Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends
August 18 to 21, 1955
Epistle

To Friends Everywhere:
Dear Friends,

Through a wonderful diversity of landscape we have traveled to meet for the first time in the mountains of Arizona. We are represented here by members from Western Canada and Mexico and all the space between. We have been warmed by greetings from Honolulu, and our loving thoughts have reached especially toward our members in Shanghai, as we continue to affirm our belief in the unity of all God’s children.

We feel a continuing delight in the presence of our young people, as we seek to share with them the treasured insights gathered from our long history as Friends, while leaving them free to be guided by the light of God as it grows within them.

In our efforts to formulate a discipline which shall suit our developing needs as well as reflect the rich experience of Friends in the past, we have pondered deeply on the basis of membership. We sometimes find ourselves divided when we try to put our deepest convictions into words. When we are silent together we know that God’s spirit tenders us beyond the meaning of words and that what most unites us is our devotion to the light.

We have tried to balance our traditional testimonies against violence in all its manifestations, with affirmations of our faith in the continuing power and wisdom of God, bending our efforts to extending the ocean of light, as well as to rolling back the ocean of darkness. At the same time that we protest the continuing use of the death penalty as a form of punishment, and the dangerous experiments with nuclear weapons, we are made hopeful by the steady increase in the constructive uses of our scientific knowledge.

We continue to extend our acquaintance with those whose backgrounds are different from our own. Members of the Maricopa, Papago, and Hopi tribe participated in our meetings. Some of our Hopi friends gave us a significant image in their tradition of a stone upon which the laws of their Supreme Being were written. The stone was divided in two; one half was given to them and one to the white brother. Only when the two halves of the stone are joined will the life of the people reach its potentiality. This is another expression of the insight that unity must come through the acceptance and creative use of diversity, never through cherishing any part as though it were the whole.

We appreciate more significantly each year the Epistles which bind Friends together throughout the world, and the awareness so lovingly expressed that brings us under the exercise of the same Spirit, to labor to the same ends.

Signed on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
RUTH SCHMOE, clerk

Minutes

We are meeting for worship and for fellowship with a united purpose of cherishing and nurturing the divine spark which we believe to be in each of us and in all men everywhere. We will examine the various aspects of our lives individually and corporately in an attempt to find the ways in which the mind of Christ can rule in all our relationships. As we have begun this Yearly Meeting with a period of worship, we are realizing more than ever the need of search and total commitment, and we pray for greater understanding of God’s will for us and the experience of renewed dedication.

There were introductions of five visiting Hopi Indian friends: Thomas Banyacya, David Monongye, Daniel Katchongra, George Nasewise-
OCTOBER, was program UN Monthly March (including Orinda was ton of from Robert reading including Francisco, Fermor, Franciscan, Reading and another David Clerk; in Tacoma and Missoula Preparative Meetings; Vanguard, by Dianna Hynard; Edmon- ton Preparative Meeting, read by the Reading Clerk; Victoria, by Dorothy Lash; Willamette Valley, by Robert Dann.

Members of Mexico City Meeting were introduced, and promised their report for Friday. Robert L. Simkin spoke of Shanghai Meeting, from which we are separated by the differences of governments.

These Friends Groups were called on for reports: Flagstaff, by Mary Campbell; Whittier unprogrammed meeting, by E. Roberts Richie; another group of Friends in Whittier, calling themselves the Greater Whittier Area Friends Meeting, by E. R. Richie; Monterey Peninsula, reported by William James, who also spoke of new groups forming in Orinda and Walnut Creek; Santa Barbara, by Virginia Leinau; Salt Lake City, by Emily Hahn.

The Clerk reported on Denver and Boulder Meetings. Robert Simkin spoke of a visit to Boulder, and Ferner Nuhn of the Deaver application to the Friends World Committee for status as a Monthly Meeting.

The Friday morning session was begun with a period of worship and the reading of epistles from Illinois Yearly Meeting, the Netherlands Society of Friends, warning of the danger that a small group like ours may bar itself from communication, and speaking of cooperation with German Friends and the World Council of Churches; also from Stockholm, Sweden, Friends and Western Yearly Meeting. These epistles help us to realize that we are a world fellowship.

