PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

1965

St. Mary's College, Moraga, California

August 15-19, 1965

The 19th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends began Sunday, August 15, 1965, with a Meeting for Worship held at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of St. Mary's College, Moraga, California. Joy was expressed in the ecumenical spirit which prompted the cooperation between Friends and Roman Catholics in making possible the arrangements for this Yearly Meeting. St. Mary's was one of the first Roman Catholic colleges established on the West Coast. During the worship Friends were reminded of the words of George Fox which were written to the Pope: "In the mystery of Godliness is the fellowship that is everlasting."

The second session was convened at 4:15 p.m. with families gathered by Meeting groups. The Reading Clerk read from the Epistle of South Central Yearly Meeting (November, 1964): "We give thanks and praise to God believing that our faith is not something apart from life and business, not something for special days or sacred places—it is the way of life."

As the roll of Monthly Meetings was called, attenders from the respective Meetings stood to be acknowledged. The following Meetings were represented:

Albuquerque
Argenta
Berkeley
Calgary
Claremont
College Park
Corvallis
Davis
Delta
Eastside
Eugene
Fresno
Honolulu

La Jolla
Las Vegas*
Los Angeles
Marloma
Mexico City
Monterey Peninsula
Multnomah
Orange Grove
Pacific Ackworth
Palo Alto
Phoenix
Pima
Redlands

Reno
Sacramento
Salem
San Fernando
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz
Santa Fe*
Santa Monica
Tacoma
University
Vancouver
Whitleaf

* Recognized at the third session.
The following subordinate Meetings and worship groups were represented:

Bozeman Allowed Meeting (University)
College Area Worship Group (La Jolla)
Edmonton Worship Group
Grass Valley Worship Group
Harbor Worship Group (La Jolla)
Salt Lake City Worship Group
University of British Columbia Worship Group (Vancouver)

Visiting Friends from other Yearly Meetings were introduced:

Yoshio Watanabe, with a Travel Minute from Tokyo Monthly Meeting
Josefina Fernandez, Madrid, Spain, from London Yearly Meeting
Joan Putnam, Cambridge, Massachusetts, New England Yearly Meeting
Isobel Cerney, with a letter from Atlanta Monthly Meeting
Dick Northway, Yellow Springs Meeting, Ohio
Ernest Goertzen family, Manhattan, Kansas
Morris and Evangeline Kimber, Whittier, California Yearly Meeting

A visiting "friend of the Friends-in-the-Orient (Bruners)" was introduced:

Fumiko Yamanaka of Hiroshima

Announcements were made which included an explanation of the importance of the worship-fellowship groups.

The Recording Clerk led a songfest which was concluded with a short period of worship.

The third session opened with a period of worship at 7:30 p.m. Representatives were welcomed from Santa Fe and Las Vegas, New Mexico Meetings. The Reading Clerk read from a letter to Pacific Yearly Meeting from Costa Rica Friends:

"If George Fox could travel amongst us today, how would we appear to him? How would he appear to us? Would his preaching seem harsh and intolerant... or would his ringing message of faith bring us back from our wanderings to our spiritual home?"

From the New York Yearly Meeting Epistle (July, 1965):

"Friends have opposed violence by trying to prevent it and by healing its wounds. Now, we are called to enter the darkness of the violence itself. We are undertaking a search for ways to interpose our persons, our acts, and our love at the very scene of conflict. With one hand held firmly in the hand of God and the other close in the fellowship of Friends, we shall venture into the darkness."
The Clerk announced the appointment by Ministry and Oversight Committee of this year's Epistle Committee, members of which were introduced: Alice Shoemaker, chairman; Shirley Tweed, and Margaret Brooks.

The evening session was devoted to a report and discussion of "The State of the Society," led by members of Ministry and Oversight Committee.

**Recognition of New Meetings:**

James DeWees outlined the background and organization of Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting whose first Clerk is Clara Hurn. At the request of that Meeting and on the recommendation of Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee of Ministry and Oversight,

1965-1 Meeting approved the establishment of Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting as a regularly constituted regional meeting.

Meryle Malcheski, Clerk, gave a lively report on the development of the Las Vegas, New Mexico Meeting leading to its recognition as a Monthly Meeting by New Mexico Quarterly Meeting, in the fall of 1964. The Meeting has thirteen members and has already obtained Meetinghouse facilities.

1965-2 Meeting accepted and welcomed Las Vegas Monthly Meeting into its membership.

Richard Manners, who served as the first Clerk and is presently chairman of Ministry and Oversight, read the report and request of Pacific Ackworth Meeting for Monthly Meeting status. (Copy attached to the file Minutes.) This request to Orange Grove Monthly Meeting was forwarded with its endorsement to Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting, which in turn minuted its recognition at the May, 1965 session. Pacific Ackworth as an Allowed and subsequently a Preparative Meeting, has grown to an adult membership of twenty-one with an equal number of active attenders in addition to first-day school attenders. Meetings are held at the Pacific Ackworth Friends School in Temple City, California.

1965-3 Meeting accepted and welcomed Pacific Ackworth Monthly Meeting into its fellowship.

Portions were read from the State of Society report of the Mexico City Monthly Meeting in which they spoke of the need to nourish the seed of the spirit but to wait in faith for God to give it growth.
Presentations from members of Ministry and Oversight included emphases on using the opportunity of new applications for membership as occasions for a common search for the true meaning of community; of the need for loyalty to the Meeting out of which love can grow which allows us to be vulnerable to each other; of the need to plan our week's schedule so that the spiritual fires may be lit and warm by the time of Meeting for Worship; of the need to know each other as a family that can relax and re-create together; of the need to learn the arts of communication of our feelings, especially the "art of creative listening." Others spoke of our lack of a revolutionary peace witness, of the needs of isolated Friends for more effective communication, of the need to be sensitive to each other within the Meeting community, of the need to be aware of the changing needs of our Meetings as they grow in size and complexity.

The Clerk read from the report of London Yearly Meeting on the "right holding of Yearly Meeting" following which a gathered period of silence concluded the session.

August 16, 1965

The fourth session of Yearly Meeting opened with a period of worship at 10:30 a.m.

The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

**New England Yearly Meeting** (305th Session, June, 1965):

"We are reawakened to the world of need that lies outside and around our life of plenty. Even as we try to respond to the predicament of voiceless, helpless peoples who can be crushed by the impact of our present civilization, our young people remind us with chafing impatience that the world we hope for was overdue yesterday.

In all this we know God, not so much in the words we write and speak, nor even in the concerns that move us, but more in our moments of quiet, more in a certain gentleness that seems to envelop all of us here."

**Norway Yearly Meeting** (June, 1964):

"We have been powerfully reminded of the two main sources of our Christian life, silent worship before God and the tasks to which we are committed in fellowship. The value of our faith depends on how it is expressed in our lives. Loneliness in the midst of the crowd, lack of communion with others, is modern men's sickness. We cannot be indifferent to each other. We must seek, through worship and action, to enter into a deep fellowship. We must do away with all that divides us, and be in love, truth and simplicity one towards another."
Introductions of visiting Friends included:

Peter Sylvester, Hamilton Monthly Meeting of Canada Yearly Meeting.
Anton and Caroline Nelson of East Africa Yearly Meeting.
Bill and Rose Wordlow of New York Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of the first three sessions were read and approved as amended.

In response to the letter from Monteverde Friends Meeting, Costa Rica,
1965-4 Meeting instructed the Clerk to send a letter of greeting to accompany the 1965 Epistle.

The Clerk reviewed the composition and functions of the Executive and the Representative Committees preliminary to bringing forward actions by these bodies.

The following matters were reported to this Meeting:

**Bulletin Subscription Rate.** Representative Committee (1965-6) has endorsed the decision of the Bulletin Committee to increase the annual subscription from $2.50 to $3.00 for the Friends Bulletin due to increased printing costs. This action was interpreted as an expression of appreciation for the fine quality of the Bulletin in terms both of content and readability.

**Selection of Delegates to the Friends World Conference.** The plan proposed by the Nominating Committee for appointment of fifteen Pacific Yearly Meeting delegates to the 1967 Friends World Conference to be held at Guilford College, North Carolina, was approved by the Representative Committee (1965-14). The procedure calls for naming of delegates as follows:

One delegate each from New Mexico, Arizona, Mexico City, and Honolulu.

