

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

1966

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

August 14-18, 1966

The twentieth annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends began Sunday, August 14, 1966, with a Meeting for Worship held at 2:00 p. m. in the chapel of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

In the gathering together for the Meeting for Worship, there was expression of joy at being reunited with Friends in the familiar and beautiful surroundings of this campus. Friends joined in remembrance of those not with us.

Yearly Meeting Session II

The Second session of Yearly Meeting convened at 4:00 p. m. with a short worship period.

The Clerk introduced Kenneth Holmes, a faculty member of Linfield College representing the President of the college, who welcomed the Yearly Meeting to the campus. Kenneth Holmes, who is a member of Salem Meeting, described the background of Linfield College and pointed out some of its outstanding features.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Swiss Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meetings and New York Yearly Meeting. The Baltimore Epistle counsels us:

"Let us remember the words of George Fox in a letter to his parents in 1652: 'Ye have no time but this present time: therefore, prize your time for your soul's sake.'"

The Clerk introduced visiting Friends: from East Africa Yearly Meeting, Kazie Kakai; Friends World Institute, Ann Taylor; Akio and Nobuko Watanabe, Tokyo Monthly Meeting; Winslow and Ruth Osborne, New England Yearly Meeting; Samuel and Clarissa Cooper, Mount Holly Monthly Meeting, New Jersey.

As the roll of Monthly Meetings was called, attenders from the following Meetings stood to be acknowledged:

Albuquerque	Davis	La Jolla	Palo Alto	Santa Fe
Argenta	Delta	Los Angeles	Pima	Tacoma
Berkeley	Eastside	Marloma	Reno	University
Calgary	Eugene	Mexico City	Sacramento	Vancouver
Claremont	Fresno	Monterey Peninsula	Salem	Whitleaf
College Park	Grass Valley	San Fernando	San Francisco	
Corvallis	Honolulu	Multnomah	Santa Barbara	
		Orange Grove	Santa Cruz	
		Pacific Ackworth		

Catherine Bruner, chairman of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, announced that Marguerite Wells, Betty Tillotsen and, hopefully, Grace Lawrence will comprise the Epistle Committee for this Yearly Meeting session.

Phillip Wells announced the arrangements concerning the worship-fellowship groups, and Howard Scott described the children's program.

The Clerk read a message from the American Friends Service Committee inviting Friends to visit its exhibit, procure a copy of the annual report, and participate in a planned interest group on Tuesday.

Ward Miles led the meeting in group singing before adjournment at 5 o'clock.

Yearly Meeting Session III

After a short period of worship, the minutes of Yearly Meeting sessions I and II were read and approved.

The Reading Clerk gave messages from the Epistles from East Africa Yearly Meeting, California Yearly Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting. California Yearly Meeting Friends write us:

"The problems we all face are too overwhelmingly complex to admit of easy solution, but we live in the faith that our Heavenly Father knows the way we should travel. Let us live constantly in the fullness of His love, seeking His direction in our work in His Name. Let us love one another in all things, not condemning each other when He seems to be leading us in contrary paths."

Doris Darnell, who is representing Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the American Friends Service Committee, was introduced by the Clerk.

Representatives of Worship Groups were asked to stand, since they had been omitted at the time of Meeting roll call. Worship Groups represented were:

John Day	Skagit Allowed Meeting
Portland	Vernon
Salt Lake City	Westwood Preparative Meeting

Catherine Bruner, chairman of Ministry and Oversight, opened the session on the State of the Society. She announced that copies of Monthly Meeting reports are available for reading.

Bob Barns was asked to describe the growth of the Grass Valley Friends Community and its development into a Monthly Meeting, which the Yearly Meeting is now recognizing. The Meeting consists of nine members, with an equal number of regular attenders. Most are teachers, those preparing to teach, or persons involved in some direct way with John Woolman School.

Catherine Bruner summarized the essence of the State of the Society reports. Meetings are composed of strong Friends, and abrasions resulting from their interaction are found everywhere. Much has been learned this year about getting along with one another. The need for deeper worship and vital ministry has been widely expressed, and all Meetings long for a spirit of community. Since the need for vital ministry is so widely felt, the Committee on Ministry and Oversight has set this as a theme for its open meeting on Tuesday afternoon. All Meetings are aware of the complexity of the problems of our young Friends, and the inadequacies adults feel in communicating with them. There is a real agonizing over Vietnam and what we do about it.

Hugh Campbell-Brown, in speaking of his experiences in India, said that many Indian people are coming to the same experience of Jesus Christ as George Fox when he said, "Christ has come to lead His people Himself." He noted a universal feeling of inadequacy and concern which "drives Friends to very adequate performance." Theology can be a barrier to understanding, but a study of the Gospels as they are can greatly benefit any Meeting.

Phillip Wells felt that we are looking for an encounter with God, but equally for an encounter with each other. Friends need the courage to see the world as it really is -- and search for the Light in our lives to overcome the evil we see.

Beatrice Crouse reminded us that, just as we have come to Yearly Meeting by different routes, we come to the Source by different pathways. It is important to share an account of how we have come to our various encounters with God.

There was general participation by Friends in the spirit of worship created by messages from members of Ministry and Oversight. Special concern was expressed for the development of communication between young and older Friends. Friends reported the use of Quaker Dialogues and silent retreats as a means of deepening creative listening and sensitivity to one another.

Following a short period of worship, the meeting closed at 9:30 p. m.

Yearly Meeting Session IV

Friends united in a period of worship at 10:00 a. m. after which the presiding Clerk introduced Yearly Meeting clerks by name.

Epistles from Canadian Yearly Meeting, France Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland were read by the Reading Clerk. Our Irish Friends write: "We share in the concern expressed in so many of your Epistles for the unrest, violence and cruelty in the world, and our involvement in the causes. This challenges us to probe to the root of violence in our own natures. Is our pride to blame for our failures with others? Does our lack of humility make us insensitive to our impact on them? When we look closely at 'them' we may find that they are really 'us' and, as an Irishman has said, 'Our enemies are our brothers from whom we are estranged.' "

The Minutes of Yearly Meeting Session III were read and accepted with the addition of Salt Lake City and Flagstaff to the list of Worship Groups.

The Clerk read the endorsements of the travel minute given Hugh Campbell-Brown for his visit in India. Four groups of Friends endorsed the minute, which will be placed in Yearly Meeting records. (✓)

Gerri House, chairman of the Education Committee, described its function and introduced members present. Lois Bailey reported for the committee that there is a concern among them to widen their area of work to include not only First Day and religious training in the home, but such persistent problem areas in the Quaker family as personal pacifism, family relations, use of drugs and sex. The interest group they have arranged for Monday afternoon is planned to encourage sharing of questions and answers in all these areas. It is hoped that Friends of all ages will want to participate.

Members of Ministry and Oversight reported that two Meetings are eager for fresh materials to use in high school age groups, and encourage the Education Committee to continue to provide this kind of service to Meetings.

Reginald Price, Assistant Clerk, brought recommendations on a variety of business matters from the Representative Committee. Approval was given by Yearly Meeting to the following:

- 1966-1 Meeting approved the appointment of Ellen Hubbe, Jeanne Etter and Jean Young as Junior Yearly Meeting advisers in place of appointees unable to serve.
- 1966-2 Meeting approved the appointment of Walt Raitt to serve on the Nominating Committee until 1968 in place of Crystalle Davis.
- 1966-3 Meeting approved Claremont Men's College as location of Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1967, with an urgent request for camping facilities or other low-cost housing. The date for the commencement of Yearly Meeting in 1967 should be late enough in August to enable representatives to the Friends World Conference to report to Yearly Meeting, - desirably at the same time as this year.

