building understanding, appreciation and love for the natural world.

Nevada Desert Experience:
The Unity with Nature Committee cosponsored with the Peace and Social Order Committees PYM's participation in the in "Even the Stones Cry Out," the 1990 Nevada Desert Experience. Quakers joined with Brethren and Mennonites on March 17-18 in Las Vegas for a weekend of fellowship before traveling to Mercury, Nevada, for a witness at the test site.

Unity with Nature has approved cosponsoring the 1991 event, as outlined in a proposed Peace Committee minute, and will participate in the planning to help assure that the event will have a strong environmental component. Tom Farley will be the committee's liaison in the planning process.

Other Committee Business:

During the past year other monthly meetings have followed Chico Monthly Meeting's lead in fund raising for the preservation of Costa Rican rainforest land at Monte Verde. Chico is now offering certificates indicating that a specific amount of rainforest land has been purchased in behalf of the person named on the document. The certificates are available at PYM and through the Chico Monthly Meeting. Contact Susan Hughes.

The committee is continuing to review the advices and queries in Faith and Practices with the thought of offering possible changes in language that would more closely reflect our concern for unity with nature.

Respectfully submitted:

Chuck Orr
Clerk
draft revision of the Advices and Queries on peace.*
prepared by the Committee on Unity with Nature
Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1990

PEACE

Peace is the state in which we are in accord with God, the earth, others, and ourselves. It comes to us only when we submit to the Spirit found within us.

Through we know that true, lasting peace among us can finally be attained only, unity in the life of the spirit. We work to create conditions of peace, such as freedom, justice, cooperation, and the integrity of all creation through a sustainable use and the right sharing of the world’s resources.

As we work for peace in the world, we search out the seeds of war in ourselves and in our way of life. We refuse to join in actions which lead to human death or to destruction of the fragile web of life on earth. We seek ways to cooperate to save life, to strengthen the bonds of unity among all people, and to live in unity with nature.

Do we live in the virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all war?

Do we refrain from taking part in war or the destruction of the environment as inconsistent with the spirit of Christ?

What are we doing to remove the causes of war and to bring about the conditions of peace? Where there is hatred, division, strife, and destruction of the environment, how are we instruments of reconciliation, love, and healing?

How do we communicate to others an understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?

As we work for peace among humans and for unity with the natural world, are we nourished by peace and unity within ourselves?

*Changes from the 1985 edition of PYM Faith and Practice are underlined.
As we start a new decade, let's look back at the past ten years of Pacific Yearly Meeting and not just the changes that have taken place in the past year. First, what was new to us in 1980? In 1980 we added Strawberry Creek as a monthly meeting. With 19 members, it was the first new monthly meeting in five years. In 1980 there were 35 meetings in PYM. Among them were: Palomar, Riverside, and Redlands. Today we have 38 meetings. New since 1980 are: Chico, Guatemala, Hemet, Humboldt, Inland Valley, and Redding. The membership total today is 1519; the total in 1980 was 1452, an increase of 4-1/2%. For 1990 there are 881 in CPQM, 517 in SCQM, 91 in Hawaii, 26 in Mexico, and 4 in Guatemala.

The significant losses over the last ten years are concentrated in 11 monthly meetings. Marloma, Pacific Ackworth, and San Fernando Valley have lost more than half their membership in ten years. Los Angeles and Marin have lost one-third of their membership. Mexico City, Orange Grove, Sacramento, and San Jose have lost one-quarter of their membership. Berkeley and San Francisco have lost 15% of their membership. The decline in size of a large meeting may not at first be obvious. This is not to say that BIG is better. But, when the meeting becomes smaller, fewer members need to take on more responsibility. It may have the expense of a meetinghouse; extensive committee structure that grew when the meeting was large; financial outreach to many Friends’ organizations; plus local community support for which it is obligated.

Occasionally, meetings make a concerted effort to have membership reflect an active involvement in the monthly meeting. This may result in a particularly large drop in membership. Do not view this as a negative. It is far more positive to have a membership of 20 active members than to have a membership of 40, with only 20 active members.

On the other side is the growth that has been experienced not only by the new monthly meetings which have been added, but also by the growth of individual meetings. Significant growth over the last ten years is concentrated in eight monthly meetings. Santa Cruz has grown by 50%; Grass Valley has grown by 61%; Reno has grown by 66%; San Diego has grown by 70%; Davis has grown by 75%; Redwood Forest has grown by 90%; Visalia has grown by 100%; and Strawberry Creek has grown by 200%.

Now, before we get too smug, let’s come back to the present total of 1519 members. This is a drop of 13 members from the 1989 total of 1532. Is this a change in the commitment to our membership? Or is it just that monthly meetings were "cleaning house"?

This is the first year that the Guatemala Meeting has been added. They only were able to report 4 members, but Guatemala Meeting reports that they are alive and well with 12
attenders, 3 of which have memberships in other monthly meetings. This year finds PYM with several very small meetings: Humboldt, Los Angeles, Pacific Ackworth, Redding, and San Fernando Valley. Hayward Area Meeting is still in the process of being laid-down, but Hayward Area Worship Group has found new life and vitality with an increase of both adults and children attending the worship group. When is the decision to lay down a monthly meeting the first step towards a new vitality of spirit? Is our Light hidden from the view of those in the larger community outside of our meeting? Remember the Friend who first welcomed you to your first Friends’ Meeting? When was the last time you welcomed a visitor to your Friends’ Meeting? Does this describe you and your meetinghouse: "I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord"?

-Betty Hall, Statistical Clerk

WORSHIP GROUPS AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS:

Meetings still need to define the term "Under the Care" as we apply it to worship groups and preparative meetings. Meeting Recorders have reported the following:

PREPARATIVE MEETINGS:

Big Island Preparative under the joint care of PYM & Honolulu:
first days at 10:00am
Sharon Wheeler, clerk (808) 962-6957

WORSHIP GROUPS:

One thing I attempted to do was to clarify the status of all worship groups. From the queries on simplicity: Do we keep our lives uncluttered with things and activities, and avoid commitments beyond our strength and light? From time to time a meeting is laid down, recognizing the commitment of being a Monthly Meeting is beyond its strength. Hayward Area is in the process of being laid down. Hayward Area continues as a Worship Group. Formal ties to be under the care of a Monthly Meeting or CPQM have not yet been established. San Luis Obispo is also a former meeting, although not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting, San Luis Obispo continues to be part of PYM.

Hayward Area: 4th firstday evenings in homes.
mail: Elsa Glines, Clerk. Telephone: (415) 582-2076
18308 Pepper St., Castro Valley, CA 94546
San Luis Obispo: 9:30 AM, school year. Summer: (805) 543-0995
Location: University Christian Center, 1486 Foothill Blvd.
mail: Anna Alexander, Convener. Telephone: (805) 541-3101
30 El Mirador Court, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

WORSHIP GROUPS UNDER THE CARE OF (Monthly Meeting):

Amador County (Delta): 1st firstdays in Jackson
Contact Clerk of Delta Meeting (209) 223-0843

Conejo Valley (Westwood): 1st, 3rd & 5th firstdays, 10:30 AM
Location: 3609 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Westlake Village Suite 110
mail: Joan Fasken-Johnson, convener (805) 495-9753
2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks 91360

Hermosillo (Mexico City & Pima IMYM): firstdays, 11:00 AM
Norman Kreckler, convener. Phone: (905) 621-7-0142
Location: Casa Heberto Sein, Calle Felipe Saledo 32
mail: Apartado 15, Sucursal A, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

Mendocino (Redwood Forest): 10:00 AM Telephone: (707) 937-0200
Location: Kelley House, 54007 Albion Street
Correspondent: Cathie Mellon
mail: P.O. Box 1003, Mendocino 95460

Modesto (Delta): 1st & 3rd firstdays, 9:30 AM
Location: 922 - 6th Street, Modesto
Information: (209) 524-8762

Morongo Basin (Claremont): firstdays, September - June, 2:00 PM
Location: Church of Religious Science,
7434 Bannock Trail, Yucca Valley
mail: Hermione Baker, Correspondent. Telephone: (619) 365-1135
8885 Frontera, Yucca Valley 92284

Napa-Sonoma (Redwood Forest): 1st-4th firstdays, 10:00 AM
Location: 1777 Laurel, Napa. Jeannine Scott, Convener (707) 257-0309
mail: c/o Diana & Joe Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa 94559