Two delegates each from the regional meetings of Pacific Northwest, Willamette, Northern California, and Southern California.

Three delegates to be named by Pacific Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee from the five Representatives to the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Appointments are to be reported to the 1966 Executive Committee for endorsement.
Nominating Procedures. Representative Committee (1965-16) has approved the recommendation that:

1. All officers and committee chairmen of Pacific Yearly Meeting shall be appointed subject to prior consent by the nominee.

2. Members of committees may be appointed subject to subsequent consent. Committee chairmen are responsible for notifying such members and ascertaining their intention to serve.

Travel Allowance Policy. The special committee named by the 1965 Executive Committee proposed a plan for a Travel Allowance Policy for Pacific Yearly Meeting representatives to various national meetings of affiliated Friends groups. After slight revisions Representative Committee (1965-24) approved the procedures. Following a presentation outlining the plan, 1965-5 Meeting approved in principle this policy. (See Attachment #1.)

Permanent Site Committee. A special Permanent Site Committee authorized by the 1964 Executive Committee and named by College Park Quarterly Meeting brought forward its recommendations which were approved by Representative Committee (1965-26), as follows:

a. Beginning in 1966, a three-year cycle of revolving the Yearly Meeting location between Oregon, Southern California, and Northern California will commence; it is hoped that contracts may be let at the same location every three years over a nine-year period (Oregon: 1966, 1969, 1972; Southern California: 1967, 1970, 1973; Northern California: 1968, 1971, 1974).

b. A standing Permanent Site Committee to be composed of three members named by College Park Quarterly Meeting (presently: Caroline Estes, chairman; Bob Barns, and Reg Paget); plus two members to be named by the Nominating Committee to be representative of the southern and northwest areas. This committee is directed to explore all the facets of locating a permanent site during the next nine years, with preference for Northern California. The committee is to bring progress reports to the Executive and/or Representative Committee from time to time as findings warrant.
Friends Schools Committee. Representative Committee considered proposals for a student loan fund to assist young Friends attending Friends schools and suggestions for a Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Friends Schools. It approved (1965-29): "the setting up of an ad hoc committee of five members to be named by the Nominating Committee with suitable representation from the Education Committee, to explore the following aspects:

a. What criteria or standards are useful in deciding when a school is rightfully designated a Friends school?

b. How can Yearly Meeting function most usefully to supplement what is being done by Monthly and Regional Meetings in relation to Friends schools?

c. What are the recommended patterns for providing scholarship and loan assistance?

d. Is Yearly Meeting ready to support a standing committee on Friends schools? What should be its functions?"

The committee is expected to report its findings to the 1966 Representative Committee.

Following a series of announcements, the Clerk called attention to the action of Representative Committee (1965-30) in its endorsement and commending to Monthly Meetings for their suitable action the concern of Prayer With President Johnson, His Advisors and Other World Leaders in the Vietnam Crisis. Margaret Simkin of Los Angeles Meeting expressed the nature of the concern which has been circulated by the La Jolla Meeting. The Meeting joined in a period of prayer and worship centered in this concern.

The session adjourned at 12:00 noon.
The fifth session of Yearly Meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with a period of worship. The Reader read from the Epistle of London Yearly Meeting (May, 1965):

"We have come to realize that through humble sincere questioning and listening we may open a door into the Kingdom, not only for ourselves but for fellow seekers from the world around us. By our willingness to learn from them, and by our questioning of us, we may at least begin to understand each other, even if that understanding sometimes only shows us more clearly where we differ.

We know that faith cannot be enforced, and Friends are fortunate in their freedom. The experimental approach is an essential element of the Quaker way... If we open our hearts to the grace of the Holy Spirit we need not fear deep waters. 'O daring joy, but safe! are they not all the seas of God?' (Walt Whitman)"

The Clerk read the letter to Pacific Yearly Meeting from the Clerk of Meeting for Sufferings, London Yearly Meeting, in response to our 1964 Epistle.

Minutes of the fourth session were read and approved.

Anna Brinton, in her own inimitable way, spoke of the work of the American Friends Service Committee which is approaching its 50th anniversary. The Committee operates on the maxim "if a suitable person becomes available," and this is especially applicable to the executive secretary, John Bell, who is preparing to retire. Retiring from the American Friends Service Committee, Anna Brinton reminded Friends, does not mean to stop; it only means becoming a volunteer again as in the beginning. New projects mentioned included those in Southeast Asia, the South of the United States, the overseas VISA program, and plans for a new Friends Center in Philadelphia.

Ferner Nuhn, chairman of the Discipline Committee, presented a copy of the newly published, revised 1965 Discipline. The committee over several years of intensive and diligent work now feels something like the proud parents who hopefully wonder how their offspring will work out. The chairman made special mention of the previous architects in the building of the Discipline: Phillip Wells, Eubanks Carsner, and Catherine Bruner, among others. The spirit of Howard and Anna Brinton was felt to infuse the substance of our "guide to practice." The first printing will total 3,000 copies, some half of which will be available for distribution at this Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meeting representatives were asked to consider their needed quantity and to arrange to purchase them at 75¢ each before the close of Yearly Meeting. Wanda Underhill, 3962 Bettencourt, Fremont, California, is the volunteer distributor from whom copies of the Discipline may be obtained.

Meeting received the 1965 Discipline and recommended its use this coming year, looking forward to its adoption in 1966.

Meeting expressed its heartfelt appreciation for the faithful service rendered by Ferner Nuhn in the completion of the work of preparing and publishing the revised and enlarged edition of our 1965 Discipline.
Reginald Price, chairman of the Friends-in-the-Orient Committee, presented Russell McArthur, who has just returned from East Asia as an appointed "Friend in the Orient." Special greetings were brought to Pacific Yearly Meeting from Singapore and Hong Kong Friends. Special mention was made of the work of Tom and Nan Elliott, English Friends in Singapore. Russell McArthur has been teaching in Singapore under the Colombo Plan for the past two years. During that time arrangements were made for our Friend to visit mainland China this summer. His report, therefore, was primarily devoted to impressions of that 23-day visit just completed before returning home to Canada and thence to attend Yearly Meeting.

Our Friend on a personalized tour as an electrical engineer visited Canton, Hangchow, Nanking, Shanghai, and Peking. Although hopeful of making contacts with Friends and other Christians of former acquaintance of Friends in the west, only one was possible in the form of a telephone conversation. Despite heavy propaganda, particularly against what is called American imperialism, it was reported that there is friendship expressed for the American people. Russell McArthur, as a Canadian, found nothing but friendly treatment as he traveled among the Chinese people and their officials.

His impressions covered a wide range of opportunity for observation, despite the limited time. His report mentioned such matters as food production, which is more hopeful; the more positive side of the work of the communes, especially the progress in control of water resources; the significant expansion of educational facilities and enrollment at all levels, and the pride in this achievement; the growth of industry under great handicaps, yet exhibiting great ingenuity; the obvious evidence of hard work, traditional with Chinese whether farmers or industrial workers; the often difficult but improving conditions of the people's livelihood in general.

Russell McArthur concluded his report on a hopeful note, for he felt that, despite the efforts of military propaganda and training, the traditional Chinese aversion to militarism seemed to remain very much a factor in the lack of a war-like spirit. He strongly urged Friends to explore ways of increasing personal contacts with the Chinese people by more intervisitation which was recognized as difficult but far from impossible.

Following brief announcements, which included notice of the availability for distribution of the Peace Committee's report and recommendation in preparation for deliberations at the sixth session, the session concluded with a short period of silence.
August 17, 1965

The sixth session of Yearly Meeting opened with a covered period of worship in which Friends were reminded of the challenge to match the amazing development of scientific achievements with commensurate development in spiritual achievement. The query was suggested whether our testimony of non-violence first witnessed to by the early Christians can be powerfully effective unless we too, like the early Church, are willing to consider possessions as a common trust in order to liberate Friends for prophetic witness.

The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

**Japan Yearly Meeting** (78th session, November, 1964):

"We realize Friends abroad are expecting Japanese Friends to initiate a positive action in regard to problems concerning Mainland China and Korea. We felt strongly that with the support of prayer by the Friends from other parts of the world, we must take a Quakerly step in this venture in the near future.

