To Friends Everywhere:

Pacific Yearly Meeting, gathered in Forest Grove, Oregon, for the fifth meeting of its life as a Yearly Meeting in contrast to the hundreds of years of many of you, sends you a warm greeting.

To our great benefit Mexico City Meeting is represented for the first time among us, and we have been glad to welcome many visiting Friends from other Yearly Meetings. Young Friends, meeting with the older, have added to our gathering and speak through this epistle, too. Our thoughts have turned often to our meetings of the Pacific Rim not able to be with us or even to communicate with us, and especially, among other Yearly Meetings, to Japan Yearly Meeting whose moving epistle and request for response was read in our gathering.

Preparing as we are for the Friends World Conference, we are more than ever aware of the supranational character of our religious faith. We feel that we were rightly led in the ambitious reach of our Meeting organization around the Pacific Ocean. In this meeting, more than in others that we have held, we long for unity among Friends, and among races and nations that are in reality members of one race, the human race, and all equally children of God, however they approach Him. We have been reminded of our failures of ignorance, complacency and privilege, and we must face them in all humility. But we are called by God to affirm the unity of all mankind: the oneness of our need for bread, Asia's terrible need now calling to account our Western abundance; oneness of life, our common humanity; oneness of truth under the leadership of the Spirit of Christ; oneness of the beauty that refreshes us and reveals the depths of the Eternal.

We have searched again for the meaning of membership in the Society of Friends, both for ourselves and for the many seekers now coming to our meetings to find something they feel they lack. We find some of that meaning in the concepts of responsibility and communion. We feel increasing awareness of the responsibility of each for the life of the whole, for the education of our children, for political action and the social order, for the way in which we earn our living as well as for the spending of our income; so that, in the words of John Woolman, “to turn all that we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives.” We are reminded that ours has always been a religion of experience, not of assent to a statement. Through communion in the quiet meeting on the basis of spiritual inspiration we seek to know God and to know each other in that which is Eternal.

We reaffirm our living loyalty to the three-hundred-year-old peace testimony of Friends, but we must confess that in our business with many concerns we have not adequately voiced it. We feel the urgency of the crisis facing us today, as we see the country of most of us drifting into a war in which it may be the aggressor. We ask why it is that all efforts end in frustration. Intolerance of diversity and the too usual quantitative approach are part of the answer. We as a people must come to something qualitatively different, to an awareness of the Presence of God in the relations of human lives, involved as they are with all others.

In deep humility we recall John Wilhelm Rowntree’s prayer: “Thou, O Christ, convince us by Thy Spirit, thrill us with Thy Divine passion, drown our selfishness in Thy invading Love, lay on us the burden of the world’s suffering, drive us forth with the apostolic fervour of the early Church! So only can our message be delivered: ‘Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.’”
Minutes of Pacific Yearly Meeting and The Pacific Coast Association of Friends

_Held in Forest Grove, Oregon, August 16 to 19, 1951_

The fifth annual session of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends and the nineteenth session of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, convened at 7:45 p.m. at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, on Fifth Day, 8th Month 16th, 1951.

The meeting began with a period of worship. The Clerk spoke on the subject of communication, stressing the importance and necessity of the presence of the Interpreter, the Holy Spirit, with us in all our communication, in order that we might understand one another and thus resolve many of our difficulties.

All present were welcomed and delegates from the Monthly Meetings were asked to give brief reports on the state of the Society, and activities during the year, introducing those present from their respective Meetings.

Martha Vallance reported for Victoria, B. C.; Margaret Lorenz for Vancouver Meeting; Gertrude Shinn for University Meeting, Seattle; Lyra Dann for Willamette Valley Monthly Meeting, including Eugene, Corvallis, Portland and Salem groups; Hannah Erskine for Berkeley Meeting; Persis Marriage for San Francisco; Mary Hansen for Palo Alto; George Peterson for College Park Meeting of San Jose; Catherine Brunner for Stockton Meeting; Helen Stevenson for Tracy Meeting; Phillip Wells for Orange Grove Meeting, Pasadena; Edith Vail brought greetings from Villa Street Meeting in Pasadena.

Margaret Simkin, appointed Reading Clerk in the absence of Dorothy Lash, read a Minute from Croton Valley Monthly Meeting, Mount Kisco, N. Y., introducing E. Roberts Richie and his wife, Dorothy Richie. Roberts Richie brought greetings from the unprogrammed meeting of First Friends Church, Whittier, Calif.