Ojai (Santa Barbara): firstdays, 9:00 AM
Location: 514 Vista Hermosa Dr. (call the check meeting place)
Information: (805) 646-4497 or 646-3200
Correspondent & mail: Jane C. Hubler, P.O. Box 793, Ojai, CA 93024
South County (Santa Cruz): 1st & 3rd firstdays, 10:00 AM
(Aromas-Watsonville-Hollister-Salinas areas)
Location: in homes, contact Emelyn Buskirk: (408) 724-0903
mail: Emelyn Buskirk, 209 Sunnyhills Dr., Watsonville 95076

Taft (Orange Grove): firstdays, 10:00 AM
Location: contact the correspondent (805) 765-4766
mail: Bonnie L. Beaty, 104 Center Street, Taft 93268

Ukiah - Lake County (Redwood Forest): Contact Conveners for time & location
Conveners: Kathy & Steve Harness (707) 275-2014
mail: P.O. Box 985, Upper Lake, CA 95485

Windward (Honolulu): 1st firstdays, 9:30 AM
Location: Call to confirm
Information: Polly Pool (808) 235-6500
Mail: c/o Honolulu Meeting, 2426 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822

WORSHIP GROUPS NOT UNDER THE CARE OF A MEETING:

Hawaiian Islands:

All of the following worship groups are in contact with Honolulu Meeting.

Kauai: 2nd & 4th firstdays, 10:00 AM
Location: under the coconut trees behind the Kapa’s Neighborhood Center
Correspondent: James and Jackie Jung, (808) 822-0448
mail: P.O. Box 663, Lihue Kauai, HI 96766

Maui: firstdays, 10:30 AM
Location: 9 Kaihola Place, Paia, Maui
Clerks: John Dart (808) 878-2190
mail: c/o John Dart, 107-D Kamnui Rd., Kula, Maui, HI 96790

Molokai: firstdays, 5:00 PM
Correspondent: Patricia McCartney (808) 558-8317
Mail: P. O. Box 1688, Kaunakakai, Molokai, HI 96748

California:

Southern Humboldt Worship Group is in contact with Humboldt Meeting.

Southern Humboldt: Contact Convener for time & location
Convener: Bill Andrews (707) 923-3377
mail: P.O. Box 877, Redway, CA 95560
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## STATISTICAL REPORT

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* "SCQM" means Southern California Quarterly Meeting
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PYM PLENARY REPORT, Friends Bulletin Committee, David Wilson, clerk.

1. We have continued to discover creative ways to address our financial needs, including:

- inviting and publishing ads,
- discussing with treasures of North Pacific and Intermountain YMs a plan to bring their subsidies to the Bulletin into parity with ours, and
- mounting a direct mailing appeal to subscribers to become “Friends of Friends Bulletin.”

We thank our readers and contributors and PYM for their continued support.

2. This noon the committee and the editor will lunch on the patio and talk to any who want to make suggestions, discuss contributions, ask question, whatever. We also invite any to contact us singly, later in the day or the week: Jane Mills (Redwood Forest), Elsa Glines (Strawberry Creek), Tad Kerschner (Grass Valley), David Wilson (Davis), clerk; and Shirley Ruth (editor).

3. And we ask for collaborators: we want a representative of the Friends Bulletin at each of the World Gatherings of Friends next summer. The editor will be attending the gathering in the Netherlands; we would like some Friend who is going to Kenya and some Friend going to Honduras to volunteer to represent us there and report back. If you can help us, please contact the editor or the clerk.

Thank you,

-- David Wilson, clerk

Attachment G - 1
Petition of
The Peoples' Deputies of The Moscow City Soviet to
The Supreme Soviet of The USSR

We, the undersigned Peoples' Deputies of the Moscow City Soviet, being convinced that freedom of thought, conscience and religion is one of the basic and inalienable rights of persons, taking into account Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of the International Pact on Civilian and Political Rights, which acknowledges the right of each person to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
taking into account also a series of resolutions by the General Assembly of the UN and the Commission on Human Rights of the Economic and Social Council on Human Rights, which call for teaching the young in the spirit of mutual understanding, peace, justice and respect for all peoples, and to acknowledge the right of each person to refuse military service as a legal expression of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
taking into account that the right to refuse military service for conscience sake was formally abolished in the reign of the administrative-in-command repressive system and anti-human, anti-democratic, militaristic thinking,
assuming that the acknowledgment of the right of refusal of military service for conscience sake and the codification of this right in law of the land will be an important step in the democratization of society,
assuming also that acknowledgement of the right of conscientious objection to military service will accelerate the transition to a professional army, a decrease in the Armed Forces of the USSR to a level sufficient for defensive purposes and tangentially allow a decrease in the country's military spending,
taking into account the fact that the draft call becomes more difficult with each year,
meeting stronger and stronger resistance on the part of the draft-age youth,
interpreting the increasing passive resistance to the draft call as evidence of irreversible changes taking place in the social consciousness in the course of democratization and under the influence of the decrease of international tension and decrease of the threat of attack on the USSR,
being certain that establishment of a law on the right of conscientious objection will assist in further disarmament and strengthening of the spirit of trust and cooperation in international relations, a decrease in the threat of war, and will also eliminate certain political, legal and psychological barriers in the path of building an all-European homeland, specifically the formation of a single European legal entity,

we appeal to The Supreme Soviet of the USSR to - at the earliest possible moment - work out and take legal steps and actions directed at freeing from military service those who refuse military service on religious or ethical grounds and introduce alternative civilian service for those young persons who refuse military service on religious or ethical grounds,
we express the hope that the process of conscientious objection will not be demeaning or intended to limit the rights and freedom of citizens who choose conscientious objection,
we emphasize that the alternative service must be non-military, civilian in character, reflect the interests of society, and must not have the nature of punishment,
we propose that alternative civilian service should not be for a longer period of time than that of minimum military service, and call for elimination of any discrimination whatsoever with respect to citizens who are conscientious objectors both during their time of service as well as afterwards.
Statement of Support

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, give full support to the petition of The Peoples' Deputies of the Moscow City Soviet that calls for 1) taking legal steps to free from military service those who wish to refuse on religious or ethical grounds and for 2) establishing an alternative civilian service for all conscientious objectors.

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Please make six copies of signed documents and send ASAP (by August 20, 1990 if possible) to:
Quaker US/USSR Committee, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
Dear Friends,

On September 20 and 21st of this year, the Regents of the University of California will vote for or against another five-year renewal of the contracts through which UC manages the Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories which perform basic research—but also design nuclear weapons and SDI technologies—for the Department of Energy. Would you join with Berkeley Friends Meeting in a letter-writing campaign urging the Regents to vote this September to stop UC's management of the laboratories—and its active, official participation in the arms race?

In November of 1989, 7 of 8 members of the Jendresen committee, UC faculty members charged with investigating the lab issue for the Academic Senate, decided that continued management of the weapons laboratories is incompatible with UC's criteria for public service appropriate to the University. Although they urged that individual faculty should be able to continue their own research as their consciences dictate, the Jendresen Committee recommended that "the University should, in a timely and orderly manner, phase out its responsibility for operation of the Laboratories while maintaining its cooperative relationship with them in teaching and research." (1 Jendresen).

The Jendresen report sparked unprecedented action: for the first time, all nine campus divisions of UC's Academic Senate voted against continued UC management of the labs. But the Regents are not bound by the decisions of the Academic Senate. It will take a clear and ringing statement by the taxpayers of California to move the Regents to vote against continued management of the weapons laboratories.

Should UC continue to lend the shield of its academic reputation to a policy that is becoming, now more than ever, a threat to human survival? Because we believe that the production of nuclear weapons will ultimately lead to their use, we urge the Regents to set aside the question of who may do the best job of running the labs—the Departments of Energy or Defense, private contractors, or a public university—and ask instead the question of whether the labs should be run at all.

The 1990s have begun with a world climate friendlier to disarmament; the growing understanding that resources long devoted (over)
to the arms race are desperately needed in the fight to salvage our deteriorating environment and meet genuine human needs can help us end the arms race. But this is an understanding that the public must voice, and voice loudly, before our leaders will act upon it. Removing the UC seal of approval from the national weapons laboratories would be an important step toward achieving a more peaceful world.

Would you join with us, then, in asking the Regents whether the job of a public university is to question the policy of nuclear deterrence, or to design nuclear weapons that serve that policy? A list of the addresses and telephone number of the UC Regents is attached to this letter. Please distribute both to those of like mind among you.