"The quotation" from the Jewish Talmud: 'You are not required to complete the task; neither are you permitted to lay it down,' ... had a special message for us. We realize that we should not seek completion but we must keep working till the end."

**Mid India Yearly Meeting** (October, 1964):

"We were warned from the Word of God 'I know all your ways; that though you have a name for being alive, you are dead. Wake up, and put some strength into what is left, which must otherwise die!

May God lead us to such spiritual fullness that we may be recognized the children of Light. Our Yearly Meeting sends this message of love to Friends everywhere."

In presenting Brother Xavier, Vice President of St. Mary's College, the Clerk expressed the gratitude of Yearly Meeting for the use of facilities of the campus. Brother Xavier warmly welcomed Friends as the first non-Roman Catholic conference to use these grounds. The invitation had been issued in the spirit of the beloved late Pope John. The Society of Christian Brothers, a lay order, has been in charge of the college since 1868. The Society conducts educational enterprises in some eighty countries. Announcement was made of the invitation to Friends to attend the Wednesday 7:00 a.m. mass, after which an opportunity would be provided to ask questions concerning its meaning and significance."
Introductions included welcoming the arrival of Richard Broughton of Victoria Meeting; and Eugene and Edna Ivash from Austin, Texas, of the South Central Yearly Meeting. Eugene is clerk of the Austin Meeting.

Minutes of the fifth session were read and approved.

Ben Seaver as acting chairman presented the minutes of recommendation from the Peace Committee. After some discussion over the minute concerning a Friends national peace effort, the matter was put over for clarification until the next session.

A recommendation of the Peace Committee, based on a minute forwarded from Marloma Meeting, proposed that letters from Pacific Yearly Meeting be sent to Senators Wayne Morse of Oregon and Ernest Gruening of Alaska, and to Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon, endorsing and commending their position in calling for a halt in the escalation of the war in Vietnam. Monthly Meetings and individual Friends were asked to consider similar letters being sent.

1965-8 Meeting approved this recommendation and instructed the Peace Committee to draw up suitable letters for the Clerk to sign and forward.

Ross Flanagan of Berkeley Meeting, spoke of the appreciation felt by New York Yearly Meeting for the cooperation and material assistance given by Pacific Yearly Meeting, along with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in the past year's program of rebuilding the burned churches in Mississippi. He outlined the concern and program, for which he is undertaking leadership responsibility, which New York Yearly Meeting is sponsoring having to do with practical application of non-violence in the everyday lives of Friends. The concern is to challenge Friends to become involved in facing the conditions and the spirit of violence which pervade so much of our community and national life. The program hopes to assist Friends find ways to respond creatively to encounters of violence and, if necessary, be prepared to place themselves literally between belligerents in a violent situation.

Following a period of announcements, the meeting concluded with a brief period of silence.
The seventh session began with a period of silence at 1:30 p.m.

The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

Lake Erie Association Yearly Meeting (2d session, August, 1964):

"How can a newly-formed Friends' body create a form to suit the conditions of our day? ... We have tried to simplify the Yearly Meeting structure and order of business so that most of our time together could be devoted to spiritual growth.

As we have thought of Friends elsewhere, we have felt afresh that the love of God is the first motion, and that all that we can create and do and become grows out of that motion of love. May it stir in all our meetings."


"Our Yearly Meeting has reaffirmed the historic position of Friends in opposing war, violence, and discrimination. We have been painfully aware how easy it is to affirm and how difficult to act.

Fully aware that we have this, our treasure, in earthen vessels, we can continue and say, with Paul, that we are afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not in despair. We are quietly joyful in our conviction that love can and will build bridges stronger and more lasting than any built by hands and in this mood we cheerfully send our loving and tender salutation to Friends throughout the world."

James Kimber of Berkeley, a member of California Yearly Meeting, was introduced and welcomed.

Francis Dart, as the Assistant Clerk, spoke of the evolving pattern of evaluating Yearly Meetings and directed attention to the challenge of our growth in attendance. This has presented a problem of personnel adequate to staff the children's program. Friends were asked to give thought to the need for sufficient volunteers or, lacking such, of the necessity of employing professional help.
The Clerk announced that letters of greeting were being circulated for the signature of interested Friends. The letters will then be mailed to Eubanks and Harriet Carsner of Riverside, and the Edwin Sanders family in Kenya.

The Peace Committee resumed its reporting, asking for approval of its minute concerning participation by Pacific Yearly Meeting in a nationally organized program to appeal for a peaceful solution of international conflict. Welcoming the initiative of the Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace, the Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committee felt, nevertheless, that such a national program "should be planned and carried out by and in the name of Friends Yearly Meetings."

(See Attachment #2.)

1965-9 Meeting endorsed the Peace Committee minute, as revised, approving participation in such an effort. The Nominating Committee was instructed to recommend a Pacific Yearly Meeting representative who is to consult, when appropriate, with an advisory group consisting of the Clerk, the chairman of the Peace Committee, and the chairman of Ministry and Oversight Committee.

The Peace Committee recommended the endorsement by Yearly Meeting of the minute of Mexico City Monthly Meeting concerning recent United States intervention in the Dominican Republic. After a reading of the minute (see Attachment #3):

1965-10 Meeting gave its endorsement and instructed the Clerk to write to President Johnson of this action which had been initiated by one of the constituent Monthly Meetings of this Yearly Meeting.

Due to the large increase in the number of young men seeking counsel concerning conscientious objection to military service and the consequent lack of adequate counseling resources, the Peace Committee recommended that Monthly and/or regional Meetings set up training sessions for counselors so that every Meeting will have at least one member equipped to give this service.

1965-11 Meeting approved and requested constituent Meetings to take appropriate steps to facilitate this recommendation.

College Park Quarterly Meeting has planned a Quaker Vigil at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratories in Livermore, California, August 19 and 20, 1965. Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committee has endorsed the Vigil and requested the co-sponsorship of Yearly Meeting.

1965-12 Meeting approved co-sponsorship of the Vigil.
Ben Seaver reviewed the Friend in Washington program for the past year, indicating that something over $2,000 had been contributed through Pacific Yearly Meeting channels—an increase over the previous year. He announced that Eugene Boardman of the Madison, Wisconsin Friends Meeting, has been appointed to serve in Washington for 1965-66. This Friend has scholarly competence on East Asian affairs and hopes to encourage the process of implementing measures set forth in "A New China Policy," published by the American Friends Service Committee.

Meeting approved giving its continued support for the Friend in Washington program, which in the last six years has added substantially to Friends legislative work in Washington while affording us a heightened sense of participation in that work.

The Peace Committee is authorized to solicit pledges and contributions for the coming year from Monthly Meetings and individual Friends so that the Friends Committee on National Legislation can with confidence actively promote support for the program in other Yearly Meetings.

The interim Peace Committee chairman indicated that plans are being made to include a bi-monthly report from the Friend in Washington this coming year. It was reported that only seventeen Monthly Meetings had sent representatives to the Yearly Meeting sponsored Friends Seminar on the United Nations this past June in San Francisco, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations. Monthly Meetings were urged to conduct educational programs on the importance and the significance of the United Nations as an instrumentality for the peaceful settlement of international conflicts.

Following announcements, the session concluded with a moment of silence.

August 18, 1965

The eighth session of Yearly Meeting was opened with a period of worship in which aspiration was expressed that Friends be liberated from the tyranny of time either past or future to be open in the moment of the now to love God with all our strength. The admonition was recalled: "Thou wouldst not seek Me had thou not already found Me."
The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

**East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends (August, 1964):**

"The theme 'Friends Witness To-Day and To-Morrow' has widened our outlook and extended our horizon. We have been reminded . . . when this witness began in our country some sixty years ago. This has challenged us to take stock of what God has enabled us to do, . . . to see what we ought to do as a Religious Society in the years that lie ahead.

The peace and challenges that have been brought with the achievement of independence of Kenya are evident, and we as a Christian body can not brush them aside."