Eubanks Cansner reported for Riverside and Redlands; Alice Miller for Friends House Meeting in Los Angeles; Arthur H. Binns for Tucson Meeting; Ruth Russell for Albuquerque Meeting; Brinton Turkle for Santa Fe Meeting.

Freda Way of Temple City and Jeanne Wolfram of San Francisco gave excellent reports of the Young Friends' conferences. David Line brought greetings and a brief report of the Missoula group.

A minute was read introducing Elizabeth and Isaac Hazard of Scipio Monthly Meeting, Parker Ridge, N. Y., and the Clerk welcomed them. Also a Minute of Service for John and Mildred Baldwin of Deer Trail Monthly Meeting of Nebraska Yearly Meeting was read, and they expressed pleasure for being with us.

The Clerk welcomed Harold Chance of the American Friends Service Committee; Loyde and Della Osburn of the Portland office of the A. F. S. C., Joseph and Charlotte Chamberlin of Forest Grove, Oregon; Karlin and Mary Capper-Johnson from England; Elizabeth Lantz of Purchase, N. Y., Meeting; Marie Gilstrap of Pullman, Washington, Meeting.

The reports were very encouraging, giving general evidence of growth: physically, in numbers of members, visitors to meeting for worship, the building of new meeting houses and other facilities; spiritually, in a marked desire to search for and to follow the Divine Will, reported in group study, in gifts of effort and money expended in the carrying out of many concerns with dependence upon the ever-loving and wise guidance of God's spirit.

After a silent benediction the meeting adjourned.

The Yearly Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Sixth Day, with a period of quiet worship, during which the Clerk spoke to us through the example of the Pharisee who, having gone into the Temple to pray, prayed: "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are!" We were reminded that we should be careful not to fall into such error. Although we do not use the same symbols which others use, nevertheless we use symbols. Jesus used symbols.

Héberto Sein of Mexico City Meeting was introduced and brought greetings in Spanish and a vivid report from his Meeting. In Mexico 150 volunteers have been building understanding on the people's level. Casa de los Amigos is now established as a Center in Mexico City.

The Reading Clerk read a travel Minute from Lansdowne, Pa., Meeting for Edith Reeves So- lenberger, who has a concern for closer fellowship with Western Friends, and is visiting extensively. Her message included a "prescription" for pacifism: There must be an essential unity of all Friends, although the organizational patterns may differ, and our Friendly message must speak to the condition of all kinds and groups of people.

The Clerk had received the returned Minutes issued to Winifred Rawlins in 1949 by Pacific Yearly Meeting. She had used it in Canada, England, Germany, and widely in the United States.

After the introduction of Harold Carson of the Seattle office of the American Friends Service Committee, excerpts from the following Epistles were read: Ireland, The Netherlands, three Yearly Meetings in Canada, Mid-India, Jamaica, Japan, France, Sweden and Australia.

After a subtle suggestion with a quotation
from the Journal of George Fox, that no one take more than his share of time, the Clerk opened the discussion on this morning’s theme: “What does it mean to belong to the Society of Friends?”

Robert Dann spoke for the Discipline Committee and the need for a definition of membership requirements. He first outlined the Discipline to date:

1. Statement of Basis of Faith
2. Historic Statement, including a brief history of the Society and fuller notes concerning the history of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends and Pacific Yearly Meeting.
3. The Meeting for Worship.
4. Membership.
5. Advice and Queries.
6. Organization.
7. Function and Procedure of Committees.

Many Friends contributed to the theme of what Membership means. Obviously only a few highlights can be touched in these minutes:

A test of membership could be an inward individual examination through the queries.

It is not synonymous with the Peace Testimony.

It should accept the goal of perfectionism: “Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,” and this should include the fellowship of all seekers of the Divine Spirit.

We should be members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Each member should not only work out his own creed but he must also attempt to live it.

Members should have faith without fear.

They should have a high moral purpose expressed through a true liberality and a love of all people.

They should be strict but not narrow.

Membership is to open oneself to God’s inflowing grace and to become even as He is.

It is four-fold:

1. A growing fellowship with God;
2. A complete commitment to Christ;
3. Knowing all men as brothers;
4. Overcoming violence with love.

We were reminded that Early Friends achieved this growing fellowship through three different types of meetings.

The Retired Meeting “held in the silence of all flesh.”

The Quiet Meeting “held on the basis of inspiration.”

The Threshing Meeting, where a prepared message was used.

Members should allow the Light to focus upon their experiences in order to receive guidance.