* Write to the Regents and urge that they phase out all official ties with the Department of Energy Laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos;

* Urge that the University hold a public hearing on this question before the Regents vote on the contracts;

* Attend a special Circle of Concern vigil and rally to end UC lab management: 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, 8/5/1990 at the West Campus entrance to U.C. Berkeley at Addison and Oxford Streets in downtown Berkeley (flyer enclosed).

If you would like more information, please contact the Berkeley Friends' Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee at the address above.

Sincerely,

Berkeley Friends Meeting
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Regents' voting procedure: committee members vote on an issue and send the result to the entire Board of Regents, which then votes to decide the question. The Regents are scheduled to vote on renewal of the contract by which UC manages the National Laboratories at Livermore and Los Alamos for the Department of Energy at the September 20-21, 1990 meeting in Los Angeles.

You might wish to send a letter to the Regent(s) of your choice, to the chair and vice chair of the Committee on Oversight of the Department of Energy Laboratories, or draft one letter and send copies of it to each member of the Committee on Oversight (or to as many Regents as you feel like spending postage on).

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LABORATORIES:

CHAIR: Clair W. Burgener/ P.O. Box 8186/ Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067/ (916) 756-4546

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David Pierpont Gardner/ President of the University of California/ 300 Lakeside Drive, 22nd Floor/ Oakland, CA 94612-3550/ (415) 987-9074

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Regents-Designate (serving 1-year terms)

Ralph Ochoa, Esq./ Ochoa & Sillas/ 910 K Street, Suite 325/ Sacramento, CA 95814/ (916) 447-3383
Gail G. Anderson/ Superintendent, Piedmont Unified School District/ Administration Building/ 760 Magnolia Avenue/ Piedmont, CA 95611/ (415) 420-3614

Faculty Representatives (serving 2-year terms)

Carlton Bovell/ Department of Biology/ Room 1208 Life Sciences Biology/ University of California, Riverside/ Riverside, CA 92521/ (714) 787-5901
Fred N. Speiss/ Academic Senate Office/ Mail Code Q-002/ University of California, San Diego/ La Jolla, CA 92093/ (619) 534-1621

ATTACHMENT I - 4
26 July 1990

To the Peace Committee, Pacific Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:

The attached minute and queries were prepared by the Peace and Social Action Committee of Palo Alto Friends as a working document which we hope you will draw on to formulate a minute of your own on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. These two documents represent the experience, commitment, and hope of a number of Palo Alto Friends who have lived or visited the Mideast or worked to create understanding about the conflict among Friends, Jews, Muslims, and other members of our community. The minute and queries were read, discussed, and received favorably at the July 8th Meeting for Business of Palo Alto Friends.

We feel that Friends everywhere should pay specific attention to the tragedy which is unfolding in what four faiths call the Holy Land. We are concerned that Friends and others tend to regard the Middle East as a hopeless cause. The nearly 1000 victims of the Occupation and of the Intifada deserve better than this. Our service agencies and national lobby in Washington have worked hard to keep the hopes for peace alive: we only ask that Friends lend more active support for this effort.

We Quakers have, in this century, been friends to both sides through our schools and service agencies. While the members of the Peace and Social Action Committee feel especial sympathy for the recent sufferings of the Palestinian people, we feel that we should avoid partisanship. This does not mean that we will remain silent when we witness human rights violations. We must speak courageously to those who pursue policies which have left almost 900 Palestinians and 45 Israelis dead. Reconciliation means an end to the conditions which have claimed so many lives. Past injustices are no excuse for violence by either side. We feel that each Friend should examine how she or he personally helps or hinders the process of achieving peace.

Enclosed you will also find a letter which Palo Alto Friends is sending to a number of national leaders, the AFSC statement on the Middle East, and a set of documents from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. We hope you’ll use all these materials as a source for developing your own statement on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. If you cannot deal with this now, we ask that you share our minute
and queries for study and comment with Friends throughout our Yearly Meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Palo Alto Friends Peace and Social Action Committee
Joel GAZis-SAX, Co-Clerk

P.S. We wish to thank Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Pacific Mountain office of AFSC for the help they’ve given us in developing this minute and these queries.
MINUTE ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

We the members of Palo Alto Friends Meeting have heard, discussed, and received favorably the following position:

We reach out in love to both the Israelis and the Palestinians because they are the children of God and members of the same family as all of us. It follows that we must continue to labor to seek ways to bring these two peoples who love God to terms with one another. To do this, we must first examine our own prejudices and see both the Israelis and the Palestinians as people. Then we can work with compassion for both peoples.

Our belief in that of God in every person leads us to reject calls for the absolute condemnation of either side. We mourn for each victim of the Occupation and the Intifada. We strive to secure the safety, rights, and dignity of every Palestinian and every Israeli. We labor with our legislators, the members of the international community, and the representatives of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples to secure terms which lead to peace.

These terms include the withdrawal of all Israeli military forces and settlers from the Occupied Territories; the convening of an international conference to settle the conflict; the recognition of the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people during negotiations; and the creation of a State of Palestine in peaceful coexistence with Israel.

It is our task to see that our country’s involvement in the conflict serves the interests of the peoples of Israel and Palestine. Let us consider the ways in which our diplomatic efforts, legislative initiatives, and foreign aid create either unity or division. Caution and tenderness are needed. As Friends we should avoid letting disagreement over means divide us or divert us from our aim of promoting reconciliation.
QUERIES ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Palo Alto Monthly Meeting has developed these queries as an approach to the work of peace. We offer them to Friends as a source for both spiritual and practical self examination.

1. Do we try to understand Middle Eastern peoples as they understand themselves?
   Do we seek the truth about the teachings of Islam and Judaism?
   Do we avoid thoughtlessly ascribing the actions of governments and individuals to religion or culture?

2. Do we affirm the rights of both the Israelis and the Palestinians to a homeland?
   Do we encourage our national public officials to do the same?

3. What are we doing to ease the suffering of those under military occupation?
   In what ways are we acting to relieve the conditions which give rise to terrorism?
   Do we recognize the negative effects of acts of violence on those who perform them as well as on those who suffer them?
   How can we support those who refuse to commit violence in the name of Israeli or Palestinian nationalism?
   How can we speak to those nonparticipants who are nonetheless anguished by recent events?

4. How can we ensure that American foreign policy and aid benefit both the peoples of Israel and Palestine?
   Do we labor to end the flow of arms to all Middle Eastern nations?

5. Do we promote the safety, rights and dignity of all peoples of the region?

6. How are we helping all the peoples of the Middle East as they prepare for peace?

ATTACHMENT J - 4
Peace Income Tax Return 1989

Use this form if:
- You are fed up with the high cost of military spending while programs for people suffer.
- You believe that "security" means not having missile sites in our backyards, but rather national and international forums for peaceful conflict resolution.
- You are tired of having the IRS act as a collection agency for the military.
- You want to take action to bring about positive social change.

**Figure your tax**

About how much did you owe in federal income taxes last year? Enter this amount on line 1.

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Do you know that 60% of the federal income tax goes to the military? Income taxes have purchased 15,000 nuclear weapons, over 2,000 U.S. military facilities outside the U.S., and invasions like the one of Panama in 1989 that killed hundreds of Panamanian civilians and 24 U.S. soldiers. Figure 60% of your tax by multiplying the figure on line 1 by .60.

Enter 60% of your yearly tax on line 3. This is the amount of tax you paid to support the U.S. military.

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**Redirect your tax dollars**

Where would you like that 60% of your 1989 tax dollars to go? Take the amount on line 3 and decide how it could be spent using the tax below. Fill in amounts in the boxes at the right and check your priorities in the smaller boxes within the lists. The total of lines 4 through 8 should equal line 3.

- **HUMAN RESOURCES**
  - Food distribution
  - Medical research
  - Drug abuse: prevention/treatment
  - Care of the elderly
  - Health care for all
  - Job training
  - Day care
  - Subsidized & affordable housing
  - Battered women's shelters
  - Rape crisis centers
  - Other

- **PHYSICAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT**
  - Environmental protection/clean-up
  - Energy conservation & recycling
  - Small farm subsidies
  - Renewable energy research/development
  - Phase-out of nuclear power plants
  - Public transportation
  - Other

- **EDUCATION & CULTURE**
  - Improving schools
  - International exchanges
  - Preservation/teaching of cultural diversity
  - Free museums, plays, music, art shows
  - Classes & tests for nonviolent problem solving
  - Other

- **INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
  - Nonmilitary programs of the UN
  - Civilian-based nonviolent defenses
  - Shut-down nuclear weapons programs
  - Phase-out conversion of military industries
  - Job retraining for current military personnel
  - Other

- **MISCELLANEOUS**
  - International nonmilitary aid
  - Community-based justice without prisons
  - Other

**What about your payment?**

Didn't it feel good to take money from weapons and killing and put it toward people?  