The Bulletin Committee shall proceed to find a new editor for the Bulletin as soon as possible, since Virginia Harris feels she must discontinue this service. The new editor would serve on an interim basis until approved by the Executive Committee.

1966-4 This procedure was approved by the Yearly Meeting.

1966-5 The Yearly Meeting authorized the Bulletin editor or chairman of the Bulletin Committee to withdraw funds from a checking account in a bank convenient to the editor. Signatories for withdrawal of other checking account funds may be the presiding Clerk, Treasurer, or chairman of Finance Committee. The same two provisions apply to savings accounts.

Yearly Meeting endorsed the proposal of Florida Avenue Monthly Meeting in Washington, D. C. to establish "William Penn House" near the Capitol, a center to be used for seminars, visitations, and a gathering place for Friends on national concerns.

1966-6 Yearly Meeting approved a donation of \$100 and requested the Nominating Committee to name a member to the Consultative Board of William Penn House. This appointment does not include a budget item for travel.

Yearly Meeting was notified of the appointment of a panel of resource people available for consultation by Junior Yearly Meeting for this session: Paul and Crystalle Davis, Phillip Wells, Hugh Campbell-Brown, Frances McAllister, Alan Strain and Don Dodd.

1966-7 The Friends Schools Committee shall be changed from an ad hoc to a standing committee, consisting of the active members of the ad hoc committee with the addition of others. They are asked to act in a consultative capacity for persons involved in Friends schools in the area of Pacific Yearly Meeting, on boards, in administration and in teaching, and to give consideration to an annual conference open to such persons.

The Meeting asked that the exact wording of the minute proposed regarding the Committee on New Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings be carried over, along with the remainder of the recommendations of the Representative Committee, to Session VII on Tuesday at 1:15 p. m.

Yearly Meeting Session V August 15, 1966, 7:30 p. m.

After an opening period of silence, the Reading Clerk read from Epistles of Illinois, Indiana, Japan and Lake Erie Association Yearly Meetings.

The Minutes of Session IV were approved.

Stuart Innerst, chairman of the Peace Committee, gave a brief report of the activities of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee during the year and introduced the program of the evening as a discussion of issues rather than a report meeting. The Peace Committee will have minutes to present on Tuesday.

Stuart Innerst introduced three Friends who have had recent experiences in Vietnam, India and Latin America, respectively. He commented that James Reston's reference to the American image abroad has implications in all these areas: "We are in trouble everywhere around the world because we do not see ourselves as others see us and we do not see others as they are."

Ted Merrill spoke of his participation in a Vietnam "People to People" medical program in a civilian provincial hospital. He described his two months' work as one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. Even though Americans' attempts to help in Vietnam bring about misunderstandings and difficulties, Ted Merrill concluded with the observation, "What made this experience seem most worthwhile was not so much the opportunity to provide needed medical service as the opportunity for Americans and Vietnamese to encounter each other as individual peoples, rather than as abstract and stereotyped concepts."

Hugh Campbell-Brown described the many frustrations he found in his four-month medical experience in a hospital in India and the conflict between advanced western scientific techniques and the Indian culture which is devoted to tradition. He concluded that westerners should follow the advice of an Indian who said, "Get out, go home and mind your

own business." Indians must solve many of their own basic problems, but sensitive, personalized assistance is still warmly received.

Ed Duckles, Who has worked for the American Friends Service Committee for twenty-one years in Mexico, Central and South America, warns Americans that the object of our aid should be to strengthen the institutions of Latin Americans, and to give the kind of aid that does not produce humiliation.

Gretchen Tuthill was asked to report on the progress of a China visitation project that has grown partly out of the report at last Yearly Meeting by Russell McArthur. Since the Chinese government is suspicious of pacifism, religious workers and any who seem close to political power, it seems best to pursue this undertaking apart from any organization. Yearly Meeting will continue to be informed of developments.

Stuart Innerst reported briefly on the Peace questionnaire sent to Monthly Meetings, about a third of whom responded. Activity has included: C. O. counseling, participation in local and national witnesses, ongoing vigils, the National United Nations-Washington Seminar, letters to and interviews with lawmakers and the press, and the gathering of medical and other relief supplies. John Stevenson of Argenta reported that the Canadian Friends Service Committee is ready to accept funds and medical supplies for the AFSC in South Vietnam, the National Liberation Front, and North Vietnam. He also mentioned the splendid summer program of Peace Education being carried on by Canadian Friends. A suggestion was made that our Yearly Meeting consider making a contribution to Vietnam relief through the Canadian Service Committee.

Joseph Kakai, a visiting East African Friend, encouraged us to be optimistic in our efforts at aid and reconciliation; we must have hope and remember that personal concern is the basis of Quaker sharing. A gift without love is meaningless.

Friends were informed that there is an urgent need for volunteers in the child care program.

A vigil for peace is planned for Wednesday noon near the dining hall.

Yearly Meeting Session VI August 16, 1966, 10:30 a.m.

Following a short worship period, the clerk introduced Morris and Evangeline Kimber, visitors with a Minute from California Yearly Meeting. Morris Kimber spoke of their visitation at Japan Yearly Meeting last year at the time of the writing of the Epistle which we have heard. The Kimbers were welcomed and endorsement of their Minute was approved.

The Reading Clerk announced that copies of the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings will be available for perusal in the dining hall.

Selections from the Epistles of Japan, Indiana, New Zealand and London Yearly Meetings were read. We are reminded in the message from London Yearly Meeting that "Quakerism was born out of experience, the experience of an individual steeped in the Christian tradition and knowledge of the Bible, who, in a moment of insight became aware of the inward nature of man's relationship with God. . . Our unity is

not based on conformity of expression, but on the reality of personal experience, in which we can recognize the differing aspects of one truth as we see it in the lives of individual men and women."

The minutes of Session V were read. Approval was given to all except the section reporting on the messages from the three scheduled speakers. Esther Richards will assist the Recording Clerk in revising and enlarging on this portion of the record.

Charles Cooper, one of the Yearly Meeting Friends World Committee members, described the history and purposes of the Friends World Committee and how it functions internationally, in the American Section, and in the Yearly Meeting. He reminded Friends that published materials useful to groups and individuals, are available through Monthly Meetings. He paid particular tribute to Rega Engelsberg, long a devoted worker in the World Committee, and her dream of a West Coast office to provide the unifying program services the World Committee offers.

Charles Cooper outlined the plans for the Friends World Conference to be held at Guilford College, July 25 through August 3, 1967, described some of the available materials prepared for advance study, and introduced the delegates appointed by Yearly Meeting. Questions following his presentation were answered by Yearly Meeting Friends World Committee Members, four of whom were present.

The meeting closed at 11:40 a. m. The next session will be at 1:15 this afternoon.

Yearly Meeting Session VII August 16, 1966, 1:15 p. m.

A short worship period was followed by reading from the Epistles of North Carolina (Friends United) Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Conservative Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Norway Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of the morning session, number VI were read and approved.

The Assistant Clerk, Reginald Price, continued the presentation of recommendations for action from the Representative Committee.

1966-8 Approval was given to the following minute: "It was approved that the Committee to Explore New Ways of Bringing Friends Together continue for another year with Monthly and Regional Meetings asked to review and prepare comments on the report for the committee."