It was requested that the Reading Clerk extract passages to read from the letters written to us by individual Friends abroad.

Newly arriving Friends were asked to introduce themselves.

The Clerk reported the action of the Interim Committee meetings, held March 12, 1955, at Palo Alto, California, and on August 19, 1955, just before Yearly Meeting, at Prescott, Arizona, as follows:

March 12, 1955

1. Half-Yearly Meeting, Pacific Southwest: It was reported that the concern of La Jolla for the development of a regional grouping on Meetings in Southern California and the Southwest had resulted in the formation of a Half-Yearly Meeting which held its first meeting January 29-30. The Meetings composing the Half-Yearly Meeting are Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Phoenix, Tucson, Claremont, La Jolla, Los Angeles, Orange Grove, Riverside-Redlands, San Fernando, and Santa Monica.

2. Friends World Committee: It was decided that Ferner Nuhn be asked to attend the Friends World Committee meeting to be held October 28 to November 3, 1955. It was hoped he would be able also to attend Five Years Meeting, which is being held in Richmond, Indiana, near this time. Decision regarding travel allotment was postponed.

3. Nominating Committee: In appointing a Nominating Committee we were reminded that the policy had been amended extending the term of office to two years and providing for the replacement of half the committee each year in order to provide continuity. In order to meet these provisions, the committee was enlarged from five to six members. Russell Jorgensen, Anna James, and Frances McAllister were asked to serve until replaced in 1956. Ferner Church, Mildred Joyce, and Dorothy Lash were asked to serve until replaced in 1957, Dorothy Lash to be convener of the committee.

4. Committee on Permanent Records: This committee reported that the Berkeley Meeting had offered space in their meeting house for storage of inactive files and records. A committee was appointed to establish policies for determining what kinds of materials are to be stored. The committee was composed of Elizabeth Lanct, chairman; Fred Allan, Randolph Hutchins; Eubanks Carsner, Ben Darling, Vern James and Phillip Wells were suggested as resource persons to advise the committee.

5. Education Committee: The committee reported that its proposed project this year is "Religion in the Home," material to be gathered from families of the Yearly Meeting. The Interim Committee approved publication of a special issue of the Bulletin, devoted to this project, and commended the Education Committee on its work.

6. UN Friends Seminar: Following the report of Patricia Stewart on the proposed UN Seminar to be held in San Francisco during the UN Tenth Anniversary Week, these persons were appointed to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting: Richard Denary, Vern James, Alice Shortaker. The fourth person was to be chosen in consultation with the Canadian Meetings. Robert Dann, and Fred and Bernice Shorter were appointed alternates. It was hoped that local Meetings might help meet travel expenses.

7. Discipline Committee: The Interim Committee approved the proposal of the Discipline Committee to circulate the statement on membership of the two Philadelphia Yearly Meetings and the outline used by Orange Grove Meeting.

8. Care of Children during Yearly Meeting: The Interim Committee asked the Education Committee to plan a program for the children during Yearly Meeting in Prescott this year.
Monterey Peninsula: The Oversight Committee appointed at the March meeting reported favorably on the application of Monterey Peninsula Meeting for membership as a Monthly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Interim Committee recommends acceptance of Monterey Peninsula Meeting and the continuation of the Oversight Committee, consisting of Dorothy Murray, William James, Anna James, Vern James, Madge Seaver.

2. Delta Meeting: The committee appointed by College Park Quarterly Meeting, William James, Anna James, Mary Jorgensen, Joan Kirchner and Catherine Bruner, recommended approval of the application of Delta Meeting for membership of a Monthly Meeting in the Yearly Meeting, and the change of Stockton from a Monthly to a Preparative Meeting, Stockton members to continue as members of Delta Meeting.

The Interim Committee recommends that the Yearly Meeting accept this report and that the Oversight Committee be continued.

3. Young Friends: A committee consisting of Dick Bruner, convener, John Way, Floyd Schmoe, Sally Freedman and Suzy Mathay, was appointed (1) to discuss with Young Friends, defined as people who are in high school or college without age limitation, the suggestion that they form a permanent Young Friends organization, and (2) to appoint a representative to the Planning Committee for the Young Friends Conference in 1957. (Freda Way, who had been appointed, is unable to serve.)