They should have freedom of worship and thought.

They must have a Unity of Spirit—not unity of name or pattern, but realizing that they all are in the stream of Christian tradition.

This unity of spirit is possible even in diversity of thought.

The last message seemed to sum up all of the contributions before. We saw the necessity of an experience of the reality of God’s presence, profound and intimate, inner and continuous in our lives. It must grow by means of the unlimited light given little by little as needed.

What we had talked about through the session—this unity of spirit, this quality of being, and the realization of God’s nearness and perfection, somehow ceased to be merely talked about and actually became a reality within us, and the session closed with a quiet and rich moment of deep communion.

The evening of the Sixth Day began at 8 o’clock with a period of quiet settling and worship. The morning’s minutes were read, corrected and approved. Freda Way announced a period of singing Seventh Day after the evening session; all were invited to participate.

The names of Catherine Brunner, Ruth Russell and Arthur H. Bims as the Epistle Committee were brought in by the Representative Committee and approved by the Meeting.

After this, the theme for this session: “What does it mean to belong to the World Conference of Friends?” was introduced.

Edwin Sanders of the World Conference Planning Committee read last year’s minute, specifying the duties of this committee, namely:

To assist in planning the Conference;
To arrange for regional conferences;
To select representatives to attend the 1952 World Conference.

The assistance in planning the Conference was largely by correspondence. The pattern plan of the meetings in Oxford is to be: 9:15 to 10:45, worship-fellowship groups (18 of these); 11:15 to 12:30, discussion groups on study material (18 of these); plenary sessions, evenings and perhaps afternoons.

Edwin Sanders then asked Floyd Schmoe to comment on our relations to the Pacific Rim. Floyd Schmoe expressed the concern of many Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends for a fuller participation in the fellowship of Friends around the Pacific and of finding ways of channeling this fellowship and concern into programs of reconstruction and reconciliation. He expressed the desire that in setting up mechanisms or in drawing circles of influence, such areas overlap in order that we may be bound together in a globe-enriching fellowship rather than be separated into geographic units.

Heberto Sein was asked to speak of what he hoped for the World Conference and his message gave us new spiritual light on the oneness and beauty of world fellowship.

He spoke of the personal experience of entering this country as an alien and having to supply the answers to a long immigration questionnaire—giving the information that his father was Mexican, his mother English and his wife French. He was then asked, “And to what race do you belong?” and he answered, “The human race.” But there was no place in the form for this.
He continued: Pacific Yearly Meeting is unique in that it is an international group but he would like to see all Friends denationalize and become world-minded. We should endeavor to put into the meaning of the word Quaker something which is supranational—ONENESS: a oneness of bread, a oneness of life, a oneness of truth, and a oneness of beauty—the beauty of oneness of Friends around the world, the beauty of silence, the beauty we see in one another, and the beauty of fellowship.

Harold Chance gave a short quotation appropriate to this message:

"Three things man must possess,
If he would live and know life's perfect good,
Three things would the all-supplying Father give.
Bread, beauty and brotherhood."

Edwin Sanders then suggested that Friends discuss findings which had grown out of the study of the World Conference booklet. Charles Coe suggested the use of pictures to increase a feeling of fellowship between members of our widely scattered Meetings.

George MacNichols voiced his concern that we be represented in the fellowship of the Pacific Rim Area. Robert Simkin pictured for us the role which he felt the Chinese and other Asiatic peoples are destined to play in future world affairs and we were reminded of our many mistakes in dealing with them and urged to give greater thoughts to our responsibilities in this area.

Karlin Capper-Johnson voiced appreciation for the opportunity of participation in Pacific Yearly Meeting. He wondered what might have happened had there been an Atlantic (Rim) Yearly Meeting as there is now a Pacific (Rim) Yearly Meeting. In his opinion the value of the World Conference would be in the speedy reception and assimilation of the experiences and findings of the Conference by all Friends rather than through some great message to be proclaimed. Ours should be a far wider and deeper ministry of reconciliation than that of any other pacifist organization. The whole problem of global politics challenges Friends. We have much to learn from others; we need humility; we need an adaptability; and we may be given the grace to see what is meant by Christian leadership today.

Eubanks Carsner suggested as one of the problems to be discussed at the Conference: How can the oneness of bread be achieved in an overpopulated world?