**Australian Young Friends Annual Camp (January, 1964):**

"We realized how vague are our notions of God and even questioned His very existence. This we feel is in tune with the questioning spirit . . . The desire to return to fundamentals seems appropriate in our first year as a Yearly Meeting."

Dan and Rosalie Wilson of Providence Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, were warmly welcomed to our sessions.

The minutes of the sixth and seventh sessions were read and approved.

Don Keeler, Clerk of College-Age Young Friends, presented the following minute:

"College-Age Young Friends request that Yearly Meeting consider them as a continuing organized group within the Pacific Yearly Meeting to be known as Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends. Young Friends would have their own officers, representation to Executive Committee, have their income and expenses included in the Yearly Meeting budget, and send representatives to the national Young Friends conferences. Young Friends realize that their group has great fluctuation in its attendance at Yearly Meeting, but feel that a continuity of interest has developed and will continue in the foreseeable future. Therefore, this seems to be the proper time to be recognized as a continuing body within Pacific Yearly Meeting.

NOTE--Young Friends have spoken with high school Friends and both groups feel that the future use of the term "Young Friends" should be applied to college age and up to thirty years of age as is the practice in other Yearly Meetings. The junior and senior high school age groups will continue to be called Junior Yearly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting."
The meeting responded with enthusiasm to this initiative from our Young Friends. Several Friends expressed the hope that they would be encouraged to follow the same good order of procedures, especially pertaining to good record keeping, as a means to assuring the continuity of the group.

1965-14 Meeting heartily approved recognition of Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends as a continuing organized group within the Yearly Meeting.

Note was taken that in approving the use of the term Young Friends for the college-age up to thirty years, some changes will be necessary as we look forward to the next revision of the Discipline.

The clerk reminded Friends that as we advise Young Friends on good order, we might admonish our own standing committees to observe more care in keeping records and passing them on to succeeding members of their committees.

The reading clerk read the first draft of the 1965 Epistle which had been prepared by the Epistle Committee: Alice Shoemaker, Shirley Tweed, and Margaret Brooks. It was announced that the committee is available to receive suggestions and will hold an open meeting on the Epistle for interested Friends Wednesday afternoon.

Leonard Dart, chairman, presented the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee, reading the proposed names for Yearly Meeting officers and chairman of standing committees. Copies of the report were available for distribution at the rise of the meeting. Suggestions to the committee were welcomed, but it was urged that they be made by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon to facilitate preparing the final report.

As the acting chairman, Virginia Heck began the report from the Social Order Committee. Mention was made that the appointed chairman, Cecil Thomas, had not been able to serve to full capacity since he had been given the opportunity to help organize the significant China Conference held in Washington this past spring. Attention was drawn to published reports concerning the Burned Churches project in Mississippi and the Yearly Meeting Race Relations Conference held last December. Caroline Estes, as Pacific Yearly Meeting delegate to the National Friends Conference on Race Relations, is available to visit Monthly Meetings.

The Social Order Committee's first recommended minute read as follows:
"Responding to a minute concern of Orange Grove Meeting, brought by Mara Moser, the Social Order Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that Monthly Meetings make a serious evaluation of their physical and human resources with a view to establishing programs which would contribute to the solution of social problems in our communities."

Meeting endorsed this recommendation and urged Monthly Meetings to take appropriate action.

The second recommended minute was concerned with the response of Friends to the increasing eruption of violence in our cities. The ensuing discussion provided considerable exercise concerning the adequacy of the prepared statement as well as involving the meeting with the problem of how to find sufficient unity to proceed with decision taking. After prolonged discussion, the Clerks were unable to minute a consensus. The matter was therefore put over for further consideration to a specially called plenary session of Yearly Meeting, set for 3:15 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. If a substitute minute was desired by the Social Order Committee, they were instructed to bring one forward in mimeographed form at that time.

After the announcements, Meeting paused to seek God's leading, and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The specially called, adjourned eighth session convened at 3:15 p.m. with an opening period of worship.

The minutes of the eighth session were read and approved.

Following adjournment of the morning session, the Social Order Committee met and drafted an amended minute which was circulated to Friends in attendance. It read, in edited form:

"We are concerned with the violence that we have seen erupting in our cities and are aware of the violence that was there prior to the eruption. We are sensitive to the lack of communication between ourselves and people living in the ghettos, and deplore the unemployment and deprivation which in part causes them.

"We urge Monthly Meetings to continue to seek greater understanding by encouraging their individual members to be available to those communities with the help and guidance of the American Friends Service Committee and other appropriate agencies.

"We also urge Friends to seek to alleviate fears and tensions existing in the larger community which result from and contribute to social violence."
Meeting approved this minute with a reminder that it is not only "those" communities to which Friends address themselves, but also the neighborhoods and communities in which Friends themselves live where the seeds of fear, tension, and violence need to be uprooted.

A proposed letter was suggested by the Social Order Committee dealing with the immediate physical needs and suffering arising from the violence and destruction in the south-central area of Los Angeles. (See Attachment #1.)

Meeting approved sending a letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown and President Lyndon B. Johnson with copies to: Senators Thomas Kuchel and George Murphy; Representatives Augustus Hawkins and James Roosevelt; and Mayor Samuel Yorty. Friends were urged to take upon themselves ways to become creatively involved in community re-building and to relate this call for government action to the admonition in the above Yearly Meeting Minute (1965-16) addressed to Monthly Meetings and individual Friends.

The Clerk asked the indulgence of the meeting to read a devotional meditation that had occurred to him following the morning session:

Lift us above our human weaknesses of impatience with each other; of our frustration with our lack of quick solutions to social and political problems. So that we might say:

"Father, this is your day, the day you have made. Reveal to me the work of this day -- show me thy decisions, not mine. Let thy will alone be the motivating and activating principle of my life."

Help us come to terms with our corporate and individual feelings of guilt that we have not been able to find a way to transform our lives, so that we might help men find thee wherever they are and whatever they call thy name, -- then we may truly understand that

"The good of the village /Meeting; society/ depends upon the strength and energy with which each man in his heart wills what is good."

- Move us beyond words -- so that our action may be clear and wise.

- Let us not despair of mankind and surely not of each other.

- Open our hearts and minds so that we may know one another -- so that we may "hear" one another even though we do not understand or cannot speak the words.
- Give us a sense of perspective -- "I am with you always."

- Give us a sense of humility --
  God needs no instruction from us.
  "If you ask me I will give you water."

- Give us a sense of courage --
  help us take one-step-at-a-time
  and risk failure and defeat.

- Give us a sense of faith -- that there is an answer
  and that the search will make us free.

"Let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed.
Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what
is good, acceptable, and perfect."

Richard Broughton read a letter proposed by Canadian and other Friends
to be addressed to Prime Minister Lester Pearson of Canada on behalf of Yearly Meeting,
commanding his Government for their efforts toward making peace in Viet-
nam and urging them to continue such efforts. (See Attachment #5.)

1965-18 Meeting authorized the Clerk to send such a letter in
its name.

Mildred Burck, Yearly Meeting Statistical Secretary, gave a brief summary of
her annual report. (See Attachment #6.) The forty Monthly Meetings reported
a total of 1560 members as of June 1, 1965, which is an increase of 82 over
last year; 152 Friends of other Yearly Meetings were reported attending our
Meetings of which some 20 have sojourning letters; 650 regular attenders were
reported. There were 1150 children under care of our Meetings, 703 of which
are registered as junior members.

Following announcements which included the call for the trustees of Pacific
Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation to meet at the rise of meeting, the session
concluded with a brief time of quiet.
The ninth session met at 7:30 p.m. with an opening period of worship.

The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

**Illinois Yearly Meeting** of Friends General Conference (August, 1964):

"Charles Wright in his address, 'The Inner Life,' has spoken rightly indeed for us all: 'I have a problem with myself--my life against my death within me produces strange results . . . . I admit my condition and make it do . . . . We need a leaven of the soul, a rising of the spirit to bring mankind to elevated thought and universal opening within a unity of states.' The times cry out for John Woolmans. Who will answer the call? Can it be I, or you?"