4. To attend the Planning Committee for the 1957 Conference of All Friends in the Americas, it was recommended that Phillip Wells be appointed in place of Tom Moore, who can not serve.

5. The Interim Committee asked the Nominating Committee to name representatives of the Yearly Meeting to the 1957 Conference of the Americas, or to appoint a committee to name them, whichever they prefer to do, and to report back to the 1956 Yearly Meeting.

6. Epistle Committee: A committee, consisting of Peggy Church, convener, Robert Dann, and Clarence C. Johnson, was appointed to prepare an Epistle to all Friends.

7. Nominating Committee: The following were named to the Nominating Committee for this session as alternates for absent members: William James, Gretchen Tuthill, Henrietta Darling.

8. Finance Committee: Joshua Baily, Eleanor Brownell and Ross Miles were asked to serve in place of absent members.

9. Concerns: Out of the concerns presented by Monthly Meetings an agenda was prepared.

Some of the concerns which might be discussed, not specifically listed in the agenda, were: a Friends board high school in the west; legal aspects of Friends' marriages; care of elderly Friends; burial care; provisions for ownership of property and meeting houses; capital punishment and atom bomb testing.

10. Minute on Capital Punishment: The Interim Committee proposed a statement on capital punishment from the Yearly Meeting and appointed a committee to prepare such a Minute, to be presented to the Yearly Meeting for approval at the time of the report from the Friends Committee on Legislation. The committee is Marjorie Weber, convener, Elinor Ashkenzy, and Dorothy Lash.

11. 1957 Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee: Russell Thornburg was appointed convener of this committee, with Williamette Valley Meeting to name the other members.

12. David Bruner was appointed to receive and read announcements.

13. Phillip Wells and Dick Bruner were appointed to control the doors at the beginning of the sessions.

14. A letter from Howard Brinton was read, suggesting that Pacific Yearly Meeting join in a renamed and reconstituted Friends General Conference. Representatives were asked to take this concern back to Monthly Meetings for study and discussion. We want to have fellowship with all Friends, and are seeking the best way of expressing it.

The Minutes of the Interim Committee were approved with the addition of Santa Barbara to the list of participants in the Half-Yearly Meeting. The clerk brought up a matter omitted from Interim Committee consideration: the proposal to extend succeeding Yearly Meetings by a day. Because this would allow more time for concern and for study groups, approval was ready.

The report of the Bulletin Committee was read and accepted with approval. Esther Richards, the Bulletin editor, spoke of the pleasures of being an editor.

Lois Bailey, chairman of the Education Committee, gave the report of the committee, condensing it reports from Pacific Ackworth School, Pacific Oaks Nursery School, Camp Unalaya, and Palo Alto Playschool.

With the reading of queries, Lois Bailey introduced the experiment of breaking up into small groups to report back on these topics: family worship, celebration of religious holidays, individual patterns of worship, family cooperation in work and play, Friends testimonies and their effect on children. The reports emphasized these points: Family Worship: the importance of setting time aside, the importance of Bible reading, the use of Bible pictures, of music and hymns, the return of the family dining table as a center and the consistency of parents in making religion all-pervasive in family life; Religious Holidays: the importance of celebrating other religious holidays as well as our Christian ones, and of spreading the holiday spirit throughout the year; Individual Worship: understanding yourself so that you know your limits, looking for refreshment from the so-called non-religious, and seeking to see others in the light of God; Family Cooperation: it is a matter of right atmosphere and not of technique; we should be aware of opportunities to enjoy experiences together; Friends Testimonies: we must allow freedom to our children but not
leave them feeling they are alone. These questions were raised: (1) How do we influence our children? (2) Is Quakerism a religion of the adult?

The report from Mexico City Meeting was presented by Mildred Harrigan.