- **YES** ☐  
  - No ☐

Why not take a real step in that direction now? Decide not to pay $1.00 or more of your federal taxes to the IRS this year and redirect it to peaceful purposes. Fill out this form using the information on the back to help with these decisions. Keep the top part and return the lower section to the local Alternative Revenue Service (ARS) address on this form. On Tax Day 1990 we'll announce the amount of money shifted from the Pentagon to people.

- **YES**! I am going to redirect part of my 1989 federal income tax from the Pentagon to the organization I've written below. Please enter the amount on line 9.

Organization to which I am sending my redirected tax money:

See "Notes for Redirected Taxes" on back. Include a note saying your contribution is part of the Alternative Revenue Service project.

- I will not be refusing any of my federal income tax this year, but I am going to make a donation in excess of my taxes. Enter the amount on line 10, and list the organization above.

Alternative Revenue Service Council Fund

Would you like to see this project grow into a major national campaign in 1991?  

- **YES** ☐  
  - No ☐

If you checked YES, please send a contribution to the ARS, 339 Lafayette St., NY, NY 10012.

I am sending $__________for the growth of the ARS.

**Name & Address Please print**

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

"It is against the law to withhold federal taxes, but it is also a strong statement about how you feel about how the government spends your money. Now is the time for strong statements. Contact your local ARS organizer or the ARS office in New York for more information. Withholding a small amount such as $1 is unlikely to result in more than reminder letters from the IRS."
Ideas for redirected taxes

You may choose to send your redirected taxes to an organization that you know works for peace, justice and/or human needs in your community. There are also many established "alternative funds" around the country which were set up by war tax resisters to collect war tax resisted monies. These funds then loan or grant money to peace and human needs groups, usually on the local level. Some of the funds are escrow accounts, so that money can be returned if needed. Send your contribution to any of these funds or write them for more information:

- New England War Tax Resistance Alternative Fund
  Box 174, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139
- Peoples Life Fund
  339 Lafayette St., NY, NY 10012
- Philadelphia Alternative Fund/WTR
  2206 South St., Philadelphia, PA 19146
- Tax Conversion Fund for Peace
  c/o 1425 Miller Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307
- Milwaukee Alternative Life Fund
  PO Box 05943, Milwaukee, WI 53233
- Lutheran Peace Fund
  2481 Como Ave W., St. Paul, MN 55108
- WILPF Escrow Fund
  2625 E. Southern, #C222, Tempe, AZ 85282
- So. California War Tax Alternative Fund
  PO Box 741537, Los Angeles, CA 90004
- Santa Cruz War Tax Resistance Fund
  316 King St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- People's Life Fund
  PO Box 2422, Berkeley, CA 94702-0422
- Conscience and Military Tax Campaign
  Escrow Account
  453414 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105

What is the ARS?
The Alternative Revenue Service (ARS) is an action program designed to respond to the social crisis in the U.S. and the related need for change in U.S. foreign and domestic policy. Our goals include:

- To call for dramatic cuts in military spending: 50-75% in five years.
- To shift these monies from the military to funding for education, jobs, housing, health care, environment, transportation, and other areas of social spending.
- To encourage people who do not believe in high military spending to take control of some of their tax dollars by resisting at least one dollar of their income tax and diverting it to a human needs area.
- To shift military-related research and development funds to research and development of nonviolent conflict resolutions and conversion to a civilian economy.

What else you can do:

- Include a letter with your federal (IRS) tax return stating your concerns about how the government spends tax dollars. Send similar letters to Congress people and local newspapers.
- Learn more about war tax resistance and the support groups that exist for those doing or contemplating this action. Write to the ARS or contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 85810, Seattle, WA 98145 (206) 522-4377
- Support the Peace Tax Fund bill in Congress which seeks to create a conscientious objector status for taxpayers who do not believe in killing. Urge your Congress people to support House bill HR1994 or Senate bill S784.
- Join with others. Contact your local ARS organization and help with this public education campaign. Set up a program in your church, club or community center. Contact the local or New York address for more information.

Local Contact:

ATTACHMENT K - 2
Friendly Observer Program

Background: As a result of Roberto Martinez's presentation at Southern California Quarterly Meeting (SCQM) on 4/5/90, Friends have been giving further consideration to what we might do to help diminish the increasing violence occurring at the U.S. Mexico border. On 6/23/90, Allen Karcher, Edith Cole, Martha Fort, Roberto Martinez, Jorge Hinojosa, Jane Badalato, and Gladis Innerst met in varying combinations throughout the day. This proposal is a result of those meetings.

Proposal: Under the auspices of SCQM - Peace & Social Order Committee, Friends establish a border witness program at various sites south of San Diego.

Goal: The presence of clearly identified observers might do much to reduce the potential for violent confrontation at these sites for all parties. This program would provide such friendly witnesses; it would also create an opportunity for concerned Friends for personal involvement.

Requirements for implementation: Awareness and willingness of Meetings in SCQM to commit time and support (for two to four observers per month spending a minimum of four hours each at the border); formation of a committee to provide oversight to this project; commitment of support by La Jolla and San Diego Meetings.

Objectives: 1.) A Committee of eight to ten people would be formed to provide oversight; awareness/interest in Program to be developed in SCQM; planning and support necessary to achieve goal to be provided, for example, establishment and maintenance of a rotating schedule of observation commitments, establishment of training and briefing system.

2.) Meetings (either individually or in association with each other) would be asked to commit to a specific period of witness at the border; they would have responsibility for maintaining this commitment and seeking involvement of their wider communities; care for those in their communities who are active in this concern. La Jolla and San Diego Meetings may be particularly called upon to provide support for this program and should be able to call on financial assistance of other Meetings.

3.) Observers would work in teams of at least two persons each, with more experienced observers accompanying new team members. To minimize personal risk observers would work during the day time hours primarily. Teams would be clearly identified with T-shirts and/or armbands and would carry cameras for documentation. Sites will provide easy access to observers.

4.) Material resources required: observers; trainers; identification of space for training and/or housing; T-shirts and/or armbands for clear identification of observers; cameras.

5.) Observer training should include: non-violence techniques, briefing on legal implications and rights of observers and refugees and on current situation along the border.

6.) Contacts/dialogues to be established: Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); Hispanic community; American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Witness for Peace; Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR).

Other related ideas to be held in care: Nonviolence training for border guards and refugees, perhaps via the AVP or Peace Resources Center; vaccination program; safety education program re: freeway crossings, etc.; environmental clean up.

Contact Central American Concerns Committee, Claremont Friends Meeting, 727 W. Harrison, Claremont, CA 91711 for more information.
BACKGROUND

Edith Cole, who had participated in the Witness for Peace program in Central America and Allen Karcher, Clerk of Southern California Quarterly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committees, both members of Claremont Friends Meeting, came down June 23rd to have an exploratory meeting and visit to the U.S.-Mexico border with Roberto Martinez, AFSC staff of the Border Program. They were joined by Jane Badalato, San Fernando Meeting, and Martha Fort, La Jolla Meeting. At Business Meeting held July 1st, La Jolla Friends were given a full report by Martha Fort of the meeting and border visit. The following Minute of concern and advice followed from the report.

ADVICE

Friends of La Jolla Monthly Meeting are deeply concerned about the violence that is occurring in the U.S.-Mexico border area. We recommend that the PYM Peace Committee give serious consideration to these problems and that it exercise extreme caution in any actions which may possibly endanger volunteers or make the situation worse.

Fonda Dunn
Co-Clerk PYM Peace Comm
8/3/90
Friends and Attenders at La Jolla Meeting's Peace and Social Order Committee faced the question of how funds might be found to achieve the goals set forth in our Meeting's Minute, "Economic Conversion to Earth-Restoring Programs", the Minute which was also approved by Southern California Quarterly Meeting at its May meeting. As we watched the Budget planning process we sadly saw the so-called "Peace Dividend" disappearing to pay off a growing deficit and a burgeoning S. & L. Debt. Some of us felt we might need to call for new taxes to meet humanitarian, educational and environmental needs. Yet other Friends were quick to say "No, indeed, 'No new taxes' until we have cut down on armaments."