**Ohio Yearly Meeting** (Barnesville, Ninth Month, 1964):

"We have been excited by a sense of the quickening of new spiritual life . . . . We have seen it in the faces of our own members as they return from traveling and meeting other Friends and as they tell with bursting enthusiasm of knowing and being known, deeply, in that which is eternal . . . . We see it opening in new possibilities for service, sharing and caring for each other . . . . We pray that it may continue to grow among us and among Friends everywhere to the glory of God and the manifestation of His Spirit which is love."

Introductions included Narayan Pillai of the Delhi, India, Friends Meeting, who will be at Pendle Hill this coming year. Four student Christian Brothers in residence on the St. Mary's campus were introduced.

The minutes of the adjourned eighth session were read and approved.
Ministry and Oversight Committee was in charge of the meeting of memorials of Friends who have passed from us this past year. These were:

- Berkeley Meeting: Joseph Conrad
- Claremont Meeting: Ruth Randall, Peg Gray
- Honolulu Meeting: Catherine Cox, Ann Yardley Satterthwaite
- La Jolla Meeting: Ruth Ingersoll Baily, Mildred Bunting Miller
- Palo Alto Meeting: Londa Fletcher
- Pima Meeting: Howard William Hintz
- San Francisco Meeting: Elizabeth Owen, Clara Brown, Herbert Harris
- University Meeting: Hilda Seligman

During a period of worshipful commemoration, Catherine Bruner read from the words of William Penn:

They that love beyond the World, cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can Spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle, the Root and Record of their Friendship.

Death is but Crossing the World, as Friends do the Seas; they live in one another still.
Howard Brinton spoke to us of the need for a balance between faith and works. He reminded Friends that our concern for the spiritual quality of our meetings for worship is nothing new, it has been evident among Friends everywhere and from the beginning of the Society. We must be willing to pay the price of liberty in our worship which is uncertainty as to results. We need to recapture the sense of mystery in religious experience. Friends need not reject forms, as such, but only empty and meaningless forms which have no power to evoke the Presence of God. The clue to the true worshipping community is what was discovered by the early Christians: "We have passed from death into life because we love the brethren."

Passing over from the spiritual emphasis to works, the Meeting turned to consideration of the 1965-66 Budget proposed by the Finance Committee. (See Attachment #7.) Chairman Paton Crouse in drawing attention to the annual Treasurer's Report, indicated that unless Friends had questions he felt the report was self-explanatory. (See Attachment #8.) He then, by use of helpful charts, pointed out the cost trends in various categories over the past few years and explained several of the items in the budget which called for substantial increases.

Special attention was given to the plan for financing the Yearly Meeting delegates to the 1967 Friends World Conference at Guilford. With a three-year F.W.C.C. travel cumulative reserve and a special budget provision of $525 over a two-year period, the total available for fifteen delegates would be $2,025.

Meeting approved the plan of subsidizing the delegates to the Guilford conference as follows: for the three F.W.C.C. representatives, $275 each; for the twelve regional representatives, $100 each.

Although Representative Committee had minuted its approval for the enlarged budget provision for conference travel to begin in 1966,

Meeting approved including the travel items in the 1965-66 budget.

With the understanding that the increase of over $3,000 for this coming year's budget would mean raising the per member quota to $7.00,

Meeting approved the 1965-66 budget as proposed and expressed gratitude for the useful service rendered by the members of the Finance Committee.

Due to the expected pressure of time tomorrow morning and with the only items of action being clearly taken in relation to the budget, Meeting approved in advance the minutes of the Recording Clerk for this ninth session.
Portions of letters to Pacific Yearly Meeting were read from Hugh Campbell-Brown in India, and Edwin Sanders in Kaimosi, Kenya.

The Clerk announced that traveling minutes had been issued during the past year for Hugh Campbell-Brown for his sojourn in India assisting in a medical hospital, and for Ferner Nuhn in connection with his trip among Friends along the East Coast. Neither of the minutes have as yet been returned for acknowledgement and filing; this will be an item of business for the new Clerk to complete.

Following a short time of silence, the session was adjourned.

August 19, 1965

The tenth session of this Yearly Meeting convened at 9:45 a.m. with a period of silence.

The Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles:

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, Lancaster, England (July, 1965):

"In the last fortnight of July, Young Friends from Denmark, Holland, East Africa, the United States of America and Britain met... A feeling of fellowship was built up through discussions, meetings and leisure activities, which was heightened by a common search for truth.

Some found it difficult to accept the traditional concept of an omnipotent God, and felt it easier to experience God in love and truth, letting our 'lives speak.' By basing them on these fundamentals we hope to grow to a fuller understanding of the nature of God."

Baltimore Yearly Meetings, Homewood and Stony Run (293rd session, August, 1964):

"Friends, as individuals and as a group, should feel a deeper commitment to be in the vanguard of sustained efforts toward reduction of tensions and reconciliation. This requires keeping continual contact with the Creative Center of all life. May we join with each other in seeking the divine-human encounter and a oneness in the working of God's purposes."

Mention was made of Judy Bruff, Whitleaf Meeting, attending the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage.
A Friend who had attended the early morning Mass at the college related that in the spontaneous responses within the service the following were sung:

For the people of Los Angeles  
Who are in conflict  
May they live in peace.

We pray for the Friends  
Who are our Brothers  
May God bless them.

Pat Stevens, newly appointed Clerk of Young Friends, gave the report of this newly recognized group within Yearly Meeting. (Copy attached to the file minutes.) Much significance was felt by the growth at this Yearly Meeting of the unity that led the group to organize more definitely and to ask for continuing status. Activities included a silent hike as an opportunity to explore silent communication, discussions with the Christian Brothers of St. Mary’s, Quaker dialogues, and a meeting with spokesmen for the Free Speech Movement at the University of California. Plans have been laid for a Christmas vacation silent retreat. Young Friends intend to participate more fully in the business and concerns of Yearly Meeting.

The nominations for new Junior Yearly Meeting officers, as listed in the Nominating Committee’s report, were accepted to be included with that report. Leyton Jump was introduced as the newly appointed Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting. The amended Nominating Committee report was presented by the chairman, Leonard Dart. A question was raised concerning the number of Representatives named to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, it being indicated that Yearly Meeting was invited to send three, not two as shown in the report.

1965-22 Meeting authorized the Nominating Committee, based on subsequent confirmation of this information, to appoint a third Representative. It further instructed the Discipline Committee to arrange, whenever possible, to eliminate from the Discipline reference to specific numbers of representatives to other Friends organizations, since these tend to change from time to time.

1965-23 Meeting approved the full report of the Nominating Committee. (See Attachment #9.)

1965-24 Meeting expressed its sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality of St. Mary’s College and instructed the Clerk to write the college officials of this feeling. The Clerk subsequently indicated that copies of the Epistles would be included with such a letter and that several copies of the 1965 Discipline would be given to the college library.
Announcements were made that this year's Minutes would be available in the afternoon for the Meeting Representatives to take with them. Friends were urged to obtain their copies in order to save the burden of mailing.

1965-25 Meeting expressed its gratitude to the outgoing clerks for their faithful service over the past years.

The Epistle of Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting was read by Joyce Victor, Clerk. (See Attachment #10.)

The Epistle of Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends was read by Don Keeler, Clerk. (See Attachment #11.)

1965-26 Meeting was moved by these epistles as speaking to the heart as well as the mind, and warmly approved their being included as part of the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

The 1965 Epistle of Pacific Yearly Meeting was read by the Reading Clerk. (See Attachment #12.)

1965-27 Meeting united in approving the issuance of this Epistle "To Friends Around the World." It was understood that all three Epistles would be sent together to other Yearly Meetings.

After a few minutes' intermission, Yearly Meeting gathered for the closing Meeting for Worship, in which we were joined by a number of our hosts, the Christian Brothers of St. Mary's College.

The nineteenth gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends adjourned with the reading of the Closing Minute:

We have been gathered together at our annual sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting where we have engaged in varying cycles of worship and work.

We have tested bitterness in the realization of our own inadequacy in our search for the will of God.

We have also been lifted to new heights of joy in moments of worship and fellowship together and in the loving demands we have made upon one another to grow new dimensions. The possibility of our growth has given us hope, and in the process of experiencing God, tension and inadequacy have been transformed into courage and love.

We now return to our homes, separated from each other by many miles but near to one another in our hearts and in our hope "that we may hear in faith and act in love."