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The Friday afternoon session was given to listening to and learning from our Hopi friends. We learned of the religious faith that has made them a peaceful people, of the teaching and prophecies handed down from their past which give them a sense of guardianship of the earth and of relation to the Great Spirit. "If we make a mistake ants will inherit the earth," "At last we will hear rocks and birds crying." Although there have been two great wars which seem to fulfill the prophecies, we can avoid the predicted third one, they told us, if we obey the injunctions of the Great Spirit. "Our brother" will come in the good time that will follow right action. The time has come in which all people are trying to find each other in the faith of one Supreme Being over us. The Hopis told us that they and we are under the leading of the Divine Being and urged us to be faithful to our religion as they must be faithful to theirs. They expressed their disapproval of the presentation of dances, for entertainment or education, which to them are sacred ritual. On their relation to the United States Government, and the Termination Bill, they said, "The Hopi has taken care of the land all these years. This is our land; there is no need to file a claim for it." "When did the government get control of the Hopi that it wants to turn him loose now?"

At the close of the session Ferner Nuhn spoke for Friends present when he said, "We feel that much of the word of God has come to us through our Hopi friends and we pray God's blessing on them."

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The Friday evening meeting opened with a period of worship, after which the Reading Clerk read from letters of individual Friends: Ruth Wendt, writing from Limerick, Ireland, and Margaret Gibbins, in Scotland.

A suggestion was made that we repeat what we did last year, that is, send Margaret Gibbins a letter carrying the signatures of all.

Dorothy Lash gave the report of the Visitation Committee, which was accepted with these additions: the visit of George and Emily Walton among Pacific Friends, and John and Anna Dorland's extensive visit among Friends in the East.

It was proposed that Georges and Marjorie Weber write a letter to be sent from the Yearly Meeting to Thornton and Sara Conrow, who are prevented by an accident from being with us.

Robert Young presented the report of the representatives to the American Friends Service Committee, in which was pointed out the lack of communication between the Yearly Meeting and the AFSC in the appointment of representative and corporation members. Our relation develops by other channels, e. g., by membership of Friends on committees of the A.F.S.C. and the participation of A.F.S.C. staff in the life of Yearly and Monthly Meetings. In the discussion it was brought out that while we may complain of too much independence of the Society of Friends on the part of the A.F.S.C., Meetings often expect the Service Committee to do what we should for ourselves; that the desirable relationship is found in the word concern, and personnel should be made up more than it is of Friends liberated for service, still the A.F.S.C. trend is away from projects fitting the talents of available Friends and toward training in social work.

The Friends World Committee for Consultation was reported on by Ferner Nuhn, who read the statement of purposes from their leaflet and reminded us that we should be considering what the key thought of the 1957 All America Friends Conference should be. Another matter is closer relation of the Friends World Committee to the UN program. Do we want to strengthen the Friends World Committee in view of developing opportunities for it in world society?

Gretchen Tuthill and Margarete Coe reported on the latest Quaker Leadership Study Tour, on which the participants become aware of the unity among Friends in spite of outward differences. Three mergers of Friends Yearly Meetings were impressive—Philadelphia, New York, and Canada.

Gretchen Tuthill presented a suggestion from the two Pasadena members of the tour that Pacific and California Yearly Meetings together finance an American participant in the proposed A.F.S.C. 1956 work camp at Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya, East Africa.

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The Saturday morning period of worship centered around the subject of unity and diversity, carried over from the previous evening. The Reading Clerk read from letters accompanying the Philadelphia, London and New Zealand epistles, and from the epistles of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, and New England Yearly Meeting, all expressing hope in the growing life and renewed unity of the Society.

The report of the Friends Committee on National Legislation representatives was given by Georges Weber. Excerpts from the report will be published with these Minutes.

Elinor Ashkenazy presented the related concern on atomic bomb testing, which arose from Monthly Meetings. As the "Bulletin of the
Atomic Scientists” points out, there is no recovery from the deleterious effects of irradiation on succeeding generations. A Committee of Correspondence originating in Southern California and endorsed by a number of California Friends, ministers and educators, is initiating protests to the Secretary General of the United Nations and President Eisenhower against continued exploding of atomic bombs. Discussion added to this concern opposition to tests for the reason that they create fear of the United States, and are a part of war; and the further thought that civil defense drills for bombing attacks are in themselves futile, and can only have meaning as psychological preparation for war. We have the obligation to “speak truth to power” in this matter, but must not, in taking a religiously based stand, be intolerant of cooperation with those whose base is different from ours, and we must be sure that we are not opposing human development through atomic power under God’s hand.