Edwin Sanders gave the report of the Committee on Delegates, pointing out the necessary limitation in numbers. It was decided to appoint four delegates, including one additional in hope that another opening might be forthcoming. Should there be no space for the fourth delegate, he would become the first alternate. Four alternates and three second alternates were named. The nominations were as follows:

Delegates: Heberto Sein
Vern James
Freda Way
Floyd Schmoe

(Freda Way has also been named the official delegate from Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends to the World Conference of Young Friends)

First alternates: Jane Baumann
Robert Vogel
William James
Eubanks Carsner

Second alternates: John Dorland
Robert Dam
Peggy Church

General approval was expressed of the selections of the committee and appreciation of the difficulty of the task which was assigned to them.

It was decided that any Friends visiting in England at the time of the Conference who have a Minute from their Monthly Meeting could also get an endorsement from the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Effie McAfee expressed a desire to send a loving greeting to Oregon Yearly Meeting now in session at Newberg. Such a message was approved.

Ellis Jump encouraged all to be aware of additional financial responsibility for the coming year and to be ready to assist as they can.

The Clerk announced that the Committee reports would be considered in the next session. The meeting closed with a period of worship.

The Seventh Day morning session opened with a period of worship in which we felt God's loving spirit with us. Epistles were received from the Five Years Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, New England Young Friends, Baltimore Young Friends, and Junior Friends Meeting, Baltimore (Homewood) Yearly Meeting, Indiana (Five Years) Meeting, Indiana (Conservative) Yearly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, North Carolina (Cedar Grove) Yearly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting, Illinois (General Conference) Yearly Meeting, Western Yearly Meeting, Ohio (Wilmington) Yearly Meeting, Ohio (Barnesville) Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia (General Conference) Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia (Arch Street) Yearly Meeting. Excerpts were read, and through these kindly messages we were drawn into a very close spiritual kinship with these physically distant Friends, and with the examining spirit of a loving and all-sufficient Father.

Virginia Leinau and her son, Harold, of the Corvallis Friends group, were introduced and welcomed.
It was questioned whether the recording of names of Friends along with their messages in the Minutes would detract from the gathered sense of the Meeting or would add personal interest to the records. The final decision was that the Recording Clerk should use her personal judgment in this matter.

The Clerk read from the pamphlet, "Trends in American and Canadian Quakerism, 1925-1950," the portion referring to Pacific Yearly Meeting. It was a well-written account of the history, organization, concerns and activities of our Yearly Meeting.

A travel Minute was read from Salt Lake City Meeting for Lincoln Ellison and family, who are spending a year in Australia. The Meeting happily approved the endorsement of this Minute. Orange Grove Meeting presented a Minute for Paul Johnson, who will be traveling in Europe and the Orient for the A.F.S.C., and also a Minute for Ruth Wendt, who is on her way to Germany. The Meeting approved the endorsement of both these Minutes.

A letter was read from Redlands Friends, applying for membership in Pacific Yearly Meeting as a regularly organized Monthly Meeting. Much discussion followed. Since Redlands Friends Meeting is a part of Riverside Monthly Meeting, situated within a radius of fourteen miles, the question arose how this separation would affect Riverside Monthly Meeting. However, it was felt that as Riverside had accepted Redlands’ request, it was right for the Yearly Meeting to accept it also.

Attention was called to previous Yearly Meeting Minutes, stating as the correct procedure the appointment of a Committee of Oversight for deciding on similar applications after careful consideration of all circumstances. The Clerk suggested the following Minute: Meetings wishing to become Monthly Meetings as well as members of Yearly Meeting, are advised to request the appointment of a Committee of Oversight for the purpose of investigating, counseling and reporting to the Yearly Meeting. In closing the subject, it was pointed out that in other areas the traditional function of Quarterly Meetings assumed the authority to set up Monthly Meetings and thus the process of admission was simplified.

The next item was a questionnaire presented by Margaret Simkin, regarding the Peace Testimony, and we were asked to fill it in as a means of thoughtful self-examination and to be used for a consensus of peace opinion.

Robert Simkin gave the Treasurer’s report as follows:

Receipts:
Balance from last year $151.49
Contributions from individuals 133.00
Contributions from Monthly Meetings 1539.84
Bulletin subscriptions 948.31

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This report was approved. Robert Vogel expressed deep appreciation for the faithful services of the Treasurer, reported a correct audit of the accounts, and suggested that the balance in the treasury, $179.81, be put in the Oxford Travel Fund as part of the $250 budgeted for that fund last year. This was agreed to.