It was about this time that we heard on "60 Minutes" that the cost of the B-2 Stealth Bomber program is up to between $110-120 Billion. Another network news program, PBS, reported that $90 Billion more has been allocated for S.D.I.

We were reminded of the comments of that wise Friend, Founder of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Raymond Wilson. His life was dedicated to working for Friends concerns in the Nation's capitol. He observed that among the Community of Churches that Friends Meetings seemed to have a unique role—that of working for Disarmament. And so evolved the following Minute on Disarmament.

The La Jolla Monthly Meeting proposes the following Minute to Pacific Yearly Meeting for its approval:

"The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends agrees that disarmament is our first priority in this time of political and economic reappraisal. We recognise that military spending precludes the direction of the available Gross National Product toward reinvestment in a comprehensive social and environmental program. We urge all possible reduction of military spending. 'Not by might, not by power of outward sword, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.' (Zechariah, Chapter 4, Verse 6)."

As Congress is now working on Budget proposals, it is suggested that this Minute be sent by Yearly Meeting to the appropriate legislators and also be sent on to Monthly Meetings for their consideration and action.

*Journal of George Fox, P. 400
Edited by John L. Nickalls
London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 1975
Junior Yearly Meeting
of
Pacific Yearly Meeting
8-3-90

The Junior Yearly Meeting would like to inform Pacific Yearly Meeting of a few changes in our structure. In the past, the Junior and Senior High School Friends have been separate entities, each having its own clerk and body. We feel that the time has come to change this. Henceforth we shall have unity within JYM. There will be no separation. In context with this a decision has been reached concerning clerks. Next year there will be two clerks, one from 6th through 9th grade and one from 9th through 12th grade. The clerks will be responsible to make joint decisions concerning JYM. Also, an alternate clerk will be approved in case one of the clerks is unavailable for a meeting. JYM intends to be more active within Pacific Yearly Meeting, the respective Quarterlies, and within the individual Monthly Meetings. We would appreciate your support.
Draft Registration Minute

We, as the Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting, are opposed to the draft registration. We feel it is sexist, due to the fact that it men alone are required to register. We feel it is extortion because government college grants are unavailable to those who do not register. We feel it unnecessary due to the lessening of tensions between the superpowers and our move towards military cutbacks. Finally we feel that it violates the Quaker Peace Testimony and therefore is in violation of our freedom of religion.

Recommended Action:

That Pacific Yearly Meeting support those who wish to be conscientious objectors. This may be done by having the Peace Committee keep a file of those who wish to be listed as conscientious objectors so that if a time ever arises when a draft is deemed necessary the objectors would have a clear record of being opposed to war.
### Financial Statements

**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Years 1989, 1990**

**Periods:**
- October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989
- October 1, 1989 through July 15, 1990

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**Subtotal: General Expenses**

$18,950.00, $17,312.00, $19,477.00, $16,500.00, $19,000.00

#### Yearly Meeting Session Expenses, Net

[See Pg. 2 "Breakdown" for details]

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**Subtotal: Committee Expenses**

$13,550.00, $8,456.00, $14,050.00, $7,761.00, $12,900.00
### Financial Statements (Cont'd)

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

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#### SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

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**SUBTOTAL: SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.** $3,230. $3,750. $3,000. $3,000. $3,000.

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**SUBTOTAL: CONFERENCE TRAVEL** $6,150. $5,438. $7,000. $3,496. $7,000.

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

$41,900. $43,166. $42,877. $43,664. $41,900.

#### BREAKDOWN OF PYM SESSION EXPENSES, NET

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**SUBTOTAL: PYM SESSION, NET** $0. $5,161. $0. ($17,093.) $0.
# PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

## TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1989

**PERIOD:** October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989

### BALANCE SHEET

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| 2751 | Accounts Payable         | $0.00           | $0.00     | $0.00       | $0.00          |
| 2752 | FICA Taxes Payable       | 0.00            | 2,178.00  | 2,178.00    | 0.00           |
| 2753 | Income Taxes Payable     | 0.00            | 1,752.00  | 1,752.00    | 0.00           |
| 2759 | Deferred Income          | 0.00            | 0.00      | 0.00        | 0.00           |
| 6    | 2761 Peace Tax Fund      | 18,340.00      | 4,119.00  | 4,571.00    | 17,888.00      |
| 10   | 2763 Student Conscience Fund | 5,004.00     | 576.00    | 2,000.00    | 3,580.00       |
| 9    | 2764 Wider Fellowship Among Friends Reserve | 1,386.00     | 801.00    | 0.00        | 2,187.00       |
| 11   | 2765 Publishing Reserve  | 0.00            | 1,903.00  | 0.00        | 1,903.00       |
| 5    | 2775 Bulletin Reserve     | 1,283.00       | 39,107.00 | 39,120.00   | 1,270.00       |
| 4    | 2776 Clerks Travel & Discretionary Reserve | 800.00       | 62.00     | 200.00      | 662.00         |
| 2777 | Committee Supplemental Travel Reserve | 1,000.00     | 150.00    | 150.00      | 1,000.00       |
| 2778 | Friend in the Orient Project Reserves | 1,711.00     | 2,264.00  | 2,217.00    | 1,758.00       |
| 2779 | FWCC, section of the Americas Travel | 481.00       | 0.00      | 0.00        | 481.00         |
| 7    | 2780 FGC Travel Reserve   | 912.00          | 0.00      | 304.00      | 608.00         |
| 7    | 2781 FUM Travel Reserve   | 790.00          | 0.00      | 0.00        | 790.00         |
| 7    | 2783 General Reunion of Fr. (Mex.) Travel | 777.00       | 0.00      | 429.00      | 348.00         |
| 7    | 2787 FWCC Triennial Travel Reserve | 3,256.00     | 2,108.00  | 2,360.00    | 3,004.00       |
| 7    | 2788 Young Friends Travel Reserve | 489.00       | 900.00    | 0.00        | 1,389.00       |
| 2789 | Equipment Purchase Reserve | 1,505.00     | 300.00    | 0.00        | 1,805.00       |
| 1    | 2791 Britton Visitor Fund Reserve | 1,783.00     | 2,063.00  | 60.00       | 3,786.00       |
| 2793 | Accounting Reserve        | 500.00         | 100.00    | 0.00        | 600.00         |
| 3    | 2797 Fund for Concerns    | 2,834.00       | 1,358.00  | 3,500.00    | 692.00         |
| 1    | 2798 Sharing Fund         | 1,469.00       | 200.00    | 0.00        | 1,669.00       |
| 8    | 3799 Uncommitted Reserves (General Fund) | 48,493.00  | 857.00    | 3,128.00    | 46,222.00      |
|      | **TOTAL: LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** | **$92,813.00**| **$60,798.00**| **$61,969.00**| **$91,642.00**|

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES - SEE REVERSE SIDE**
NOTES:

1. Under control of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee; not available for general PYM use.

2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friend in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Windows" ($1,056.); "Project" ($702.); not available for general PYM use.

3. Represents printing costs, etc., that should be recovered by sale of the publication.

4. For use of the Clerk, not available for general PYM use.

5. Friends Bulletin monies; not available for general PYM use.

6. These are funds invested in WORKING ASSETS MONEY FUND and money market checking accounts.

7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; some 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.

9. Reserve Funds for use by the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

10. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account. Not available for general PYM use.

11. Bob Schutz has returned $1,903. to PYM from proceeds of the "Social Order Series" per PYM Minutes 89-4. The "Social Order Series" was discontinued and a "Publishing Reserve" fund started.


13. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program reports beginning balance $3,638.; additions of $1,238.; reductions of $3,806.; ending balance of $1,070.


Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

**TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1990**

**PERIOD:** October 1, 1989 through July 15, 1990

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1. Under control of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee; not available for general PYM use.

2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friend in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Windows" ($700.); "Project"($1,215.); not available for general PYM use.

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6. These are funds invested in WORKING ASSETS MONEY FUND and money market checking accounts.

7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; some 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.

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13. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program reports beginning balance $1,026.; additions of $0.; reductions of $17.; ending balance of $1,009.


Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
Friend in the Orient Report

Our charge from the Friend in the Orient Committee was to make a trip through Micronesia to observe and support their aspirations for nuclear-free governments, and for a sovereignty free of military bases. We have gone, we have returned and now we would like to thank you for helping to make the trip possible.

We can report, as you might expect, that it still is a paradise, but a paradise with problems. For us, it was a "going home" — for 35 years of our working lives were spent in those islands. We revisited students who are now governors, our co-workers who have become governmental ministers, successful businessmen, doctors, a president.

So, is there anything wrong in Micronesia? The whole area—as big as the United States, but with only 160,000 people—has been a United Nations trusteeship for 43 years, and is not the only one whose future has not been decided. The 10 other trusteeships that came under the General Assembly of the United Nations have been set free.

Only Micronesia, administered by the United States as a Strategic Trusteeship, remains unresolved even after 21 years of negotiations. This is because our government has refused to let the islanders become independent unless they are willing to give the United States special military rights and powers. In this refusal the islanders have had, without requesting it, the support of the U.S.S.R. with its veto power in the Security Council.

It is tiny, courageous Palau that has challenged the military wishes of the United States, first in 1979 by writing the world's first nuclear-free constitution, ratified by 92 percent of the people, and then by voting in seven plebiscites in the next decade to uphold that constitution.

"We have no enemies," they say. "We don't need defense or fortifications that simply will once again attract war." Their repeated voting expression (and our refusal to accept it) has shown that while we taught and talked about democracy, the United States isn't prepared to practice it in the islands.

The other new governments in Micronesia also wrote nuclear-free constitutions, but the United States has not felt the need to challenge them, or
to use their lands—YET. On our trip we saw these other island groups operating fairly well—large bureaucracies, but ones that offer educations, medical, and economic services and opportunities. These governments are somewhat shaky and too dependent on U.S. generosity. But self-sufficiency is not far behind these people, and they are experts at managing their lives and culture in a very fragile environment.

We spent a few days to a month in 10 areas, each with differing language, customs, and concerns. Our general observation is that the United States has not been a very good trustee, and is now playing the role of a reluctant decolonizer.

The United States was pledged to protect Micronesia's land and resources, to prepare the people for self government. But in the Marshalls in our nuclear bomb tests, we obliterated the island of Bikini, and made the people sick and homeless. They have been wandering ever since. We now use Kwajalein for long range missile testing from Vandenberg Air Base, and we are currently arranging for more land for Star Wars testing. The United States does not discourage the Japanese from trying to dump nuclear wastes north of Micronesia, and the U.S. is using neighboring Johnson Island at this moment for experimental nerve gas incineration. Clearly the United States military wants Palauan harbors and one-third of their land for fall back bases. The steadfast will of the Palauan people, many of them women leaders who hold their land to be precious above all else, has so far stalemated the power of the United States.

Following the last plebeicite on February 6, 1990, it became apparent that the wish of a majority of the Palauans is to have a moratorium on voting on their political status. They want time to reflect, to mend hurts, and to study their economic options. It is not clear what the Bush administration will do, but Friends and other concerned people can urge this administration to respect the responsibilities that the United States accepted in 1947.

The islanders do appreciate friends here in the U.S., watchful and active in trying to influence the administration and the Congress to do the right thing. Through the Quaker United Nations Office we can urge the United Nations, through its Trusteeship Council, its Committee on Decolonization, and the Security Council, to require the United states to allow Micronesia to choose its destiny. That is what was promised, and what we should do now.
We have been glad to be a link of friendship between PYM Friends and Micronesia while they struggle toward a self-determination that preserves the values of their past.

Ched Myers' book, *Resisting the Serpent: Palau's Struggle for Self Determination*, is a clear account of the Palauan struggle. It is an interesting study showing that the drama of Palau is a microcosm of military imperialism throughout the world. The book is available here at PYM and at the AFSC bookstores.

Verna and Russ Curtis
Registrar's Report

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your registrars this year. A few numbers follow:

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Youngest
Christopher Turner

Oldest
Leonore Hollander

Daily attendance ranged from 184 on Sunday to 336 on Tuesday. A comparison with recent years:

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Of the 339 attenders on Tuesday, 181 (53%) stayed in dorms, 100 (30%) camped and 58 (17%) were day attenders.

Joe Magruder
Bob Jolly
Registrars
The search for sites goes on. There never will be a perfect site, but there is always the hope for improvement. We have tried to alternate meeting in the North one year and in the South the following year. Unfortunately, both La Verne and Chico changed these plans. We have now been two years in the North and two years in the South. Some sites that were available no longer are. La Honda is one of these sites. The "Y" which owns it has stepped up its summer program and is booked solid. St. Mary's replaced us with a professional ball team. The University of the Redlands was looked into and found to be physically and ideal site but considerably more expensive — something like 50% more. The biggest difficulty in finding a site is that most sites will not permit camping. Camping off the site has been tried several times and found to be lacking.

A limited survey was made to find out how people feel about the two sites we now use. Ninety-one of the original one hundred questionnaires have been returned in time for this report. If you still have yours, please turn it in. If you need one, there are more here. There is a box on the communications desk to put it in. While the comments will not be reported here other than to say they ran from complete dissatisfaction to complete satisfaction with both sites, they will be taken very seriously as the search continues. There have been a few suggestions for a place to look that have not been tried before. They will certainly be looked into.

The results of the survey is as follows:

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Since the percentage of southern versus northern attenders changes depending on whether it is at Chico or La Verne, it is hoped that the same survey will be run again at Chico.
To PYM Religious Education Committee:

REPORT FROM QSQ SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A group of members and attenders from Claremont Monthly Meeting met regularly during January, February and March of 1990 to study and share reactions to Alastair Heron's pamphlet, A Search for Quaker Essentials. The attendance was steady, averaging about fifteen persons. The dialogue moved toward individual concerns and experiences, leading to valuable and deep sharing. A similar group is planned for this coming fall at Orange Grove Meeting.

With regard to the QSQ committee itself, members feel that valuable interaction is going on, that we individually are becoming more aware of the life and needs of Meetings beyond our own, that sharing of thoughts in the committee becomes a support and enrichment that may enable us as individuals to reach out more strongly and widely than before.

After considerable deliberation, the committee has agreed to undertake planning for a major weekend conference in the fall of 1991. It will take place during October 4-6 at Astara conference center in Upland, CA. The purpose of this conference is to challenge Southern California Friends to enrich and deepen their spiritual lives through an intensive period of worship, silence and sharing, under the leadership of an invited speaker. During the coming year, the committee will send to monthly meetings both suggestions for reading, and probing questions for individual reflection.

Ingrid Petersen, Clerk
25 July 1990

ATTACHMENT S-1
The great majority of members of the Friends Committee on Legislation - CIF (CALIFORNIA - FCL) - are appointed by Monthly Meetings. These representatives set priorities for our lobbyist at our Statewide Annual Meeting each October. We tend to advocate for the unrepresented or underrepresented people and concepts within the broad legislative areas of Justice, Health, Mental Health, Human Services, Human Rights and Peace.

This present session, our lobbyist, Emma Childers' priorities are prisoners rights, capital punishment, alternatives to incarceration, criminalization of the mentally ill & homeless housing. Our newest staff member, Dan Galper, works 2 hot topics: fundraising and lobbying, Peace issues. He led an interest group this week on UC Weapons Labs and we're 2 of the articles on that subject which were included in the PVM Peace Committee's packet of resource materials.

Our lobbyists work from policy statements which FCL continuously re-works on a year cycle. Currently we are re-working our policies in the Justice area.

In election years, FCL representatives study and advocate positions on the ballot propositions and initiatives that are within our policy areas. We work in 2 separate groups, North and South, to develop our recommendations. Each group receives the same set of ballot issues to study. We require that both groups independently reach the same decision on a measure before FCL will publish its SUPPORT or OPPOSE position. When we publish the words "NO POSITION" it is because our 2 Regional Committees did not reach the same conclusion.
In midst of war, planting hope 1 tree at a time

By Kenneth W. Grundy

A friend of mine is trapped in a war and I fear for his safety. War is indiscriminate in its violence. The innocent, the vulnerable, the harmless and the peace-loving bear the burden as surely as do the culpable and the committed, and this war in South Africa is especially vicious.

Robert Mazibuko is 81 years old. He is a person whose work, although modest in scale, is the sort that is crucial for a new South Africa. He shows peasants how to farm, how to conserve their land, how to live at peace with nature. He prays to be allowed to carry on and to train others to succeed him. But he resides in the heart of a war zone where mindless brutality may tragically end his mission.