The Yearly Meeting appointed this committee to write a Minute on the continued testing of atomic bombs: Hugh Campbell-Brown, San Dal Cha, Madge Seaver, Robert Vogel, Kay Newton. The Minute follows:

The Spirit of Christ by which we are guided leads us to renounce all war and the occasions of war. Standing on the threshold of a new era, this testimony takes on new dimensions. Man has now the power to destroy himself with atomic energy, or to channel this force to peaceful purposes.

We welcome the peaceful development of atomic energy for the use of all people, but deplore the experimental explosion of fissionable material for war purposes; and we ask those who authorize such repeated explosions to cease, first out of regard for unborn generations, and secondly because such repeated and apparently pointless explosions breed fear of the United States in other nations, so increasing the threat of war, whereas we believe that real protection lies in the confidence inspired by disarmed love expressed in service; and we suggest that national resources be applied to this purpose instead of armaments.

We further urge that those in authority keep faith with the American people by frankly sharing their factual knowledge both of the deleterious results of atomic explosion and of the impossibility of defense against it, instead of breeding fear and anxiety by futile defense drills.

In the strength of our conviction that love is the only truly effective force in this world lies the only alternative to atomic disaster, and we are determined to implement our belief by total personal commitment.

The Minute was approved Saturday evening by the Yearly Meeting, which also approved giving it to the press.

Marjorie Weber presented this Minute on capital punishment, explaining that Robert Dunn had been asked to sit in with the appointed committee:

Friends believe in the dignity and worth of each individual, as a child of God, possessing within him something of the Divine, leads us to oppose not only war but the taking of human life by the State, in the name of punishment for crime. The Pacific Yearly Meeting wishes to second the deep conviction that capital punishment is both morally indefensible and completely ineffective as a deterrent to crime. Its evil lies not only in the life destroyed, and with it the divine potential for redemption that exists in every human being, but equally in the effect of such an act on those who must perform it and on the community that acquiesces.

The Minute was approved.

Bill Gooding of Phoenix was asked to report on his work for the passage of an equal employment opportunities bill in Arizona. He went from the Council for Civil Unity to all sorts of groups, particularly churches, which have been very active in behalf of causes for which Friends are concerned.

A propos of the F.C.N.L. stand and of mention by our Hopi visitors yesterday of opposition to liquor, William James asked for a Minute from this Yearly Meeting on the subject.

The report of the Permanent Records Committee was read by the Reading Clerk. The Presiding Clerk called attention to the recommendations to Meetings as to records to be saved.

Phillip Wells pointed out that the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, rather than a custodian of records, should be expected to keep these records. The meeting approved the suggestion that the Interim Committee appoint someone to see that the recommendations are carried out and the sorting of records is done.

The Reading Clerk read the Secretary’s report, asking for standards of reporting and membership. Excerpts from the report will be published with these Minutes.

The Yearly Meeting approved a Minute of appreciation of the work and report of Frances Woodson Balith.

Comment on the report included these points: Standards are part of our regard for truthfulness in all details; we have a right to expect of each other that we keep good order. This leads to the question of definition of membership, and also of when a member ceases to be a member; and of the responsibility of overseers.

Eubanks Carsey spoke on the report of the Discipline Committee and the statement on membership distributed among Friends, bring-
ing in also the question of our need for conforming to the legal requirements for marriage and asking help from our several areas in formulating guidance in the Discipline. Commenting on the omission of the word "Christian" from Section I, Eubanks Carsner spoke of the various meanings the word has to people. On membership of children, the words "birthright" and "associate" are omitted. He concluded with a request for discussion of this statement.