1966-9 Approval was given the recommendation that Ruth Smith be asked to develop a three year Yearly Meeting program for children, including an adequate budget. The present budget allows \$200 for the first year. The proposed program shall be presented to the Executive Committee for final approval at its March, 1967 meeting. Ruth Smith asked for suggestions in writing to assist her in plans for this project.

1966-10 Approval was given to the nomination of two additional alternate delegates to the Friends World Conference: Josiah Russell and Sakiko Okubo.

Stuart Innerst, chairman of the Peace Committee brought the following statements representing concerns of the Peace Committee for approval:

- 1966-11 Pacific Yearly Meeting continues its support for the Friends in Washington program, and authorizes the Peace Committee to solicit pledges and contributions 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. Approved.
- 1966-12 Pacific Yearly Meeting encourages Monthly Meetings to consider the possibility of sending one or more members to Washington for a week to carry the concerns of the Meeting to members of Congress and other government leaders. Approved.
- 1966-13 Pacific Yearly Meeting encourages Monthly Meetings to give prayerful consideration to the issues raised by the war in Southeast Asia, and undertake the discipline of formulating a statement of conscience and plans for implementing it locally and as widely as possible. Approved.
- 1966-14 In order that young people be aware of the choices under Selective Service, Monthly Meetings are encouraged to initiate and support efforts to present in the schools and colleges full information regarding legal provisions for conscientious objection. Approved.
- 1966-15 STATEMENT ON TAXES (Attachment #9) was approved.

The Statement on Vietnam and other statements prepared by the Peace Committee will be considered at Session VIII, Wednesday, August 17.

Yearly Meeting gave its endorsement to the proposal of Florida Avenue Monthly Meeting in Washington D. C., to establish "William Penn House" near the Capitol. This center is to be used for seminars, visitations and a gathering place for Friends on national concerns.

1966-16 Yearly Meeting approved a donation of \$100 and requested the Nominating Committee to name a member to the Consultative Board of William Penn House. This appointment does not include a budget item for travel.

Richard Ernst was requested to put his expressed views on the Statement on Taxes in writing so that they would be available for distribution to those interested.

Herb Foster, chairman of the Social Order Committee, previewed the statements prepared by that committee for Yearly Meeting approval. Action was postponed until Session VIII.

The meeting closed at 3:00 p. m. after a period of silence.

Yearly Meeting Session VIII

August 17, 10:30 a. m.

After a brief worship period, the meeting was opened with the reading of the Epistle from Monteverde Monthly Meeting, Costa Rica. Quoting Rufus Jones, our Central American Friends write, "Eternal Lover of Thy children, bring us into Thy life.

Make us sharers of Thy love and transmitters of it. Help us to become serene and patient in the midst of our frustrations, but at the same time make us heroic adventurers, brave, gentle, tender, but without fear, and with radiant faces."

The minutes of Session VII were read approved with the addition of approval in advance of the appointment of an alternate delegate to the Friends World Conference from Mexico City.

Clara Shaw, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the first draft of the report of that committee. Friends were invited to communicate further suggestions at a meeting of the committee this afternoon. Robert Barns voiced the concern that too few young Friends' names appeared on the officer and committee lists, and asked the Nominating Committee to review their suggestions in this light. Support was voiced for Robert Barns' concern.

Stuart Innerst resumed the presentation of the statements of the Peace Committee. He called attention to the fact that suggestions to tax objectors appearing in the statement on taxes apply to citizens of the United States only.

The text of a night letter addressed to President Johnson, to be sent also to others selected by the Peace Committee, is as follows:

"Pacific Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends, in annual session, August 14-18, at McMinnville, Oregon, deeply deplores the escalation of war in Vietnam. We strongly urge cessation of bombing, North and South, phased withdrawal of U. S. troops looking toward negotiation with all parties, including National Liberation Front, and United States' complete acceptance of Vietnamese solution of their problems. Full statement follows."

1966-17 The Peace Committee's revised statement on Vietnam was distributed and discussed. With revisions suggested by the Meeting, the statement (attachment #10) was approved.

The Clerk introduced Edward Snyder of the staff of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Ed Snyder gave a brief resume of the beginnings of the Friend in Washington project, and Pacific Yearly Meeting's role in it. Stuart Innerst, Cecil Thomas and Ben and Madge Seaver of our Yearly Meeting served at different times as the Friend in Washington, doing outstanding work in the areas of civil rights, China policy, Vietnam, and support for the United Nations. The semi-annual report of the FCNL was made available to all Yearly Meeting attenders.

Edward Snyder noted that something more than letter writing is essential to influence Congressional representatives, and urged Friends to become more active in political and community matters, in order that their statements bear as much weight as possible.

Robert Vogel, of the Peace Section of the AFSC in Southern California, reminded the meeting of the Annual Travelling Seminar to take place next spring, and urged Monthly Meetings to encourage individuals to participate.

Following a brief period of silence, the meeting closed, to reconvene at 7:30 p. m.

Yearly Meeting Session IX

Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 p. m.

Following a period of silence, the Epistle from Denmark Yearly Meeting was read. They write, "We are grateful that the message of peace and understanding among men, which Quaker pioneers endeavored to spread, is shared today by people all over the world. Yet silence is still our original and most central message, through which we have fellowship with God. Out of silence grows fellowship. It is our responsibility that this fellowship becomes a living reality."

1966-18 Herbert Foster, chairman of the Social Order Committee, presented statements representing the concerns of that committee. The statements were endorsed by the Yearly Meeting and are included in these minutes (Attachment #11).

John Sullivan, of the AFSC staff in the Northwest region, presented the statement of a proposal to act in the Vietnam crisis (Attachment #12).

1966-19 This resolute and earnest statement was approved, with expressions of deep appreciation.

1966-20 Yearly Meeting approved a proposal that this body send a message of support to Governor Hatfield of Oregon in appreciation for his statement at the Governors' Conference in opposition to the Vietnam war.

The revised Statement on Vietnam by the Peace Committee (Attachment # 10) was read. A statement recommending to Monthly Meetings that gift packages of medical supplies be mailed to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for transmission to the Red Cross Societies (Attachment #13) was read.

Paton Crouse, chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced other members of the committee and presented the report of the Treasurer, Robert Young. Clarification on some points was made by Robert Young.

1966-21 The Meeting approved the report. (Attachment #2)

1966-22 The budget (Attachment #3) for the fiscal year July 1, 1966 to July 1, 1967, was approved after discussion. Friends expressed uncertainty about the purpose of the reserve fund and wished further discussion of its possible use for a permanent Yearly Meeting site. Instead of budgeting an item to assist the AFSC in its proposed expanded peace venture, it was the consensus that Friends be given an opportunity before the close of this Yearly Meeting to make substantial individual contributions for this purpose.

The Meeting gathered in loving memory of Friends who had died since we last met. Ministry and Oversight received memorial minutes from Meetings which were read by Fermor Church. Those remembered were:

Alice Steere Kirk
Stephanie Ullman
Sybil Weddle
Rega Engelsberg
Mildred Acord
Emily Strong Mills
Edna James
Ernst Paulsen
Winifred Beach
Rose Scott
Monica Brown Holliday
Olive Hoyt

Pima Meeting
La Jolla Meeting
La Jolla Meeting
Orange Grove Meeting
Claremont Meeting
College Park Meeting
Palo Alto Meeting
San Francisco Meeting
University Meeting
University Meeting
Vancouver Meeting
Claremont Meeting

Fresno Friends prepared a memorial minute for Howard and Patsy Washburn and their two daughters, Janet and Dana, who died in an automobile accident on Monday, August 16, 1966 in California. Howard Washburn was a valued staff member of the American Friends Service Committee in the self-help housing program in Visalia.