The report of the Budget Committee was brought in by Vern James. After slight changes, it was approved as follows:

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Special Budget Committee: Vern James, Ben Darling, Robert Dann, Robert Vogel, Phillip Wells

It was decided that the Budget Committee should meet with the World Conference delegates to work out an estimate of the amount needed for the traveling fund.

The report of the Bulletin Committee was made by Phillip Wells. Ten issues of about 1150 copies each were published at a total cost of $2584.59. Subscriptions raised amounted to $956.35. The Committee feels that the Bulletin has played an important part in the development of the Yearly Meeting and is grateful to Edwin Sanders, who has been a capable editor. They recommend that ten issues again be published this year at a subscription of "at least a dollar," requiring a budget of

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$2400.00 total
Edwin Sanders will not be available as editor. In the discussion, following the report, some felt that the expense of the Bulletin was out of proportion to the total budget. Robert Dann helped clarify our vision by reminding us that we did not have a complete picture of funds expended for the many concerns of the Monthly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting. If we had such, the Budget would not seem out of balance. Margarete Coe suggested that the recommendation be carried back to the Monthly Meetings that they be responsible through their Library Committee or other committees for the use of extra copies of the Bulletin in stimulating interest towards new subscribers and thus increase contributions. This suggestion was happily received and agreed upon.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

The Seventh Day evening session opened with a short period of worship. Arthur Harris and Marita Johnson Harris of Seattle were introduced. Although not a member, Marita Harris had lived at the Friends Center and was a member of the Houses for Hiroshima work camp in Japan last year.

A letter of greeting and report of the Honolulu Meeting was read and also a letter from Gilbert Bowles giving an account of their happy visit to Japan, and recording his feelings that this visitation was in some measure carrying out his responsibility as a member of the Pacific Rim Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

The Houses for Hiroshima report was given by Floyd Schmoe. To date more than $22,000 has been contributed, twelve Americans have gone to Japan, and twenty-one houses have been built as a practical result of the concern to build international friendship and understanding.

A letter endorsed by University Monthly Meeting was read; it asked the Yearly Meeting for financial aid with a problem which has arisen out of the Houses for Hiroshima project. Floyd Schmoe felt there was a definite need for a social worker, caring for the families of working widowed mothers who occupy the houses in these “peace villages” within completely destroyed areas. As funds are not available for this purpose from the contributions to Houses for Hiroshima, it was suggested that the Yearly Meeting contribute towards the $50 a month needed for one worker in Hiroshima and another in Nagasaki. In the following discussion Francis Dart expressed the feeling that in our longing to take part in the suffering and reconstruction, we should be careful not to get involved in any project that might turn out to be competitive or divisive. Another Friend felt that much may be lost in the life of a concern when assumed by an organization. After many expressions of willingness to share but uncertainty as to the best way of doing it, the following Minute was approved: The concern expressed through Floyd Schmoe with the endorsement of University Meeting has been listened to and we feel sympathetic in sharing in it by encouraging University Meeting to solicit funds through a canvass of the Monthly Meetings of the Yearly Meeting — the Clerk to inform the Monthly Meetings of this decision.

Another concern, also endorsed by University Monthly Meeting for aiding with reconstruction work in Korea at the first opportunity, was read. Considering the vast need, it was felt that the idea should be explored by larger organizations, and for that reason it was brought to the Yearly Meeting for approval and advice about approaching the A.F.S.C. in this respect. The Yearly Meeting approved.

A Minute was read, desiring Yearly Meeting representation on the Pacific Area Committee of the World Committee for Consultation, in order that the Yearly Meeting interest in the problems of the Pacific area might be aided in its search for ways and means of strengthening the Quaker fellowship that holds us close together, although widely scattered around the rim of the Pacific Ocean, and also find ways of channeling this fellowship and this concern into programs of reconstruction and reconciliation. After considerable discussion, the following Minute was approved: The Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends is asking our delegates to the Oxford meetings to bring this message: We have a particular desire to share in the sufferings and problems of the people of the Pacific Rim and we are asking that you permit us to do this.

Vern James reported for the Budget Committee on the World Conference travel expenses. They felt that the Yearly Meeting should set a goal of $1,500, which is about one-half the travel expense of four delegates. It was the desire of the Committee that no one should feel obligated to contribute who felt unable to do so. With that in mind, this portion of the report was approved. Robert Vogel then explained plans for raising these funds. He reminded us that $179.81 was already in the treasury towards that goal. He felt we should consider that these delegates were really ourselves and that they go with the backing and support of ourselves. He made an appeal that we indicate at this season how much we might be willing to contribute. Slips of paper were distributed and some felt objection to this procedure. After restatement of the Committee’s desire to put no pressure upon any one, contributions and subscriptions of those who wished to give immediately, were collected.