The Meeting agreed to an additional business session on membership on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Meeting approved a Minute for Joan Kirchner, who plans to attend the American Young Friends Conference at Quaker Haven, Indiana, August 27 to September 3, 1955. Joan Kirchner will go as a representative of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The special session on the Doukhobors, held Saturday afternoon, was opened by Harold Carson, who called upon Edith Reeves Solenberger of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, member of A.F.S.C. special committee on the relation of Friends to Doukhobors. She sketched briefly the history of the Doukhobors, who came to Halifax in 1900 from Russia because the government then refused to recognize longer the exemption from military training and service granted them by Catherine the Great. Funds for transfer to Canada of 8,000 were raised by Tolstoi and British and American Friends.

There are now said to be about 20,000 Doukhobors in Canada, of whom 2,000 are Sons of Freedom, who have created troubles with the testimony against all government. They have often refused to send their children to public schools even when concessions were offered in regard to pacifist beliefs. A minority estimated as 150 to 200 has burned Doukhobor homes and dynamited the railroad at intervals as a form of protest. Nude parades are also employed. Recently the police and welfare officers have removed 68 children of the Sons of Freedom to a residential institution at New Denver, from which they go out to local public schools, in separate classes until they learn enough English then integrated in regular classes with local children. The total problem is most complex.

Edith Solenberger urged Friends to visit Doukhobors, preferably after previous arrangement with some family or families, since they like to prepare entertainment.

Harold Carson briefly reported on the findings of the survey of Friends' work among the Doukhobor people completed by representatives of the A.F.S.C. and Canadian Service Committee. The survey made three recommendations: (1) they would like to find a way to keep Emmett Gulley in British Columbia until he and Zoe feel that their work is done; (2) the Service Committee and Society of Friends can not be in partnership with the Canadian government in carrying out forcible removal of children from their parents; and (3) Friends in British Columbia, the Northwest and everywhere might appoint Friends to a consultative committee to help with the Doukhobor situation.

Friends raised questions and expressed their opinions about the many phases of the Doukhobor problem, agreeing that this situation was one that Friends would have to approach, examine and attempt to alleviate as they had other minority concerns in a majority community.

A special meeting on Friends and legislation, chaired by Elinor Ashkenazy, followed. We are urged to keep alive our witness against universal military training. We should write particularly to Senator Mansfield, the only senator who opposed the compulsory reserve bill, and should also uphold Senators Neuberger and McNamara, who admitted that they should not have supported the bill. Oregon Friends will be particularly concerned in such support. Friends should continue to seek the cooperation of other churches, even though their work against UMT was weaker this year than in previous years.

A committee appointed by this meeting—Margaret Simkin, Ross Miles, Ben Seaver, James Dewees, and Elinor Ashkenazy—drafted the following Minute, which was presented and approved by the Yearly Meeting Sunday afternoon:

In times of crisis, Friends historically have laid special emphasis on their responsibility for legislative action. Today is a time of crisis. Friends are urged to re-examine the adequacy of their response to present-day issues, and are reminded that the Friends Committee on National Legislation is an important source of information and their own corporate instrument through which to act.

The Saturday evening session began with a time of prayerful silence surrounded by the song of crickets.

The Reading Clerk read from Epistles of Jamaica Yearly Meeting, Norway Yearly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting (Five Years Meeting), Indiana Yearly Meeting (Waynesville, Ohio), Japan Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), and London Yearly Meeting.

Introductions were made of Jim and Lois Hayes of the A.F.S.C.; George and Jasper Donahue and Philip Loring of the Maricopa tribe; Juana and Barbara Mendes from the Papago self-help program, who have been in attendance, and Friends who have just come today.
Robert Simkin presented the report of the Treasurer, which was received with appreciation of his work.

Vern James, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for 1955-56. Consideration was put over to Sunday afternoon.

The meeting turned to the topic, "The place of Friends in Indian concerns." Jim Hayes presented George Donahue, former president of the Maricopa Cooperative Association, who described the Maricopas, a small tribe which had been rather overlooked by the Indian Bureau and had lost its water through the building of dams to supply the city of Phoenix. The Maricopas feel that their prayers have been answered by the A.F.S.C.'s sending Jim and Lois Hayes to work with them in developing cooperative self-help. In spite of felt injustice the Indians oppose the proposed "release" of immediate termination.

In response to a question, Jim Hayes said that the F.C.N.L. can help with Indian legislation, and that we should go to the Indian people themselves to learn what they want and what is good for them.