Following a memorial worship period, the meeting was closed at 10:00 p. m.

At the close of the Meeting, Friends who have been participating in choral singing presented selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah. "

Yearly Meeting Session X

Thursday, August 18, 9:45 a. m.

The meeting opened with a short period of silent worship.

It was announced that Friends may contribute to the support of the accelerated AFSC program in Vietnam.

1966-23 The Report of the Young Friends (Attachment # 8) was presented by their Clerk, Pat Stevens. It was accepted.

1966-24 The Epistle of the Young Friends (Attachment #6) was read by Helen Dart. It was accepted with enthusiasm and appreciation.

Leyton Jump expressed appreciation for the participation of other Young Friends in their Yearly Meeting activities. His expression was received with joy and deep gratitude. Friends spoke to the warm feeling of community existing among Friends of all ages in the Yearly Meeting, and the special contribution of Young Friends and Junior Friends, and those even younger.

1966-25 The Epistle was given its final reading by Betty Tillotson, and was approved. (Attachment #5)

1966-26 The final report of the Nominating Committee (Attachment #4) was read and approved.

The minutes of session IX were read and approved.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned until the final Meeting for Worship.

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

Faced by staggering tasks we are lonely but we have faith in the community of love. We worship and wait together on God.

We adjourn to re-convene August 13, 1967 at Claremont Men's College.

Madge T. Seaver
--Madge Seaver, Clerk
--Virginia Heck, Recording
Clerk
Virginia Heck

The forty-one Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting have reported a total of 1,635 members for June 1, 1966. In addition there were 144 other Friends attending our Meetings. Thirty-five of these were sojourning members. There were 1,272 children under the care of the Meetings. Eight hundred and one of these were junior members.

The increase in membership was due to ten junior members who became adult members, 77 transfers from other Meetings and 70 who joined by conviction. Losses were due to the death of 14 members, the transfer of 59 members and the withdrawal or release of 29 members.

Thirty-one Meetings had First Day Schools this past year and 33 reported the regular reading of the Queries. One hundred and twenty-five members have participated in AFSC work camps, projects or committees.

Ten Meetings reported the study of No Time But This Present. Five Meetings mentioned a study of Vietnam and four have used A New China Policy. Other studies have been on Quakerism, Queries, Advices, Quaker view of man, the peace testimony, American Indians, World's Great Religions, a series of statements by members on "What I Believe," drugs, handicaps, and uses of leisure.

Books and pamphlets that have been used are: Old Testament, Rufus Jones Speaks to Our Time, Friends for the Next 300 Years by James, A Guide to Faith and Practice by Rachel Cadbury, Building the Institution of Peace, by J. D. Wood, Preparation for Worship by Green, Readiness for Religion by Loukes, Journal of George Fox, Friends and Their Children by Loukes, and Current Trends in Our Economy: Their Implications for the AFSC Community Relations Program.

Twelve Meetings have sponsored or co-sponsored public meetings on Vietnam. Other public meetings were reported as the following: The UN, a Hiroshima vigil, peace, China, Selma, Alabama, FCL pancake breakfast, Stuart Innerst on the real meaning of Christmas, a peace seminar on a University campus, FCL meeting about legislators' activities, and one for those interested in becoming conscientious objectors. In addition, the Meetings sponsored a number of AFSC speakers.

Four Meetings reported Quaker Dialogues and four the writing of letters to government officials. Three reported participation in vigils, three a weekly vigil and prayer for peace in Vietnam, and three sponsored Peace Caravan visits. Other activities were reported as follows: CO counseling, Friends schools, student loan fund, AFSC sewing, annual frugal meal to raise money for food for Vietnam, Christmas tree with gifts of service for Meeting members, formation of a new AFSC program committee, meeting for parents of teenagers, entertainment of two Job Corps boys, book collection for Friends World College, cooperation in a UN Festival, entertainment of Peace Pilgrim, sacrificial meal for UNICEF, material aids sent to Seoul Meeting for their ex-leper colony, Christmas message sent to other churches of the area, Meeting retreat, nine tons of school supplies sent to Algeria, cloth picture scrap books sent to Venezuela, Meeting camp-outs, and four weddings.

PACIFIC YEARY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1965 THRU JUNE 30, 1966
 (In U. S. Dollars)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS</u> 7/1/65 - 6/30/66 <u>DETAIL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>BUDGET FOR THE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>AS REVISED (1.)</u>
BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Contributions from meetings		\$10,089	\$10,600
Contributions from Individuals - General	\$ 110		
Contributions for Visitation Com.	50		
Interest	434	594	450
Books & Literature - Receipts	<u>\$ 978</u>		
- Disbursements	<u>834</u>	144	175
Contributions for F. W. C. Travel		-0-	250
Transfer from Reserves and from 6/30/65 Balance:			
Young Friends - Collected	\$ 127		100
(College to Age 30) - Expanded	<u>100</u>	27	(100)
Other Items (1.)		-0-	275
Yearly Meeting Session - Net Collection	\$1,644		
Expended	<u>1,423</u>	221	(450)
NON-BUDGETED RECEIPTS:			
Friends in the Orient - Contributions	\$ 789		
-Net Returned from Prior Grant	655		
-To F.W.C. for Travel Fund	<u>(200)</u>	1,244	-0-
Quaker Youth Pilgrimage - Received	\$ 200		
- Expended	<u>200</u>	-0-	-0-
Totals		<u>\$12,319</u>	<u>\$11,300</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

BUDGETED ITEMS:			
Bulletin - Expenditures	\$4,448		
-Contributions Rec'd	<u>3,382</u>	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,400
Junior Yr. Mtg. - Expenditures	\$ 484		
- Contrib. Rec'd.	<u>352</u>	132	200
Travel - Reps., Officers, Chairmen		2,314	2,800
Clerk's Travel Fund		140	400
Expenses of Clerk Secretary, Treas.,		193	1,250
Insurance, Legal and Incorporation		150	250
Committees: Discipline		-0-	100
Education		44	500
Finance		7	10
History		-0-	150
Ministry and Oversight		641	800
Peace, Incl. Conf. Travel-Regular		335	335
Prior Year Budget Use (1.)		175	175

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	ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS 7/1/65 - 6/30/66 <u>DETAIL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR <u>AS REVISED (1.)</u>
Social Order, Incl. Race Rel.			
Conference		-0-	\$ 200
Visitation	\$	250	200
New Ways of Bringing Fr. Together(1.)		81	100
Conference Travel Expense:			
Plan "A" Regular:			
Friends World Com. for Consultation(Reserve)	500		500
A. F. S. C.	250		250
F. C. N. L. (Reserve)	250		250
Friends United Meeting(Reserve)	80		80
Friends General Conference	250		125
Plan "B" Irregular:			
Miscellaneous Reserve (Clerk's Travel Fund)	500		500
Guilford Conference Reserve	250		250
Support of Friends Organizations:			
Young Friends Com. of N. America	25		25
Friends World Com. (Incl. Race Rel. Conf.)	350		350
Friends World Com. (Program at U. N.)	100		100
NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE:			
Mississippi Burned Church Reconstruction:			
Project Expenditures	\$ 800		
Contributions Received	<u>650</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Totals		<u>\$ 8,313</u>	<u>\$ 11,300</u>

Note (1.)