The Clerk welcomed Vera York and Esther Woodward, visitors from Oregon Yearly Meeting.
Ellis Jump reported figures on attendance. There were 171 registered attenders; 47 were camping at the Thornburgs; about 50 children were present. The Hospitality Committee would like to have Friends indicate whether or not they prefer this type of Yearly Meeting hospitality. It was interesting to know that every reservation had shown up.

Announcement was made of a nature walk to be led by Floyd Schmoe after breakfast next day, when the great variety of trees on the campus would be studied.

All were invited for a period of singing after the business session.

There was a short report of the Education Committee regarding helpful Sunday School material available through the A.F.S.C.

Roberts Richie spoke of how much he had enjoyed the sessions and his hope of becoming a member of Pacific Yearly Meeting as well as retaining membership in his home Meeting. He suggested that as we grow we may soon find it expedient to adopt the plan of having Monthly Meetings report to Quarterly Meetings, and they to Yearly Meeting, to simplify reporting.

The meeting was adjourned.

The final session on First Day began at 2 p.m. with a period of silent worship. The Minutes of the two previous sessions were read, corrected and approved. It was decided to purchase a minute book and to record therein all the previous Minutes of Pacific Yearly Meeting. It was recommended that the Oxford delegates obtain travel Minutes from their own Monthly Meetings and have them endorsed by the Yearly Meeting Clerk.

Edwin Sanders reported as editor of the Bulletin. He had especially appreciated the very able help given by Dorothy Wrightson, and also that of Phillip Wells. He felt that the future and function of the Bulletin was synonymous with the future and function of the Yearly Meeting. Its true function is fellowship. The Discipline of the Yearly Meeting is not a creed for disciplining, but a guide; so the Bulletin also hopes to be a guide. Its purposes might be outlined in this way:

1. Reporting lives of Meetings - an exchange
2. Reporting individual concerns - to be shared
3. Promoting fellowship with the Orient and other countries through direct contacts
4. Reporting to each other how our Meetings are operating according to Friends' principles
5. Giving families' and Young Friends' news
6. Reporting developments in world affairs affecting our Quaker testimonies
7. Reporting marriages, births and deaths; also job transfers and travel.

He recalled to our listening conscience the need that each one feel the personal responsibility, expressed through Margaret Fell's experience in these words: "You are a child of the Light. What do YOU say?"

Helen Stevenson reported for a special Education Committee which was convened due to the absence of the committee appointed. This committee recommended the setting up of a special Educational Conference of one or more days, preceding Yearly Meeting, 1952, and that such questions as outlined below be considered.

**How Can We Pass On to Our Children the Understanding That We Have, Yet Not Limit Them With Our Limitations?**

**A.** How can we do this in our home?

1. What methods do we use in our homes to help our children and us mature in our faith in God?
2. How far do we compromise, and do we let our children compromise?
3. What methods can we use to counteract the materialistic pressures of the culture in which we live? a. in ourselves b. in our neighborhood c. in our schools d. in the community
4. How can we do this by the use of books? Study of Gandhi as a social revolutionary (Wilfred Wellcock's "Gandhi as a Saint."

**B.** How can we do this through the Meeting?

1. How do we provide opportunity for our children to learn how to grow in appreciation of the meeting for worship?
2. Do we need a long-range plan of materials (curriculum) for our First-day Schools in order to avoid inefficiencies?
3. How can the mechanics of our programmed times together be worked out so that children and adults can be provided for?

It was approved that such a conference be considered by the Educaton and Representative Committees.

Ferner Nuhn reported on Indian Affairs. There were two work camps on the Apache reservations in Arizona. They were proceeding happily with fifteen young people participating. Heberto Sein and Ed Duckles had visited the much-neglected Seri Indian tribe in Sonora, Mexico. They had felt the best procedure would be to interest the government in appointing a teacher or a couple to live there. Leo Sandovol and his wife had been chosen and would soon give their answer. The Mexico Department of Indian Affairs has approved of this plan and the Mexico Department of Education will pay this couple.

Martha Jaeger spoke to us of her concern in a conference to study "The Nature and Laws of the Spiritual Life."