We adjourn to re-convene in the month of August, 1966 in the Willamette Quarterly Meeting region.

--Edwin C. Horgenroth, Clerk

--Walt A. Raitt, Recording Clerk
SUGGESTED TRAVEL ALLOWANCE POLICY (as revised)

Tentative

In order for our representatives to various national meetings of affiliated Friends groups properly to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting, we suggest the following policy and procedure.

In determining this procedure, the following factors were considered:

1. The present status of the Yearly Meeting commitments to these groups.
2. Which group should assume the travel costs.
3. The amount of the travel cost per year.
4. Who authorizes the expenditures.

Plan A - For regularly occurring meetings to be included in the budget separately.

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Plan B - Irregularly occurring meetings to be paid from the Clerk's Travel Fund.

For representation to special non-scheduled meetings. Example:
First General Planning Session of FWCC

This plan may include other non-scheduled meetings where the Yearly Meeting has approved representation.

Young Friends - Representative to Young Friends of North America Conferences and other designated programs: e.g., High School to England.

Plan C - Budget for Standing Committees.

Their budgets should include travel allotments for regularly occurring meetings. Example: Social Order Committee, Friends National Committee on Race Relations (every two years).

Plan D - Special Meetings.

Example: Friends World Conference, 1967, Guilford, North Carolina. Funds should be raised through a special effort of the Yearly Meeting to aid our representatives to attend.

--Harold Carson, Chairman

* 1962 Minutes of Pacific Yearly Meeting, page 6, items 1, 2.
PEACE COMMITTEE MINUTE

In recent months the Government of the United States has shown itself increasingly ready to resort to violence to further what it conceives to be our national interest abroad. Friends have been shocked by the immorality of these policies and appalled by the inhumanity of the military actions carried out in our name. We have sought to express opposition by letters to the President of the United States, by lobbying, by vigils, and by participating in teach-ins and other educational programs. These acts have been short-term and piecemeal, and in no case have they represented a strong, clear, corporate witness of the Religious Society of Friends.

As Friends we are unhappy and frustrated at the inadequacy of our response. Only a nationally organized, continuous program with a central focus on Washington, but with supporting activities in local communities all over the country, could begin to match in importance the moral crisis in which we find ourselves. Only a program which includes the full range of activity from letter writing through lobbying to public witness and civil disobedience, giving every Friend an opportunity to involve himself as his conscience dictates, can satisfy the requirements of complete responsibility.

Pacific Yearly Meeting welcomes the initiative of the Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace in canvassing U.S. Yearly Meetings for their opinion on a proposed nationally organized program to appeal for the peaceful solution of international conflict.

However, at this time we do not want to be diverted by a review of our historic peace testimony, nor do we want our effort to be restricted only to the Vietnam crisis, but rather to express our general opposition to national resort to violence.

Also in order to reflect the corporate concern of the Religious Society of Friends and to involve ourselves directly, this national program should be planned and carried out by and in the name of Friends Yearly Meetings. Pacific Yearly Meeting stands ready to send a representative to a meeting of representatives of Yearly Meetings called for this purpose.
To President Johnson:

We are deeply concerned because of the events in the Dominican Republic and their grave consequences affecting relations between the United States and the whole of Latin America. Whenever a part of Latin America is occupied by the U.S. armed forces a current of strong resentment is felt throughout the region. It causes a serious drain on the reservoir of good will.

We feel that the Interamerican system has been struck a hard blow. Unilateral armed intervention in the affairs of the Dominican nation was a shock to the peoples of Latin America. Article 15 of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that no state or group of states has the right to intervene directly or indirectly, and whatever the motive may be, in the internal or external affairs of any other state. This principle of non-intervention excludes not only armed force, but also any other form of interference. With distress we view the armed intervention as a violation of this principle, so essential to mutual confidence and to peaceful international relations. Article 17 of the OAS Charter establishes that the territory of a state is inviolable. It cannot be the object of military occupation nor of other measures of force taken by another state, directly or indirectly, whatever may be the motive, even temporarily. We are deeply disturbed because violation of this principle may produce a harvest of continental consequences damaging to Interamerican understanding and friendship.

The possible recurrence of the creation elsewhere of a regional international armed force without Charter basis and without approval of United Nations is also a matter of concern. Were the Organization for African Unity, or the League of Arab States or other regional agencies to follow the OAS example, and each international armed force an authority unto itself, the peace not only of regions but of the world would be threatened, and growth towards an orderly world community ruled by world law dangerously impaired. We believe that international peace is indivisible and to maintain it a supreme authority is required. Members of United Nations "confer on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. . ." (U.N. Charter, Art. 24). Article 53 states: "The Security Council shall, where appropriate, utilize such regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority. But no enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without authorization of the Security Council . . ." We feel that a historic opportunity has been regrettably lost to strengthen United Nations through observance of these obligations.
Great harm has been done to the good name of our neighbor, the United States. Among informed and thinking people of Latin America its prestige has fallen very low. An editorial comment in a conservative daily in Mexico City states: "The present intervention of Johnson in the Dominican affair seems to have lowered the White House to the most difficult point of its prestige among the countries of Latin America." A number of experts on Latin America in the U.S. hold "that by acting 'unilaterally' and in violation of the OAS Charter, the U.S. irreparably damaged its standing in Latin America."

We are deeply disturbed because of the image made of the U.S. especially on the mind of young Latin Americans - an image inimical to the cultivation of sentiments of admiration and friendship.

Can disregard for legal and moral commitments to the two Charters, whatever the motives invoked, contribute to rule of law for a world community? Can moral leadership and world respect be maintained through a policy of intervention in another nation merely because in the judgment of the invading power that nation is in danger of having an "incompatible" government? Does not a role of "policeman of the world" require appointment and authorization by a world authority?

We experience a sentiment of human sympathy and grief because of the destruction of Dominican men, women and children through civil war and also for the twenty American young men whom intervention has thus far sent to their death and the hundred or more wounded on Latin American soil. With heavy hearts over what has happened we urge an end to fighting, withdrawal of foreign forces, reconciliation and the establishment by our Dominican brothers of institutions of social justice, non-violence and human progress.

And we further urge the setting up by the United Nations of a readily available group of civilian non-governmental experts to go on request of a country to its aid with their good services for conciliation, mediation, etc. When the Security Council considers it advisable it may offer the services of this group to the parties involved in political situations threatening to break out into violent conflict.
PROPOSED LETTER TO GOV. EDMUND G. BROWN AND TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Several hundred members of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gathered in Moraga, California, wish to convey to you our concern about the violence and destruction in the south-central area of Los Angeles and urge you to do your utmost to develop concrete programs to alleviate the immediate suffering and to prevent future outbreaks.

Some specific programs that might be developed would be:

1. A massive rehabilitation program which would include outright grants as well as loans to the small businesses and the homes that have been damaged and destroyed.

2. The training and employment of the unemployed in rebuilding their community.

We urge you to consider the value to those individuals who have been responsible for the destruction to be involved constructively in a program of this kind. This would give hope not only to the people in the affected area of Los Angeles but also to those in many other such communities throughout the state and the nation. In this manner government could be aiding those who have been victims of immediate violence at the same time helping to rehabilitate those who have been the victims of insidious and long-range deprivation and hopelessness which resulted in this eruption.
SUGGESTED LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER LESTER PEARSON

At Pacific Yearly Meeting, a Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers), with Monthly Meetings located in Mexico, the western states of the United States, including Hawaii and the Western Provinces of Canada, held this month in St. Mary's Catholic College, Moraga near San Francisco, a concern was voiced by those Canadian Friends attending that support should be expressed to you for policies leaving a way open for peace in Vietnam.

We believe that the Canadian government should offer nothing that will encourage the further enlargement or prolongation of this or any other war but should remain faithful to its tradition for peace making services including the maintenance of the International Control Commission for South East Asia.