The budget adopted at the 9th Session, 1965 was modified, in effect, at the 10th Session to recognize the existence and contemplated activity of the Young Friends (college, etc.); August Representative Committee authorized Peace Committee expenditure of \$175 of 1964-65 unused funds; and Executive Committee authorized travel expense for the "New Ways" committee, set up arbitrarily at \$100 in this report.

See next page for fund and bank balances.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - TREASURER'S REPORT 7/1/65 - 6/30/66 (Concluded)

<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>7/1/65</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u> <u>(Net)</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> <u>(Net)</u>	<u>TRANS-</u> <u>FERS</u>	<u>BAL-</u> <u>ANCE</u> <u>6/30/66</u>
General Funds	\$ 4,848	\$11,141	\$ 5,046	\$(3,248)	\$7,695
Bulletin Funds	191	3,382	4,448	1,143	268
"Reserve" (Savings) Funds	8,691	434	---	---	9,125
Prepaid 1965 Session Expense	500	---	500	---	---
Clerk's Travel Funds:					
Part A	---	---	140	275	135
Part B	---	---	---	500	500
F. W. C. C. Travel Funds	500	---	---	500	1,000
Guilford Conference Reserve	---	---	---	250	250
F. C. N. L. Travel Fund	---	---	---	250	250
Friends United Meeting Travel	---	---	---	80	80
Friends General Conf. Travel	---	---	250	250	---
Friends in the Orient	440	1,444	200	---	1,684
Mississippi Burned Church Reconstruction	230	650	880	---	---
Totals	<u>\$15,400</u>	<u>\$17,051</u>	<u>\$11,464</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$20,987</u>

Bank and Prepayment Balances:

General Checking Account	\$6,018	\$13,235	\$ 6,516	\$(2,018)	\$10,719
Bulletin Checking Account	191	3,382	4,448	1,143	268
Savings Account (Federal Savings & Loan)	8,691	434	---	---	9,125
Prepaid - Meeting Expense	500	---	500	---	---
Prepaid - Discipline Inventory	---	---	---	875	875
Totals	<u>\$15,400</u>	<u>\$17,051</u>	<u>\$11,464</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$20,987</u>

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 SUGGESTED 1966-67 BUDGET, AND COMPARISON WITH 1965-66. Attachment #3

<u>INCOME</u>	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>Budgeted Items:</u>	1965-66	1965-66	1966-67
Contributions from Meetings	\$10,600	\$10,089	\$11,025
Contributions from individuals, and interest	450	594	600
Books and literature (net)	175	144	150
Contributions for FWC travel	250	---	---
Young Friends (net)	---	27	---
Other items	275	---	---
<u>Non-Budgeted receipts:</u>			
Friends in the Orient (net)	---	1,244	---
From Reserve	---	---	345
TOTALS	\$11,750	\$12,098	\$12,120

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Budgeted Items:</u>			
Bulletin (net)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,600
Yearly Meeting session (net)	450	(221)	900
Young Friends (net)	---	---	100
Junior Yearly Meeting (net)	200	132	280
Travel: representatives, officers, chairmen	2,800	2,314	2,800
Clerk's travel fund	400	140	400
Expenses of Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer	1,250	193	600
Insurance, Legal and Incorporation	250	150	200
Committees: Discipline	100	---	100
Education	500	44	50
Finance	10	7	10
History	150	---	100
Ministry and Oversight	800	641	800
Peace, incl. Conference Travel, Regular	335	335	350
Prior Year Budget Usage	175	175	---
Social Order, incl. Race Relations Conf.	200	---	400
Visitation	200	250	200
New Ways of Bringing Friends Together	100	81	400
Friends Schools	---	---	250
Permanent Site	---	---	50
Conference Travel:			
Plan "A" Regular:			
Friends World Committee for Consultation	500	500	500
American Friends Service Committee	250	250	250
Friends Committee on National Legislation	250	250	250
Friends United Meeting	80	80	80
Friends General Conference	125	250	125
Plan "B" Irregular:			
Misc. Reserve (Clerk's Travel Fund)	500	500	500
Guilford Conference Reserve	250	250	250
Support of Friends Organizations:			
Young Friends Committee of North America	25	25	25
Friends World Comm. (incl. Race Relations Conf.)	350	350	350
Friends World Comm. (Program at U.N.)	100	100	100
William Pen House, Washington, D.C.	---	230	100
Non-Budgeted Expenditure: Mississippi Burned Church Reconstr.-(net)	---	---	---
TOTALS	\$11,750	\$ 8,092	\$12,120

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Presiding Clerk	Madge Seaver (San Francisco)
Assistant Clerk	Reginald Price (Sacramento)
Reading Clerk	Harlow Mills (Orange Grove)
Recording Clerk	Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth)
Statistical Secretary	Mildred Burck (Corvallis)
Treasurer	Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION

Vern James, President (Palo Alto)	1969
Herbert Jones, Vice President (College Park)	1969
Paton Crouse (Eastside)	1967
Stephen Thiermann (Palo Alto)	1967
Francis Duveneck (Palo Alto)	1967
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
Crystalle Davis (Corvallis)	1967
Fermor Church (Santa Fe)	1967
Hugh Campbell-Brown (Vancouver)	1968
James Goodwin (Marloma)	1968
Phil Wells (Pacific Ackworth)	1968
Beatrice Crouse (Eastside)	1968
Margaret Brooks (Davis)	1968
Ken Morgan (San Fernando)	1968

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paton Crouse (Eastside), Chairman	1968
Frank DuBois (University)	1967
Dorelen Bunting (Albuquerque)	1967
Otto Heck (Berkeley)	1968
Robert McInnes (Davis)	1969
Dan Blickenstaff (Berkeley)	1969
Mildred Burck (Corvallis)	Ex Officio
Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)	Ex Officio

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Esther Richards (Multnomah), Chairman	1967
JoAnn Martin (College Park)	1967
Alura Dodd (University)	1967
Edris Cooper (Santa Barbara)	1968
Clifford Maser (Corvallis)	1968
Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)	1968

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Gerri House (Orange Grove), Chairman
Lois Bailey (Southern Calif. Quarterly)
Clarence Lack (College Park Quarterly)
Christine Taran (Northwest Quarterly)
Mary Etter (Willamette Quarterly)
Barbara Fritts (Arizona Half Yearly)
Emma Martinez de Moreno (Mexico City)
Elizabeth Church (New Mexico Quarterly)
(Honolulu)

Betty Tillotson (Delta)
Mary Welch (Delta)

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

John Ullman (La Jolla), Chairman
Richard Broughton (Calgary)
Dorene Barnes (Grass Valley)
Maury Gutkin (Pacific Ackworth)
Herbert Foster (Fresno)
Barbara Elfbrandt (Pima)
William Scott (Reno)
Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)
Sandy Turner (Berkeley)
Emily Burns (Orange Grove)
Richard Derby (Sacramento)
Joan Pier
Rosemary Goodenough (Palo Alto)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)
Anne MacKinney (San Fernando)
Kenneth Holmes (Salem)

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Caroline Estes (Berkeley), Chairman
Peter Gulbrandsen (Berkeley)
Len Darling (University)
Vern James (Palo Alto)
Anna James (Monterey Peninsula)
Margaret Lorenz (Vancouver)
Herbert Jones (College Park)
Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)

PEACE COMMITTEE

Stuart Innerst (La Jolla), Chairman
Chairmen of regional Peace Committees and
representatives from Honolulu and Mexico
City. In addition, each of these will appoint
one additional member from the region.
(According to Minute 21 of Executive Commit-
tee, March 19, 1966.)