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Benjamin Darling as follows:

- **Clerk, Presiding:** Phillip Wells
- **Clerk, Alternate:** Benjamin A. Darling
- **Clerk, Recording:** Ruth Schmoe
- **Clerk, Reading:** Margaret Simkin
- **Secretary:** Elizabeth Lantz
- **Treasurer:** Robert Simkin
Lyra Dann reported for the Visitation Committee. The committee had taken the responsibility for arranging meetings and hospitality for those traveling under concern of the Fellowship Council or the A.F.S.C.: Homer and Edna Morris, Passmore Elkinton, Russell and May Edgerton. Individual visits by members of the committee included visits to Meetings and families in Alabama, Florida, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Iowa, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Utah, Washington, Oregon, California and Canada. A returning Minute was received from Mary Kershner who attended the Five Years Meeting and reported inspired sessions.

We were informed of possible visitors in the near future. Keith Ashly of Adelaide, Australia, who is horticulturist, botanist and ornithologist as well as a concerned Friend, will be in the States from September 26 to October 22. Wilfred Jackson and his family, sailing for New Zealand on November 2, will visit on their way from Kansas to Vancouver, B. C. He has had experience in China. William and Marjorie Oates from Hobart, Tasmania, might come through the States on their return from Geneva, Switzerland.

The Visitation Committee encourages the support of the Fellowship Council, which arranges for monetary assistance and hospitality so that Friends from other countries are able to travel here, as many are not allowed by their countries to bring much money into the United States. Individuals or groups wishing further details are urged to confer with members of the committee. The report was signed by Robert and Lyra Dann, Robert Vogel, Benjamin Darling, Arthur H. Binns, John Way.

Appreciation was expressed for this encouraging report.

The report of our peace witness was introduced by Francis Dart. The following statements are only a few of those brought to us: Our peace testimony is a long-standing one and has met many crises. We have had "a war to end wars" and we are now in the middle of another one. We have developed an atomic bomb for security and have increased our fear. We have a United Nations Association to keep us out of war and the Association is waging war itself. We face frustrations. What is happening? What are the reasons? We are most intolerant of diversity; we do not deal simply and honestly; we use all for our own ends. We cannot dare to suppose that we are the only Children of God. We should not speak in statistics, but must come to something qualitative. We must take time to examine ourselves to see if we are prepared to meet tragedy and share suffering where we find it.

George MacNichols asked, How can we bring comfort? We cannot share suffering with-
out lifting our hearts and our hands to God through faith and in this way obtain strength and transmit joy and comfort to others.

Mary Hansen had left a letter of concern addressed to President Truman, Secretary Acheson, John Foster Dulles and other representatives of participating nations, in connection with the Japanese peace treaty. The meeting approved her concern and the letter, which included the Peace Testimony of Japan Yearly Meeting. It was agreed, however, to leave out the signatures of the Japanese Friends who had signed the statement since we could not obtain their consent, and to ask Vern James to secure the names of all delegates attending the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco and to mail a copy to each one.

Harold Chance of the Philadelphia office of the A. F. S. C. expressed his appreciation of being able to attend our Yearly Meeting. He spoke of our responsibility for peace, as Friends. Our task is somehow to take upon ourselves suffering and not give it — and thereby win peace. He urged Friends to do everything possible to prevent the passing of the Universal Military Training Bill.

Catherine Brunner reported for the Epistle Committee and presented a beautifully worded Epistle. (The full text appears on the first page of this paper).

The Clerk was asked to write letters of appreciation to Pacific University for providing such comfortable and pleasant facilities, and to Beulah and Russell Thornburg for their efforts in providing and helping toward such fine hospitality.

Three recommendations were referred to the Representative Committee for consideration:
1. That longer worship periods be provided before opening of the business sessions.
2. That more use be made of the Bible.
3. That we have a Ministry and Counsel Meeting preceding the opening session.

Phyllis Hatch extended an invitation to any one coming to Victoria, B. C., to make use of the room at the meeting house which they have provided for hospitality for visiting Friends.

Edwin Sanders welcomed the Yearly Meeting to Pasadena next year. Friends were reminded that contributions to Yearly Meeting expenses are to be made to Robert Simkin, treasurer.

The final session closed with a period of silent worship.

EUBANKS CARSNER, Presiding Clerk
RUTH SCHMOE, Recording Clerk

YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE

Seated in silence watching the morning sun cast its rays across the ridges was how the day began at the Young Friends Conference. It was held at the Williams' place, in the high Sierras off California highway 88, just prior to Yearly Meeting.