John Salyer read the report of the Indian Affairs Committee, parts of which will be published. Friends in the Northwest are concerned for the Klamath Indians and the termination program.

Juan Pasoea asked Barbara Mendes to describe the Papago self-help program, which includes a newspaper, a credit union, and the promotion of basket-making and the sale of mesquite gum for plastics. Juan Pasoea described the Association for Papago Affairs in Tucson,

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### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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- Printing: 626.00
- Mailing, Office Exp.: 312.41
- **Total:** $2138.41

**Clerk, Secretary Expenses:** 84.56
**Permanent Records Committee:** 7.80
**Visitation Committee:** 300.00
**Education Committee:** 59.71
**Friends World Committee:** 150.00
**Travel of Officers:** 144.00

**Travel of Delegates to Y.M.:**
- Argenta (No delegate)
  - Vancouver: 64.80
  - Victoria: 64.80
  - Seattle: 59.20
  - Willamette Valley: 51.80
  - Berkeley: 31.00
  - Stockton: 28.60
  - San Francisco: 31.20
  - Palo Alto: 30.40
  - San Jose: 29.80
  - Monterey Peninsula: 28.20
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  - Albuquerque: 17.00
  - Santa Fe: 19.60
  - Mexico City: 49.00
- **Total:** 624.00

**Shanghai Refugee Fund:**
- Refund to donor: 45.00
- Aid to Refugees: 200.00
- **Total:** 245.00

**Balances to next year:**
- Bulletin: 251.77
- Shanghai Refugee Fund: 79.95
- **Total:** $2419.56

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**Balance:** $6173.04

*ROBERT L. SIMKIN, TREASURER*
started by the group of church women who were shocked at the conditions they saw on the reservation.

On Sunday morning the Meeting returned to consideration of the statement on membership, with discussion centering on three aspects: (1) whether we want the name of Jesus or the word "Christian" to appear in the description of what the member is joining; (2) on adult membership; and (3) on membership of children.

As to the first we were reminded that we have not cause to be ashamed or afraid to be called Christian, that Jesus of Nazareth is the standard of the power of God in the life of man, and that we have Jesus’ own emphasis to follow: “Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.” On adult membership, the Monthly Meeting as well as the individual should take initiative on his membership. Becoming a member is recognition of something already there. Willingness to be “eldered” or counselled is part of readiness for membership. We should make it clear to the applicant that the process of understanding among applicant, committee and Meeting is slow, that there is a period of waiting which is not personal. Truth is more than personalities. In the discussion on children, it was pointed out that the child should belong to the Monthly Meeting as a family member. Children of convinced Friends may need freedom to decide for themselves, but should be recorded on the request of parents. We all agreed that our children need the sense of belonging.

The Meeting approved the suggestion that the titles of books mentioned be kept in the statement and from time to time books should be added as suitable ones are noted. Discussion of marriage, birth, and death observances should be included in the membership section of the Discipline.

The Meeting approved Eubanks Carsner’s suggestion that individuals should write their views to the Discipline Committee.

On Sunday afternoon the Clerk reminded the meeting that we had not dealt with the concern from San Jose for use of the Beamish bequest. William James and Bonnie Grigsby were appointed to write a Minute on this to go to Monthly Meetings.

Bob Fraser read a Minute from the Children’s Section on the Hopi-Smoki difference over the performance of religious dances for entertainment. The Meeting was glad the children had taken Quaker action.

Alice Shoemaker spoke of the development at the Indian Center in Los Angeles, and of the diversity among Indians, even among the Hopis.

Mary Acord gave a report on the Crown Point work camp, which worked on a community building for the Navajos at Crown Point, near Gallup, N.M., and helped also in the crippled children’s ward at the hospital. At the finishing of the building they and two hundred Navajos held a dedication feast.

The Clerk read a letter of greeting, just received, from Sacramento Meeting.

The Meeting appointed Gretchen Tuthill to consult with California Yearly Meeting Friends to try to find someone to attend the 1956 work camp in Kenya.