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla), Chairman
Francis and Alice Dart (Eugene)
Van Ernst (San Francisco)
Richard Ernst, Jr. (San Francisco)
James Estes (Berkeley)
Janet Jump (Multnomah)
Richard and June Manners (Pacific Ackworth)
Frances McAllister (Orange Grove)
Ward and Alice Miles (University)
David Miles (University)
Betty Parker (Orange Grove)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Edward Thatcher (Eugene), Chairman
Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
Alice Miles (University)
Shirley Tweed (La Jolla)
Richard Broughton (Calgary)
Annis Bleeke (Multnomah)
Grace Lawrence (Corvallis)
Jean Lohmann (San Francisco)
William Matchett (University)
Georgeanna Nuhn (Claremont)
Lisle Skorpen (Reno)
Alice Dart (Eugene) (Editor) Ex Officio
REPRESENTATIVE TO CALLED MEETING
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF YEARLY MEET-
INGS ON PEACE CONCERNS

Ben Seaver (San Francisco)

YEARLY MEETING PERMANENT SITE COM.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Alternates:

Helen Stevenson (Argenta)
Paula Hurn (Phoenix)

Walt Raitt (Delta) March 1968
Nina Dodd Lawrence (University)
Scott Longenecker (Pacific Ackworth)

Alternates:

Robert McInnes (Davis)
Jane Webster (Pima)

Anna James (Monterey Peninsula) Mar. 1969
Margaret Oettinger (Salem)
Charles Swift (Santa Monica)

Alternates:

John Ullman (La Jolla)
Alice Dart (Eugene)

AFSC REPRESENTATIVES

Olive Goodykoontz (Phoenix) 1967*
John Ullman (La Jolla) 1967*
Arnold True (Palo Alto) 1968*

*Appointment runs to the close
of the AFSC Corporation annual
meeting for the year listed.

FRIENDS WORLD COM. REPRESENTATIVES

Virginia Heck (Berkeley) 1967
Nina Dodd Lawrence (University) 1968
Charles Cooper (Santa Barbara) 1969
Clifford Maser (Corvallis) 1970
Hazel Legge (Vancouver) 1971

COM. ON FRIENDS IN THE ORIENT

Gretchen Tuthill (La Jolla), Chairman
Russell McArthur (Calgary)
David and Catherine Bruner (Delta)
Margaret Simkin (Los Angeles)
Sang Dal Cha (Los Angeles)
Reginald Price (Sacramento)
Arthur Currier (Palo Alto)
David Bassett (Hoholulu)

YOUNG FRIENDS OF NORTH AMERICA

Ralph Nussbaum (University)
Megan Mersman (Palo Alto)
Eleanor Dart (Eugene)

YOUNG FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING

Presiding Clerk: Helen Dart (Eugene)

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Presiding Clerk: Ken Lind (Berkeley)

JUNIOR HIGH

Presiding Clerk: Nina Leshan (La Jolla)

PENN HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

Floyd Schmoie (University)

FRIENDS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Helen Stevenson (Argenta) Chairman
Edwin Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
Olivia Davis (La Jolla)
Ann Hubbell (Santa Barbara)
William Scott (Reno)
Harold Carson (Eastside)
Anna Cox (Whitleaf)
Marjorie Wells (Orange Grove)
Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth)
Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)
Chloe Winans (Pacific Ackworth)
Paul Davis (Corvallis)
Alan Strain (Palo Alto)

FCNL REPRESENTATIVES

Margaret Brooks (Davis) 1967
Frances McAllister (Orange Grove) 1968

COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF BRINGING
FRIENDS TOGETHER IN MEETINGS

Phillip Wells (Pacific Ackworth) Chairman
Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla)
Catherine Bruner (Delta)
Herbert Foster (Fresno)
Monette Thatcher (Eugene)
Lucille Byerly (Eugene)
Harold Carson (Eastside)
Sue Hogenauer (University)
Judy Bruff (Whitleaf)

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

Kristina Bradwell (Berkeley)

FRATERNAL REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS UNITED MEETING

Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)
(Next Meeting in 1969)

YOUNG FRIENDS ADVISORS

(Jr.) Norman and Edna Illsley
" Foy and Libby Van Dolsen (Claremont)

(Sr.) William and Dorothy Procter (Palo Alto)
" Harold and Faith Carson (Eastside)

Epistle from the Twentieth Session
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Linfield College
McMinnville, Oregon
August 14 to 18, 1966

TO FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD:

Pacific Yearly Meeting sends warm and loving greetings.

Our Yearly Meeting in McMinnville, Oregon, this year has found peace and gladness in the midst of an awesome world of violent, conflicting forces. These forces impinge upon us especially here, for we must struggle to find understanding, to find adequate responses to the violence, to find ways to demonstrate the value of peaceful solutions. We must strive to sustain each other as we search. We treasure the bonds of kinship which link us in the knowledge that Friends everywhere are engaged with us in the same struggle.

We are particularly awed and shaken by the immensity of what is required of us. Confronted by the policy of violence which the United States government employs toward weaker nations, we are caught in the contradiction of being anguished and yet unable to extricate ourselves from our responsibility and involvement. We are part of the fabric of our society, and the sins of our governments are upon our shoulders. We fear that our mildly said "NO" is equivalent to acceptance. Though we are convinced of the relevance of our peace testimony and of the truth we speak, feelings of impotence and frustration too easily make us prisoners. We continue to look for imaginative ways to break through this dilemma.

Faced with such staggering tasks, we are lonely. We worship together and wait together on God. Yet ultimately each of us must choose his own response to the will of God as he is led to bear witness through his own life.

Perhaps this is why we sense in ourselves so strong an undercurrent of longing for real community. We yearn for openness to each other, for communication far beyond words. We hear over and over the phrase, "If people would only listen to each other." We have faith that such community of love and wonder can be built in our Meetings, and we are heartened by the sense of urgency impelling us. Even now, we can see that beginnings have been made, though time and patience and active cultivation are needed for them to develop. We have much to learn and many directions to explore. For this reason, we value our Quaker principle of distrusting facile answers.

In seeking growth in community, we are also aware of how easy it is to become engrossed in the ideal and so lose sight of what we have, what we are, what is now. We are part of the human family and want always to hold fast to that -- to feel both the joy and sadness which come with being human. It is essential that we learn to look at ourselves and each other and the present moment with "listening, struggling love."

We value our young Friends. Having them in our meetings has been a refreshing strength, stimulating and revealing both to them and to us. We have spent time in

discussing Quaker family relationships and have been grateful for the openness with which Friends of all ages have been able to share their insight and experience. We can see that barriers to communication, though real, are not insurmountable. The community of Friends we seek, young Friends seek too.

As a young Yearly Meeting, we have tried to preserve the implications of Friends traditions without being bound by the past. Perhaps in time we can all achieve the flexibility to accept new ways of seeing and doing. Having had Henry Cadbury with us here for this time has given us fresh strength to continue, seeking the spirit rather than adhering to the letter.

In loving fellowship.

Madge Seaver, Clerk

YOUNG FRIENDS EPISTLE
1966

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

In coming to Pacific Yearly Meeting, the Young Friends put themselves in a position to reach towards each other. In doing so we expose ourselves to both pain and joy. This is hard to do. One evening Foy Van Dolson, a special adult Friend, gave us an awareness of ourselves through creative games based on imagination. The next afternoon we went on a silent hike ending with Quaker Dialogues on a grassy hill. In the evening we discussed with several adult Friends the attitudes they have developed through their seeking.