Let me tell you about this war and then about Mazibuko’s work.

More than 3,000 people have been killed in Natal province on South Africa’s Indian Ocean coast in the past three years. Most of them were innocent victims of a gangland-style turf war between those who back Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi’s Inkatha movement, a political party that governs Natal, and the Zulu homeland at the behest of the white government, and those who identify with the revolutionary resistance groups clustering around the African National Congress.

It is commonly understood that the authorities in Pretoria and their police force aid the Inkatha fighters. The young “comrades” opposing them are caught between the official homeland government, local Inkatha warlords defending their traditional ground and the white regime that seeks to weaken the ANC at every turn.

Until recently the factions singled out the leaders and militants of the rival faction for elimination. But in the last few weeks the fighters have become far less discrete. A neighborhood may be identified as pro-ANC and all within it becomes a target for the Inkatha raids. Houses within reach are torched; all the inhabitants are vulnerable. And in return, Inkatha communities are marked for retaliation. It is a cycle of murder hard to staunch.

Natal is aflame, and the townships surrounding Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, are the killing fields in a destructive intra-Zulu conflict. ANC vs. Inkatha: Between these two milestones all others are ground to paste.

Mazibuko is neither. He is not a “big man” in the Pietermaritzburg region. Few in the power structure, who ought to be promoting his work, know of him. He is a proud man who will not beg.

He is the founder and director of the Africa Tree Centre. He maintains a tiny experimental plot where he lives. He travels the region planting trees and showing people how to compose according to a “deep trench” technique that he designed that helps conserve water and replenish the soil with what he calls “God’s fertilizer.” One-on-one instruction, one tree at a time. Most improvements on a human scale are the sort that the poor people of Africa can understand.

He lives very modestly in a prefab but barely 12 feet in diameter. He cooks in a tiny caravan stuffed with papers and books. “You’ve got to live like the people or they’ll never listen to you,” he says.

He wants his people to be self-reliant. That is why he dislikes one-crop farms. He favors intercropping and small-scale farming close to those who need to feed themselves.

So Mazibuko’s Africa Tree Centre is a one-man operation barely limping along with minimal resources. Last summer when I called on him, his small pickup truck was down, no longer roadworthy. He had no money to repair it or buy another. Now his tree deliveries depend on friends providing rides.

Mazibuko stands tall for his age. He is a neat man, carries a cane and wears a brown fedora with a zebra-skin band. His eyes, through the cataracts, sparkle. His optimism is infectious — founded as it is on a philosophy of life at peace with the world and an undeniable arrogance that what he thinks and how he operates make sense.

He sees a mystical link between man and nature — animals, insects, plants, trees and man come together in a world view not unlike that held by native Americans. But the tree, to him, is special, almost a person and a panacea for rural poverty. “A man comes home,” he tells me, “and sees his tree in blossom and his soul is fed. He wakes up and goes out and sees his tree in leaf and his soul is nourished. Trees do not need man — man needs the trees.” He is dedicated to feeding himself and to a meekness few seem to understand. But when you leave him, you feel renewed.

Over the years, Mazibuko has provided 35,000 trees for his people. Fruit trees are his favorite. His work depends on seedlings, tools, a truck to haul his trees and a place to teach people. It’s a modest dream now supported by groups and individuals from Germany, Switzerland, Japan and the United States. I got to visit him because he is assisted by an American group that I support, Right Sharing of the World Resources, a part of the Friends World Committee for Consultation in Philadelphia.

But South Africa needs thousands of Robert Mazibukos and time is short. His Tree Centre is surrounded by a war that he does not understand. Why anyone would want to destroy rather than build is beyond him.

His island of tranquility reminds me of an old African proverb that may be a metaphor for the plight of peace-loving peasants the world over: “When the bull elephants fight, the grass gets trampled.”

Kenneth W. Grundy is the M. Hanna Professor of Political Science at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He wrote this article for The Orlando Sentinel.

Right Sharing is sending $2,000 to Robert Mazibuko to help him buy a new truck.

We hope you enjoy his tree poster on our new postcards. ATTACHMENT U-1
Spittle of the First International Theological Conference of Quaker Women

Woodbrooke College
Birmingham, England
31st of Seventh Month, 1990

To Friends Everywhere:

Greetings and love from the seventy-four women from twenty-one countries who have, in the middle of their busy lives, been called to attend the First International Theological Conference of Quaker Women held at Woodbrooke College, Birmingham, England from 24th - 31st of Seventh Month, 1990. We represent many races, languages and nationalities, and varieties of Quaker faith and practice. Through struggle and pain, rage and joy we are able to speak to you, our sisters and brothers, with one voice, the voice of love from God.

We came together to explore and reflect on what it means to be a woman, to be a Quaker and to be doing theology, with the hope that through our work we would be better able to perform the service God has given each of us to do, and to assist our sisters everywhere to do so as well. Our work has been based on the theology of story. We have listened to and told the stories of the unnamed women who met Jesus, of our Quaker foremothers of the sisters we represent -and our own life stories. Through Bible study, the arts, worship sharing, silence, song, prayer, and formal talks, we have remembered and reclaimed the past; we have better understood our present; and we have begun to envision our future. By sharing responsibility for the work of the conference we have modelled true equality and respect for our individual gifts and abilities. Our Home Groups have provided some of us with a conference "family" where we could share personally our lives, our responses to each day's work, and where we could work together on a patchwork wallhanging.

In this time we have grown in appreciation and understanding of our diversity. We found that our attempts to share our worship traditions by blending them helped each of us to appreciate that we honour our own traditions best when we offer them in their full expression.

We have been reminded vividly that women live under cultural, political, and economic oppression. All humanity is lessened by it; we are unwilling to tolerate its perpetuation, and must continue to work for justice and peace in the world. The total dedication which our sisters show in their lives has been, and will continue to be, both humbling and inspiring. Our eyes have been opened to see that we are all, as in the story in Luke 13, women "bent over" with burdens and limitations, inward and outward. We have affirmed that being "bent over" can help us grow into wisdom and compassion and lead us into community, to love, and to action. And we were shown in this and other New Testament stories, how we may walk upright by looking at the ways Jesus interacted with the women. We have learned to have greater appreciation for the gifts and skills we already have, and to insist that they be acknowledged and used.
We have been strengthened in our knowledge that our lives bear fruits of love and peace when grounded and nurtured in relationship with God through the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, and through Sophia, or Wisdom. In the friendship of women we have found a style of that relationship based on mutuality replacing one based on patriarchal structures and kingship. This style of relationship better enables us to envision the Divine.

As we leave this conference, our hopes for the future are many. We hope that we will act as leaven in our local meetings, churches, and yearly meetings, so that Quaker women everywhere will be encouraged by our new understanding. As we grow in solidarity with one another, enriched by how we express our faith, we will all be enabled to surmount the cultural, economic, and political barriers that prevent us from discerning and following the ways in which God leads us. We honour the lives of our Quaker foremothers as patterns which help us recognize our own leadings. Their commitment, dedication, and courage remain as worthy standards. May our lives be used as theirs were to give leadership to women everywhere to be vehicles of the love of God.

We share a deep love for all creation, and cry with the pain of its desecration. We must realize we are part of the natural world and examine our lives in order to change those attitudes which lead to domination and exploitation.

Friends, we are all called into wholeness and into community, women and men alike, sharing the responsibilities God has given us, and assuming the leadership we are called to. We begin where we are, in our homes and meetings or churches, our work and communities, celebrating the realization of the New Creation.

Signed

Carole Treadway

Carole Treadway

on behalf of the First International Conference of Quaker Women.

ATTACHMENT V-2
PRESS RELEASE

FIRST INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE OF QUAKER WOMEN

WOODBROOKE 24 - 31 JULY 1990

Seventy four women, from twenty-one countries, representing all
continents and many peoples, have shared a week in the beautiful
environment of Woodbrooke. We came to Birmingham, England, as
participants in the first-ever International Theological Conference
for Quaker women from 24 - 31 July, 1990. The official languages were
Spanish and English. The conference was sponsored by Friends World
Committee for Consultation and organised jointly by Woodbrooke and
Earlham School of Religion. Our approach was based on the "theology of
story". Through lectures, spoken and silent ministry, workshops and
conversations we have reflected on some of the stories of anonymous

We have offered our own stories to each other, reflecting the
realities of our own lives and peoples. We have worked through the
media of dance, song, clay, drama, painting, paper collage, speech and
silence. We have trusted our hearts as well as our heads and have
experienced theology creatively in relation to our own lives.