The worship service also included a short reading from the Bible and spontaneous singing. Work projects consisting of improvements to the very scanty facilities occupied the rest of the morning. Afternoons were spent in discussion of topics of concern to the whole group, after which the old mill pond served as a good swimming hole. Evenings consisted of singing, story telling, folk dancing to the tune of pan-tying voices, hiking by the light of the moon, and concocting odd bits of food at all hours. Meals were cooked cooperatively by rotating committees, although not always on time due to a somewhat ornery wood stove.

Some of the concerns raised in our discussions were: What values may we expect to find in a college? How much should a Christian young person adapt himself to the modern high school or college? What is the meaning of the new conscription law and what are some of the experiences we may face as registrant 4E's or non-registrants?

These discussions presented both authoritative facts and a variety of opinions. The fine participation and interesting topics made the discussions stimulating. We used the Friends' method of the meeting for business, determining our agenda, choosing our officers and arriving at the sense of the meeting.

At the close of each discussion period we sought to write a minute. Some of the minutes are as follows: We do not expect to receive an adequate education in college alone. Practical experience is also necessary to bring about true maturity. Conform to accepted practices in high school or college providing such practices do not violate basic principles which we hold as individuals. Discussions on other concerns brought forth such a variety of responses that there was not sufficient time to arrive at the sense of the meeting on the matter.

The five days away from civilization were a very enjoyable experience for all those who attended.

For a more comprehensive report of the entire conference, please write to

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SUPPLEMENT

It is significant that reports were received from a good number of Friends groups not holding regular affiliation with the Pacific Yearly Meeting. A list of these additional silent worship groups appeared in the July-August issue of the Friends Bulletin.

Of the eighteen member Monthly Meetings filling out the questionnaire twelve reported reading the Queries regularly; eleven had First-day Schools, and eleven sponsored regular study groups. The booklet "The Vocation of Friends in the Modern World" is being studied by many Meetings. Nearly all the Meetings reported a wide variety of projects and activities attesting to a vital life in the individual Meetings of the Yearly Meeting.

LESLIE P. SPelman, Secretary.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1950 TO AUGUST 18, 1951

Receipts
Balance from last year $114.73
Victoria 25.00
Seattle 41.00
Willamette Valley 40.00
Berkeley 50.00
San Francisco 15.00
Palo Alto 25.00
College Park 32.72
Orange Grove 75.00
Friends House 41.36
Riverside 40.00
Tucson 40.00
Albuquerque 30.00
Santa Fe 30.00
Mexico City 65.00
Tracy 10.00

$679.81

Payments
Soliciting and postage per AFSC $ 1.25
Victoria 14.20
Seattle 8.48
Willamette Valley 4.82
Berkeley 28.16
San Francisco 28.16
Palo Alto 29.36
College Park, 1950 supplementary transferred to General Account for World Conference travel fund .84
College Park 30.20
Orange Grove 39.20
Friends House 39.64
Riverside 41.96
Tucson, 1950 supplementary 18.90
Tucson 61.24
Albuquerque 56.64
Santa Fe 54.16
Mexico City 116.16
Tracy 29.00
Stockton 28.16
Balance carried forward 49.78

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LETTER SENT TO DELEGATES OF NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY CONFERENCE

We, the members of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) assembled at Forest Grove, Oregon, August 16-19, 1951, are deeply concerned that the renunciation of war as written into the Constitution of Japan be retained in the Peace Treaty. As the world remembers, this constitution was framed and adopted under the inspiration and with the full approval of the
United States. The disarming of Japan must be made the model for the rest of the world.

The appeal written to Friends in America by the Japanese Yearly Meeting expresses the conviction of the Pacific Yearly Meeting. The appeal follows:

"We, the undersigned, believing in the divine seed in each individual and opposing war because of this belief, hereby communicate to our fellow Friends in other parts of the world and to others who may share with us the same deep concern, our peace testimony, in view of the imminent global crisis . . .

1. We do not want and would strongly deprecate any settlement that may be conducive to another war.

2. We believe that Japan should remain neutral in order not to aggravate the present international tension.

3. We are opposed to the repeal or alteration of the Japanese Constitution pledged to the principle of war renunciation and total disarmament.

4. We do not seek Japan's security in the armament of any nation or association of nations, placing our trust in the security of disarmament and goodwill."

Signed by the eight members of the Peace Committee of the Japan Yearly Meeting, Tokyo, February, 1951

Approved and endorsed by the Pacific Yearly Meeting, Forest Grove, Oregon, August 19, 1951
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