Our silence has been at times a retreat from one another and at times a gathering. Perhaps we do glimpse more clearly what we have not yet done among ourselves or in our lives which lie beyond the few days we have shared together here.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Young Friends
Pat Stevens, Clerk

August 14th-18th, 1966
Linfield College McMinnville
Oregon

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Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle

To Friends Everywhere,

We as Junior Friends are searching.

Love is our bond with one another and the world. The free sharing of ideas led all to a better understanding of each other. Quaker Dialogues provided a bitter-sweet experience in self-revelation. Through the guidance of Henry Cadbury, Phil Wells, and Hank Maiden, we have been seeking together. We see hope and despair. We feel joy at being together and sadness at parting.

Dancing
 bare feet,
loving hands
 clasped,
happy faces
 trying to
 smile,
Sweet pounding
 guitars,
singing voices
 shouting attention

SILENCE.

the
 Warm sun.
 a
whistling bird.
What is there
 left
 of us
 when
Our thoughts
 are
 Our own.
Happiness from
the discovery
 of the
 Day?
No... sleep
 that
 we
 had forgotten
in the
 confusion
 of
 night.

On behalf of Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting.
Leyton Jump, Clerk

Report of 1966 Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends.

This year the Young Friends felt that the goals of such a spontaneous and flexible group would be impeded by further organization. This decision cut our business to a minimum and enabled us to spend more time both with the adults and as a group with a separate identity. Our activities as a group included volleyball, folk dancing, singing, meeting with Foy Van Dolsen, Henry Cadbury, Doris Darnell from the American Friends Service Committee, and Anne Taylor from the Friends World Institute. A high point in our growing together as a group was a silent hike in the hills to the Southwest of McMinnville, followed by Quaker Dialogues.

In our attempt to interact more freely with and be a more useful part of the adult Yearly Meeting, we tried to avoid scheduling activities conflicting with adult sessions of interest to us. Particularly successful was an evening of mutual searching with seven adults, examining reasons for belonging to the Society of Friends.

Eleanor Dart, Megan Mersman, Ralph Nussbaum and Eric Rumsey were chosen as representatives to Young Friends of North America. Helen Dart will be Clerk for next year's Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Young Friends

Pat Stevens, Clerk

Many Friends feel a growing conflict between their testimony for peace and the taxes they pay for war. Friends, individually and together, are encouraged to examine their own economic involvement in creating the conditions and institutions of both war and peace.

In the Discipline of Pacific Yearly Meeting (pp. 41, 42), "Friends are urged to consider carefully the implications of paying those taxes a major portion of which go for military purposes." An increasing number of Friends and like-minded people have been led by conscience to express their protest of such taxes in such ways as the following:

1. By a letter of protest included with their tax payment, in which the religious basis of their objection is explained.
2. By a letter of tax refusal in which the reasons for refusing to pay all or part of the tax are set forth.
3. By a formal request for return of taxes paid under protest, or of taxes and penalties which have been seized from the resources of tax refusers.
4. By bringing suit against the government for recovery of such taxes when such requests for return are denied. Technical information regarding this is available from the Peace Committee.
5. By refusing to pay the 7% telephone tax recently added to monthly telephone bills to help finance the budget deficit caused by Vietnam, and sending a letter explaining this action.
6. By refusing to file an income tax form and sending a letter of explanation.
7. By pledging not to buy automobiles and other items on which the increased excise tax for Vietnam is levied.
8. By lowering their income below the taxable level and informing the government that this is a protest against war taxes.

Whether or not Friends are moved to such acts of protest as these, they are urged to take all possible deductions when filing income tax returns. Such deductions not only reduce taxes paid for war, but make available additional money which can be invested in Friends' work for peace.

Believing that effective protest is grounded in the vision and enthusiasm of affirmation and positive action, some Meetings are assisting their members in sending a self-imposed tax of 1% of income each year to the United Nations. Individual Friends have been moved to contribute each month to the United Nations and the American Friends Service Committee a voluntary tax for peace equal to the amount they now pay in taxes used for military purposes.

While it is recognized that such acts of protest or affirmation are ultimately matters of individual conscience, Friends would encourage concerned individuals among them in their efforts to act in harmony with the light of conscience, and would support them in such acts as they are led by the Spirit to take. To this end meetings are urged to make information about possible courses of action available to concerned members and to counsel and assist those members seeking to act on their concerns about payment of war taxes.

STATEMENT ON VIETNAM BY THE PEACE COMMITTEE

We are aware that there is widespread anguish over the war in Vietnam, and that this anguish is shared by Americans, Vietnamese and men of other nations; by those who support the war, those who oppose it, and those who are undecided. We share that anguish with our fellow men, whatever position they may hold with regard to the war itself.

We believe that the United States government is profoundly mistaken in the course of action upon which it is currently embarked in Asia. It has violated many of the moral values which we have cherished. It has violated the U.S. Constitution, the U.N. Charter, the SEATO Treaty, and its own assurances regarding the 1954 Geneva accords; violations which have flouted not only those legal ordinances in themselves, but also whatever sense of security men were previously able to feel in the existence of those laws. And in so doing it has undermined the beginnings of the institutions of international order.

Furthermore, men can no longer safely rely on the truth of statements issued by the U.S. government. This impairs the basic trust essential to free democratic government. We cannot be sure of the real purpose of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia, and are led to wonder whether it seeks long-term domination in Asia. Are the domestic implications of this action merely one step in the control of the United States itself by an undemocratic minority? Even the right of dissent has been attacked by men in high places.

We are troubled by the automatic opposition of many Americans to social revolution in Asia and elsewhere, by the equally automatic identification of such revolution with Communism, and by the government's reliance upon violence to meet the challenge of Communism.

We recognize that many U.S. families depend for their livelihood on the defense industry. Many more are on the payroll of the military forces. We urge the changes within our national policy that will deliver men from the uneasy feelings of supporting and perpetuating the war system, and set them free to engage in peaceful pursuits.

American leaders have assured us, with each new escalation, that this particular measure is the one that will bring the situation under control. Each such step inevitably leads us closer to nuclear holocaust, with its peril to the very future of human society. Even short of such total human destruction, American violence in Asia creates a legacy of hatred toward our children on the part of other men.

We respect the personal courage of our young men and women, whatever individual course of action they choose for themselves in the current situation. We call upon our national leaders to act with the same degree of courage in making the difficult decisions which they face. We know, from other experiences, that American leaders are capable of bold vision and human sensitivity. We call upon them to act on their own past statements that war is no longer a morally or practically defensible instrument of national policy. In the spirit of love and truth, it is their actions that we condemn, and not the men themselves. At this critical point in human history, we call upon all men to turn toward the good, devoting their energy and resources in an international cooperative effort to develop Southeast Asia for the welfare of its people. Abandoning unilateral military action and broadening international cooperation for constructive purposes will go far to revitalize and strengthen existing international institutions and world order. The moral greatness of America will rise, rather than fall, if this military adventure is abandoned. We urge a departure from the ways of direct and indirect violence. We urge this upon the leaders of other countries as well as our own. We believe that violence on the part of one nation is in no way justified by the violence of another. But recognizing that our leaders should properly be responsive to us, let us summon them.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE REPORT

There is a tendency in people to think that things are all right, and to substitute this feeling for reality. Perhaps this is the tendency referred to in Meeting for Worship by Paul Davis. The reality of our world, however, is that we live in an age of unprecedented violence, and one which faces the prospect of increasing disorder. We live, in short, in a world in which several revolutions of the relations of man to his environment and to himself are transpiring at once -- revolutions which cause the political revolutions of the past fifty years to appear as relatively minor incidents within the context of the whole.