Although we are all Quakers, we come from worshipping traditions with
very different approaches. During this week we have all encountered
previously unfamiliar Quaker practices.

We have discovered, variously, Quaker pastors, preparative meetings,
ministry in song and reference to God as Mother as well as Father.
Amid our rich diversity we have been heartened by our solidarity as
sisters. Each of us has been challenged, enriched and profoundly
moved.

This conference has been an historic event, linking us with our
foremothers, with our children yet unborn and with our sisters
throughout the world.

We have been empowered.

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ATTACHMENT V-3
Report of the Discipline Committee to Pacific Yearly Meeting 1990

This year the Discipline Committee has been working toward being very familiar with our Faith and Practice so that we can categorize input from Meetings and individuals and be able to pass on these recommendations at an appropriate time to a larger revision committee. We have also been studying the documents of other Yearly Meetings, particularly London Yearly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting where revisions are underway.

We are not trying to "haggle" over words but to ponder some of the broader questions which have come to us—such as dual membership, Christian terminology, Junior Membership, advices and queries, approval vs. acceptance of a new document. M & O has asked us to develop procedures for laying down a Meeting, a process not covered by the Discipline now.

At the 1990 session of PYM the Discipline Committee met jointly with Ministry and Oversight to work out a proposal, for an enlarged Discipline Committee to begin work on a new Faith and Practice, perhaps as early as Fall 1990. This proposal is expected to be ready for Representative Committee in March.

Also in March we hope to distribute new language on children for Meetings to read and consider. This follows our presentation of a minute brought to Representative Committee in the Spring of 1989 creating a category called "Child of the Meeting." The minute as presented did not speak to Friends concern about Junior Membership. We continued to labor with this issue and, consulting the very thorough passages on children that can be found in Faith and Practice, we generated the following language:

All children of the Meeting community are under its loving care and will be recorded in the Monthly Meeting and reported to the statistical clerk of PYM as "Children of the Meeting." It is incumbent upon the Meeting to respond to the children's spiritual needs and to invite them to participate in activities of the Meeting appropriate to their maturity. Children develop their sense of...
themselves as Friends, not only through attendance at Meeting for Worship and religious instruction, but also through friendship with Meeting adults and participation in Meeting activities. In such an atmosphere children understand their relationship to the Society and apply for membership when they sense their spiritual readiness. When a young person in the Meeting comes to such a decision and initiates a request for membership, it will be considered according to the Meeting's regular procedures.

Finally the Committee this year received a new set of queries on Peace from the Friends in Unity with Nature Committee, which attempted to incorporate our concern for the earth into our Peace testimony. The FUN Committee hopes to continue integrating this concern in other queries and perhaps to work on what a testimony should contain in this area. Some Friends prefer to see it as a separate testimony, others like the idea of interspersing the concern throughout the Discipline. We welcome this input and look forward to working with them.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING; La Verne, California

Final Nominating Committee Report -- 3 August, 1990

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Among Friends Committee
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

As we gather here with much song and sharing, we are enjoying the fruits of our past labors. Our group has grown with the return of old friends and an increasing number of young friends that have recently made the transition from Junior Yearly Meeting. We have a continuity and commitment that has been unsurpassed in recent years.

While some of us are working on assimilating with the regular Pacific Yearly Meeting community, others continue to work with the Junior Yearly Meeting. This has stretched our physical unity at Pacific Yearly Meeting, but kept our spiritual values by combining our commitment to Pacific Yearly Meeting, adding fresh energy and viewpoints to its business, with the need to strengthen the progression from Junior Yearly Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends to ensure our future.

Many activities and interest groups stimulated and reaffirmed our Quaker values as well as empowering us to do something about them. We happily received two of our Young Friends who recently returned from international peace projects, and shared their exuberance about future peace possibilities which they experienced first-hand.

Young Friends renewed their sense of Quaker service when two Friends shared their own personal callings. Ben Levine spoke of his work within the local prison visitation programs, and Jane Kostka of hers with communities in developing nations. Two Young Friends approached the issue of child abuse awareness in the Quaker community, and led well-received workshops with the Elementary and Junior Yearly Meeting groups.

Some Young Friends envision a project within the Unity With Nature program at our next Pacific Yearly Meeting. This would combine Native American values with inherent Quaker beliefs. We look ahead to this coming year and all the growth and enrichment it promises to bring us.

With hope that you find and follow through with your own spiritual calling in the empowering Light.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends,
La Verne, California, August 4, 1990.

Diane Dunn and Rustom Gustafson, Co-clerks
Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle
August 3, 1990

PYM this year was a learning and maturing experience. The doors of
transition were opened in many ways. The Junior High group and the High
School group were merged and the definition of being a Young Friend was further
clarified and made accessible by the willing participation of the Young Friends.
Though the camping trip was a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all, the
necessity of leaving the Yearly Meeting for such an extended time was questioned.
Prior to a meeting with a Friends General Conference representative the true
identity of a Quaker was not understood in its entirety, but after discussion we
realized the knowledge was already within us. As the sun sets in the west we
close another Yearly Meeting fulfilled but with a new enthusiasm in the search
for the light within.

Jenni Mahal - Clerk JYM
Sage Wexner
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Tristan Owain Elliot
EPISTLE OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Seventh Month 29 - Eighth Month 5, 1990

To all Friends--Greetings.

We met together as an extended spiritual family, at the University of La Verne in Southern California, corporately seeking to know God's will in all of our deliberations and relationships, and to learn what might be required of us through the leading of the Spirit.

We thought together about our oneness with the created world and all things therein, and as your epistles were read, about our connectedness with Friends everywhere. Our sense of connectedness was strengthened by visitors among us, some of whom were; Harold Smuck, Clerk of the Section of the Americas of Friends World Committee for Consultation; Sulak Sivaraksa, a Siamese Buddhist working for non-violent change in Burma; Nancy Alexander, lobbyist for Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington D. C.; and our invited guest speaker, Marty Walton, General Secretary of Friends General Conference. Also our Friends-in-the-Orient, Russ and Verna Curtis, shared with us the struggles for independence of the peoples of Micronesia.

Marty Walton inspired us with the deep joy of coming home. Home is where we are wanted, accepted, and can become all that we can become. Our Meetings are that home. Coming home also means coming into harmony with God. Peace is that state in which we are in accord with God, the earth, others, and ourselves.

This year in a silent walk for peace and the environment, we carried banners made by a Friends in Scotland, and focused on the query "What can we do for the earth and its people?"

We have become more conscious of our calling as Friends, of our diversity and of the deep underlying unity that binds us together. From our depths arose themes of pain and suffering, of healing, where we often struggle with unbridled greed and selfishness. As we seek, we ask each other how our Meetings nurture spiritual growth, how we deal with inward and outward pain, and how we bring reconciliation where there is conflict. Our replies show that we are growing, but that we have much to learn. In particular, we work to appreciate our differences and to acknowledge the varied gifts of the Spirit in each other.
Our Yearly Meeting is enriched with hopes for the future by the presence of children and youth who are taking new responsibilities in the Society. We remember Friends who left this life during the past year: they have given us a wealth of blessing. In all of our Meetings for Worship we have felt the divine Presence in our midst.

The words of Isaac Pennington (1667) seemed to sum up the essence of this Yearly Meeting:

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying for one another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.

Signed on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Jane Peers
Presiding Clerk
808 Melba Rd.
Encinitas CA 92024
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Invited Guest Speaker

John Woolman School [CPFEA]

Junior high group

Junior membership

Junior Yearly Meeting

Koptic Orthodox Church

Larry Scott Fund

Meetinghouse Fund, FGC

Membership

Menito Program

Mexico City Meeting

Mexico/U.S. border

Micronesia

Middle East peace

Ministry and Oversight

Minutes, Approval Process

Nevada Test Site Witness

Nominating Committee

Nuclear weapons labs

Opening Minute

Pacific Ackworth School

Palau

Peace Committee

Peace Income Tax Return

Peace Tax Fund

Pendle Hill

Preparative Meetings

Prison bond issue (see also California ballot arguments)

Punchon, John

Quaker Spiritual Quest [QSQ] (So. Cal)

Quaker US-USSR Committee

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

Queries

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