We are convinced that any further contributions to the present war will only prolong it and embitter it; and we trust that Canada while preserving good neighborly relations with the United States will not under your government cease to further the prospect of an early end to the Vietnam conflict. We are endorsing this letter with the united support of Canadian, United States and Mexican Friends who feel that the best objectives of each nation would be served by a peace making policy of the Canadian government.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

1965

The 40 Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting reported a total of 1560 members on June 1, 1965. This indicates a growth of 82 members since the previous report. The Meetings have gained 75 members who requested membership, 68 members who transferred from other Meetings and 10 members who have been junior members. The losses were 14 by death, 37 by transfer, and 18 by release or withdrawal.

There are 162 Friends attending our Meetings who are members of other Meetings. Twenty of these are Sojourners. In addition, there are 650 attenders.

There are 1150 children under the care of our Meetings. 703 of these are junior members. Thirty-one Meetings have had First-Day Schools this past year.

In response to the inquiry about inactive members, the answers varied according to the age and size of the Meetings. The newest Meetings do not find this a problem but the other Meetings did report inactive members — some as many as a third of their membership. The total number is 330. In many Meetings the responsibility for maintaining contact with inactive Friends has been delegated to a committee or to individuals.

Thirty-four Meetings reported the regular reading of the queries. 27 Meetings had an organized program of study for adults. Several Meetings have included the use of dialogues. Subjects of study have been: the life and teaching of Jesus, Acts of the Apostles, Old Testament, Quaker history, Quaker personalities, the Discipline, Membership, mysticism, obstacles to the spiritual life, brotherhood and social action, social concerns related to cybernation, techniques of communication, civil rights and fair housing, and art, music and poetry.

The following books and pamphlets have been used: Contemporary Moral Issues ed. by Harry K. Girvertz, Creative Worship by Howard Brinton, Honest to God, Theology of Culture by Tillich, Witnesses to the Truth by Hamilton, The Christian Faith and Practice in the Experiences of the Society of Friends in Britain - London Yearly Meeting, 1960, Building Tomorrow by David S. Richie, Readings from World Religions by Champion and Short, Friends Face Reality by Loukes, Friends Testimonies in the Home by Boulding, Thou Dost Open up My Life by Jones, Spiritual Counsels and Letters of
Baron von Hugel, *Imitation of Christ*, and *Jesus, the Man, Mission and Message* by Milo Connick.

Public Meetings have been sponsored or co-sponsored with other groups. Speakers have been from our own Yearly Meeting, from the AFSC, and others, and there have been benefit meals, frugal meals, and fasts and memorials. Subjects of concern have been the Mississippi churches, Vietnam, Selma, shelters in India, race relations, SNCC, fair housing, So. Christian Leaders Conf., United Nations, So. Conf. education fund, FCNL, Human Rights, and James Reeb. One Meeting sponsored a High School Baccalaureate.

More than 100 members have participated in work camps or AFSC projects.

Meetings have joined with other groups in sponsoring Councils on Human Relations and in working on the abolition of capital punishment. Other projects have been: Peace Information Centers, sponsoring children in foreign countries, assistance for a local service group for jail families, children and adults sharing in folk singing, support for a school in India, retreat on "Quaker Simplicity," a truckload of chairs was sent to a Mississippi church, a regular family night in the homes of members, an all-silent period of worship for one-half hour before the regular Meeting for Worship, support for Friends Retirement Home, a Meeting each month to read and discuss the Queries, an all day silent retreat, a Christmas Eve gathering for singing carols, visiting prisoners, 5600 lbs. of paper packed and sent to the Congo through the AFSC for use by refugees from Angola, a family plan of Meeting for Worship, and a seminar on Ministry and Oversight.
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Conference Travel Expense

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- Friends World Committee for Consultation Reserve: $500
- American Friends Service Committee: $250
- Friends Committee on National Legislation: $250
- Friends United Meeting Reserve: $80
- Friends General Conference Reserve: $125

"Plan B" Irregular
- Miscellaneous Reserve: $500
- Guilford Conference Reserve: $250

Support of Friends Organizations
- Young Friends Committee of North America: $25
- Friends World Committee Including Race Relations: $350
- Friends World Committee United Nations: $100

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**: $8,255

1965 Minutes
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1964 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1965
(IN U.S.A. DOLLARS)

### OPERATING BUDGET:

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**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR NOTES AND FUND BALANCES.**
Footnotes to Preceding Report of Budget, Income and Disbursements:

1. Budget increased by Executive Committee from $8,145 to $8,255 to enable added Discipline Committee travel for revision drafting.

2. Total Friend in Orient disbursements - $1,223 of which $578 covered by current year contributions and $645 from those of prior years.

3. The Treasurer was authorized to receive and disburse contributions to Quaker Youth Pilgrimage for which one of our members was chosen for summer 1965.

4. $275 expended for representative to World Conference planning session and $100 reimbursed by F.W.C.C. for a net cost of $175 was charged to Clerk's Travel Fund. This item is for $500 appropriated to future use for representation at F.W.C.C. sessions, in line with 1964 session instructions to Finance Committee.

5. $201.80 expended for mimeographing 1965 Discipline working draft, less $52.60 received for Disciplines and Queries for a net cost of $149.20.

Fund Receipts, Disbursements, Transfers and Appropriations

JULY 1, 1964 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1965

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a. Friends Mississippi Churches reconstruction project balance.
b. Friends in the Orient Funds. Designated funds received in prior years - $1,285; expenditure in current year from such prior funds, $815; balance 6/30/65 - $140.
c. Deposit paid by 6/30/65 for August, 1965 Yearly Meeting Session facilities.
d. Race Relations Conference representatives' travel for prior year.
e. To establish reserve for future F.W.C.C. representative expense.

* Fund Balances represented in this total:
  Mississippi (Burned) Church Reconstruction $230
  Friend in the Orient Project $140
  Prepaid 1965-66 Session Expense 500
  F.W.C.C. travel funds 500

Total $1,670
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Presiding Clerk          Madge Seaver (San Francisco)
Assistant Clerk          Reginald Price (Sacramento)
Recording Clerk          Virginia Heck (Berkeley)
Reading Clerk            Jim Dewees (Phoenix)
Statistical Secretary    Mildred Burck (Corvallis)
Treasurer                Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION

Vern James, Convenor (Palo Alto) 1966
Herbert Jones (College Park) 1966
Paton Crouse (Eastside) 1967
Stephen Thiermann (Palo Alto) 1967
Francis Duveneck (Palo Alto) 1968
Charles Hornig (College Park) 1968
E. Kellogg Peckham (Orange Grove) 1968
Madge Seaver (San Francisco) Ex Officio
Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth) Ex Officio

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Catherine Bruner (Delta), Chairman 1967
Jane Webster (Pima) 1967
Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles) 1967
James Dewees (Phoenix) 1966
Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth) 1966
Crystalle Davis (Corvallis) 1967
Fernor Church (Santa Fe) 1967
Beatrice Crouse (Eastside) 1966
Hugh Campbell-Brown (Vancouver) 1966

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paton Crouse (Eastside), Chairman 1968
Roberta White (Santa Monica) 1966
Stephen Thiermann (Palo Alto) 1966
Frank Du Bois (University) 1967
Dorelen Bunting (Albuquerque) 1967
Otto Heck (Berkeley) 1968
Mildred Burck (Corvallis) Ex Officio
Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth) Ex Officio

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Harriet Schaffran (Berkeley) Chairman 1966
Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth) 1966
Clifford Maser (Corvallis) 1966
Jo Ann Martin (College Park) 1967
Esther Richards (Multnomah) 1967
Alura Dodd (University) 1967
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Gerri House (Orange Grove), Chairman
Barbara Fritts (Pima)
Bea Grossman (San Fernando)
Mary Warren (Whiteleaf)
Anna Cox (Whiteleaf)
Dorothy Newick (College Park)
Emma Martinez de Moreno (Mexico City)
Mary Welch (Delta)
Christine Toran (University)
Dorothy Pinney (Orange Grove)
Betty Israel (College Park)
Mary Etter (Eugene)

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Herbert Foster (Santa Cruz), Chairman
Jim Riddles (Delta)
Nelle Noble (Pima)
Phil Lenna (College Park)
John Affolter (Eastside)
John Ullman (La Jolla)
Gordon Healton (Sacramento)
Maury Gutkin (Pacific Ackworth)
Edwin Stephenson (Berkeley)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)
Richard Broughton (Victoria)
Miriam Swift (Santa Monica)
Henry Van Dyke (Corvallis)
Monette Thatcher (Eugene)
William Scott (Reno)
Robert Newick (College Park)
Rosemary Goodenough (Palo Alto)

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Caroline Estes (Berkeley), Chairman
Peter Guldbrandsen (Berkeley)
Vern James (Palo Alto)
Anna James (Monterey Peninsula)
Randolph Hutchins (Delta)
Margaret Lorenz (Vancouver)
Herbert Jones (College Park)
Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)

PEACE COMMITTEE

Stuart Innerst (La Jolla), Chairman
Chairman of regional Peace Committees and representatives of other areas to be chosen by the regions and areas.