We live in a world in which change is now occurring with such force and rapidity that, as the New York Yearly Meeting Epistle noted, we scarcely perceive its direction.

In this context, the Social Order Committee believes that Pacific Yearly Meeting, as a major, organized body of Friends, should concern itself more seriously with a deliberate effort to bring the religious and social testimonies of the Society of Friends to bear on the problems of our desperately disturbed world social order.

The Society of Friends has intrinsic value which causes it to be a central part of our life, and, as is true of people from other persuasions, we are concerned to express our faith in personal life; these facts, however, are not inconsistent with a serious and sustained effort, as an organized body, to bring our religious and social principles into relationship with the overwhelming problems of a newly emerging world order.

With this statement as preface, we propose the following minutes and actions by Pacific Yearly Meeting:

(1) Proposed Minute of Concern on Population Control:

"Seeking further means of nurturing each man's dignity and cognizant of each man's divine potential, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes that uncontrolled and unplanned human reproduction is destructive, socially and personally.

"It is our belief that control of reproduction is a part of the orderliness of personal, family, and public life and that this is vital to individual emotional stability, to national well-being, and to international peace. Unrestrained human reproduction precludes stability, causes population pressures that result in wars, and can create homes so deficient materially that children are unwanted, rejected or, of necessity, deprived. We believe that limiting family size is the right and obligation of the parents and contributes to homes of love and acceptance.

"We commend the governments of Canada and the United States for their efforts to enhance and prolong life. We also recognize that extending life expectancy in an overpopulated world, in the absence of birth control, contributes significantly to further decline of living standards and to the disproportion of food resources to humanity, already crucially low in many parts of the world.

"Therefore, we urge the governments of Canada and the United States to continue demographic and other research, and to provide contraceptive measures, as well as medical and social counsel on birth control, in order to secure for mankind a favorable balance of population and natural resources."

It is proposed that the content of this minute be communicated to President Johnson, Prime Minister Pearson, the Senators of the Western States, and others within the U. S. and Canada agreed upon by the Social Order Committee.

(2) Proposed Minute of Concern on Failure of the United States to Ratify the Human Rights Conventions:

"Because we feel that the United States should be among the leaders of the United Nations in support and extension of human rights, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) urges the immediate ratification of the four Conventions on Human Rights presented to the Senate. These are (1) the Convention on Genocide; (2) the Convention on the Political Rights of Women; (3) the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery; and (4) the Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labor. We ask that the United States ratify these promptly."

It is proposed that the contents of this minute be communicated to President Johnson; Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Senators from Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Hawaii, Etc.

- (3) Authorize the Social Order Committee to encourage and aid regional Meetings to conduct conferences on the social order, with emphasis on economic organization and relationships. This proposal stems from a consideration of the 7th Query, which reads in part: "What are you doing to create a social and economic system which will so function as to sustain and enrich life for all?"

Such regional conferences will be followed, if feasible, by a Yearly Meeting conference on the social order under direct sponsorship of the Social Order Committee. Participation will not be limited to Friends.

- (4) Information item: Caroline Estes continues to attend the planning sessions for the Friends National Conference on Race Relations, which may decide to convene its 1969 conference on the west coast.
- (5) Budget: A budget of \$400 is requested, of which \$150 is earmarked for expenses of our delegate to the Conference on Race Relations.

Herb Foster, Chairman

STATEMENT BY JOHN SULLIVAN FOR AFSC INTEREST GROUP AT PACIFIC YRLY MTG.

The AFSC Interest Group which met yesterday asked me to prepare, in consultation with Ben Seaver, Allan Strain and Robert Vogel, a brief statement of information for Yearly Meeting. The American Friends Service Committee is currently considering some unprecedented action to respond to the terrible challenge of the war in Vietnam.

President Johnson has told reporters that he does not know and no one can say when the Vietnam fighting will end or how many men will be needed or how long we must persevere. The American people must know, he said, there will be no quick victory but the world must know that we will not quit.

The President and the Vietnam commander, General Westmoreland, have assented also that there is no indication that the resolve of the leaders in Hanoi has been reduced, but on the contrary the signs point to a continuance of their present pattern of conduct.

It is in recognition of this impasse that at the National Board of Directors of the AFSC last June 8, the Executive Secretary, Colin Bell, expressed deep and urgent concern. The Board named a special committee to meet and consult, and on July 19 that committee reported to a specially called meeting of the National Board. The committee had consulted leading personalities in Washington and left with the view that there is widespread conviction in Washington that the President is on something like a holy crusade from which he will not easily be deflected. The committee felt despairing about the value of any more appeals to the President. Rather, it felt that there must be a program which calls on us, not the President, for sacrifices. Many Board members responded with the view that words are important but actions are more important than words. They felt they should look into their own hearts and consider with their own families what they should do, even though it might lead to impairment of important family resources, but that was better than sitting idly by while the nation drifts into World War Three. They felt that they could sizably increase the new AFSC program in Vietnam. But they were reminded that sometimes it may be more truly sacrificial if we share our point of view across the fence with our neighbors or in our communities, rather than only to give money so that someone else can go to Vietnam.

The National Board and other parts of the Service Committee are now weighing what sacrificial financial effort they will ask themselves and other Friends to make as individuals. Corporately, they have already drawn sacrificially on funds set aside for the continuation and development of other program efforts. They are considering an affirmation of conscience on Vietnam and a greatly expanded and enlarged program of peace education and action here and abroad, and of service in Vietnam itself. They have already authorized the recruitment of new personnel and Doris Darnell is here looking for the right people to go to Vietnam. In the affirmation of conscience, Sept. 14, they may decide to call for U.S. military withdrawal from Vietnam since all sides in the war are trapped in intransigence, and prospects for a negotiated settlement have diminished. They feel that they must find the way to say that we must support young men who refuse war service in Vietnam, deny moral sanction to U.S. military intervention in Vietnam and encourage churches and other religious bodies to do the same, support those who refuse their skills as scientists, engineers and administrators

to produce instruments of death, encourage citizens and soldiers to consider whether there are moral grounds for them to resist policies or disobey orders that would require them to engage in what their consciences clearly have told them are wrong, assist those who conscientiously resort to civil disobedience on such things as payment of taxes for war purposes, and so on.

They may come to say that we need the help of Quakers everywhere and that we must give of ourselves and our substance in unprecedented ways and in a fashion that shows penitence for involvement in the war and the mass killing in Vietnam. They may propose to find the way to live more simply in the months ahead so as to free resources for the increased responsibilities we face.

The group asked me to say to Yearly Meeting that it is possible to alter one's way of life, to live more simply, to recognize that \$600 of every \$1,000 of income tax we pay supports war expenditures and \$200 of that supports the war in Vietnam. They wanted me to say that the time has come for us to look honestly at our own lives in the light of what is happening in Vietnam.

They wanted me to say that we may want to tithe or tax ourselves for peace and that if our situations are such that we cannot tithe or tax in money, we may be free to rearrange our lives so that we can tithe our time for working as volunteers.

PACKAGES TO VIETNAM

Recognizing the suffering that is existent in Vietnam, Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends to Monthly Meetings that gift packages of medical supplies be mailed to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for transmission to the Red Cross Societies of South Vietnam, North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front.

It is proposed that the Peace Committee be responsible for supplying detailed information to Monthly Meetings on how they can best cooperate in this undertaking.

We recognize that this will involve Monthly Meetings in testing certain Federal laws which forbid extending such relief to the enemy. This is particularly true of the more noticeable witness, such as sending parcels.

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