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla), Chairman
Frances McAllister (Orange Grove)
Calvin and Grace Cope (Santa Cruz)
Ward and Alice Miles (University)
Francis and Alice Dart (Eugene)
Richard and June Manners (Pacific Ackworth)
Richard Broughton (Victoria)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Helen Bruner (Sacramento), Chairman
Madeleine Stephenson (Berkeley)
Alice Miles (University)
Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)
Jeannne Lohmann (San Francisco)
Clara Lack (Palo Alto)
Grace Lawrence (Corvallis)
Stephanie Ullman (La Jolla)
Marguerite Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
Liesel Skorpen (Reno)
Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
Ex Officio

Y.M. PERMANENT SITE COMMITTEE

Caroline Estes (Berkeley), Chairman
Reginald Paget (Grass Valley worship group)
Robert Barns (Berkeley)
Harry Bailey (San Fernando)
Edward Thatcher (Eugene)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Herbert Foster (Santa Cruz) March 1966
Virginia Heck (Berkeley)
Leonard Dart (Claremont)

Alternates:
Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
Hugh Campbell-Brown (Vancouver)

Clara Shaw (Tacoma) Chairman March 1967
Esther Dodson (Whiteleaf)
Isaiah Meyer (Sacramento)

Alternates:
Helen Stevenson (Argenta)
Paula Hurn (Phoenix)
Crystalle Davis (Corvallis) March 1968
Nina Dodd (University)
Scott Longnecker (Pacific Ackworth)

Alternates:
Robert McInnes (Davis)
Jane Webster (Pima)
YOUNG FRIENDS ADVISORS

Junior High: Anna Cox (Whitleaf)  
Harold Carson (Eastside)

Senior High: Foy Van Dolsen  
Martha Dart

FRATERNAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FRIENDS UNITED MEETING

Edwin Morgenroth (La Jolla)  
Ferner Nuhn (Claremont) Alternate

COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF BRINGING FRIENDS TOGETHER IN MEETINGS

Phillip Wells (Pacific-Ackworth) Chmn.  
Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla)  
Catherine Bruner (Delta)  
Herbert Foster (Santa Cruz)  
Monette Thatcher (Eugene)  
Lucille Byerly (Eugene)  
Harold Carson (Eastside)

AFSC REPRESENTATIVES

Pauline Straka (Palo Alto) 1966*  
Margaret Jump (Multnomah) 1966*  
Olive Goodykoontz (Phoenix) 1967*  
John Ullman (La Jolla) 1967*  
*Appointment runs to the close of the AFSC Corporation annual meeting for the year listed.

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

Reginald Price (Sacramento)

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN THE ORIENT

Floyd Schmoe (University), Chairman  
Russell McArthur (Calgary)  
David and Catherine Bruner (Delta)  
Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles)  
Reginald Price (Sacramento)  
Sang Dal Cha (Los Angeles)  
Parl Welch (Santa Monica)  
Arthur Currier (Palo Alto)

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS SCHOOLS

Edwin Morgenroth (La Jolla) Chairman  
Anna Cox (Whitleaf)  
Ann Rush (Argenta)  
Crystalle Davis (Corvallis)  
Madeleine Stephenson (Berkeley)

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CALLED MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF YEARLY MEETINGS ON PEACE CONCERNS

Ben Seaver (San Francisco)  
Phillip Drath (San Francisco) Alternate

FCNL REPRESENTATIVES

Frances McAllister (Orange Grove) 1966  
Margaret Brooks (Davis) 1967

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Rega Engelsberg (Orange Grove) 1966  
Virginia Heck (Berkeley) 1967  
Nina Dodd (University) 1968  
Charles Cooper (Santa Barbara) 1969  
Clifford Maser (Corvallis) 1970

YOUNG FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING

Presiding Clerk  Pat Stevens (Delta)
### PACIFIC JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

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Dear Friends -

We felt unable to write an epistle as such. This, instead, is a mixture of feelings extended on request by Young Friends.

Yearly Meeting is a rose of peace, hope in the midst of impossible realities of war.

It is like a fire. The first few meetings were cold and worthless coals with a few sparks trying to start a flame. The last days broadened, fire flamed. People joined the flame, broadening their thoughts. The crackles of the fire were the voices of the Friends singing, talking . . . caring in a moving way.

Yearly meeting is good, joyful, and sorrowful. Individuals and groups going from one to the other, and back again. Running from ourselves, yet finding ourselves. Where is the group. Was there ever a group (I don't like groups anyway)? Too many things to do at once. Hopping, bouncing from one to another. Not wanting to miss anything.

We're not progressing, we're changing. We are exclusive and selfish, yet, accepting.

Pacific Yearly Meeting was like a frustrating puzzle with pieces missing. The pieces are petals of a rose that was a poem all along.

Joyce Victor, Clerk
Cathy Cox, Recording Clerk
Epistle Committee:
Jack Wells
Tissa Eddy
David Katz
Jody Young
Evan Meyer
Theo Klaseen
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

We as Young Friends sought the freedom of spirit to transcend our inhibitions and to proffer a wealth of shared experiences and ideas. The value of participation in small groups was realized in a satisfying depth of communication. We were able to see ourselves in unity with nature and to understand the uniqueness of each other as individuals. A spontaneous exchange of feeling flowed verbally and through silence. We were concerned that words have varying connotations in the minds of our companions. Finding both differences and similarities enriched our understanding of each other.

Rapport with our Catholic Brothers at St. Mary's College surpassed all expectations. We spoke as individuals to individuals. Finding a reciprocation of thoughts in candid yet respectful discourse was a joy to those who participated. We felt that we reached that level of understanding which we constantly seek.

In addition to nurturing spiritual experience the Young Friends became a unified corporate body officially recognized within Pacific Yearly Meeting. With this recognition it became evident to Young Friends that this new freedom presupposes greater responsibility. The acceptance of this responsibility presents a formidable but challenging opportunity for the development of closer interdependence within the Yearly Meeting.

On Behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Young Friends

Don Keeler, Clerk
Epistle from the Nineteenth Session
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
St. Mary's College
Moraga, California
August 15 to 19, 1965

TO FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD:

Pacific Yearly Meeting convened for its nineteenth annual session at St. Mary's College, Moraga, California. We rejoiced in the cordiality of the Christian Brothers as they shared their cloistered campus and worship with us. We were reminded of George Fox's words to the Pope, "In the mystery of Godliness is the fellowship everlasting."

As we listened with appreciation to the reading of epistles from Yearly Meetings, we felt related to the historical continuity of Friends. Nurtured by our past and encouraged by the report from our Friend in the Orient, we reached out to the future in our expectation of further visitation to mainland China by Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends.

We celebrated the significant growth of new Meetings and worship groups, joyfully welcoming the organizing of Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends. We were glad for the vitality of our Junior Yearly Meeting. They, together with the younger children, made up half this year's attendance. Present with this joy was our sense of ineffectiveness as violence rises about us. We sought creative responses. We committed ourselves to an organized continuous program focused in Washington and implemented by Yearly and Monthly Meetings in a full range of peace-seeking activities from corporate prayer and letter writing to public witness, giving every Friend an opportunity to involve himself as he feels led.

Shocked by the catastrophic events which occurred in Los Angeles during Yearly Meeting, we recognized our responsibility to attempt reconciliation. We asked ourselves, how can we build the rooted community? Whence comes the regenerated spirit?

Lift us above frustration with our lack of quick solutions to social and political problems. Move us so that our actions may be clear and wise. Let us not despair of mankind and surely not of each other. May we be open always to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Edwin C. Morgenroth, Clerk
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