Vern James spoke of the “Quaker method” employed by Elmore Jackson and Sidney Bailey at the UN, and at Camp Ualalaye, boys’ camp at Ben Lomond, as an inspiration for us all.

Floyd Schmoe spoke of the work going forward in Korea.

William James read the report of the Nominating Committee, which was accepted. It is published with the Minutes.

The budget for 1955-56 was taken up again, and plan B adopted. The approved budget is published with the Minutes.

Phillip Wells spoke to the matter of custodial care and sorting of records of the Yearly Meeting. He read the following Minute, which was approved:

The Yearly Meeting asks that the Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, in consultation with the Clerk, sort and organize the records of the Yearly Meeting, and asks the Finance Committee to budget $300 for salary or secretarial help for this purpose, in addition to the $100 appropriated for expenses of the secretary.

This is to be done instead of calling a special Interim Committee meeting for the purpose of making this appointment as directed in the Minute of August 20.

Dick Bruner spoke of the Young People’s Section, which has appointed three persons as centers for correspondence for the Young Friends: Joan Kirchner, north; Nancy Welch, central; Bill Acord, south.

A Minute of appreciation to the local Friends who have organized this meeting, to the cooks, and to the keepers and owners of this meeting place was approved. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Clerks.

The mothers (and fathers) of the Yearly Meeting expressed their appreciation of the children’s program. The suggestion is made to the Planning Committee for Yearly Meeting in 1956, that they continue the plan of having a family camp preceding Yearly Meeting. We have enjoyed the presence of so many younger members with us, we appreciate their patience with us, and we have learned much from them.

A closing Minute was approved as follows:
As Pacific Yearly Meeting closes its 1955 session, we are glad for the decision to come to this beautiful place in Arizona, and for the opportunity of meeting many new Friends, among them some of our Indian neighbors.

We have been made aware of the problems within and around us and our responsibilities in facing them as members of our religious society.

We have experienced the troublesome but necessary exercise of restraint, when the fullness of our minds and hearts urges expression.

But it has been good to be here, growing into a deeper sense of unity through the inspiration of worship, the interchange of thought and the joy of getting to know one another better.

We adjourn looking forward with expectancy to meeting again in August, 1956, somewhere in the San Francisco Bay area.

RUTH SCHMOE, President
CATHERINE BRUNER, Recording Clerk

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Presiding Clerk: Ruth Schmoe
Alternate Clerk: Dorothy Lash
Recording Clerk: Catherine Bruner
Reading Clerk: Clarence Cunningham
Treasurer: Robert L. Simkin
Secretary: Mildred Burck
Bulletin Committee: Margaret Lawrence, chairman; Esther Richards, editor; Martha Vallance, Gretchen Tuthill, Mary Martine, Fernal Nuhn, Etta Vogel.
Finance Committee: Vern James, 3 years; Benjamin Darly, 3 years; James Riddles, 1 year; LaVerne Taylor, 2 years; Jim Dewees (to fill term of Charles Kelly), 1 year; Neal Lamb, 2 years.
Visititation Committee: William & Anna James, chairmen; Josiah & Ruth Russell, Elisha Roberts & Dorothy Richie, Russell & Mary Jorgensen, Alfred & Dorothy Lash, Mary Campbell.
Education Committee: Frances McAllister, chairman; Lois Bailey, Gretchen Rundick, Helen Stritmutter, Libby Van Dolsen, Alice Way, Fred Allan, Eleanor Foster.
Discipline Committee: Phillip Wells, chairman; Eubanks Carseb, Margaret Lorenz, Frances Dart, Robert Dann, Asemath Young, Eleanor Brownell.
Indian Affairs Committee: John & Ann Salver, Robert Barns, Josephine Duveneck, Frederick Post, William Laughlin.
Young Friends Section: Adult Representatives: Clarence Cunningham, Ben Seaver, (alternate, Ralph Raitt); College Representatives: Dick Bruner, John Wells; High School Representatives: Nancy Welch, Susan Freedman (alternate, David Williams); Planning Committee for 1957 Conference: Jo Jenks; To meet with Interim Committee: Nancy Welch, John Wells; To meet with Arrangements Committee for 1956 Yearly Meeting: Susan Freedman, Dick Bruner.

BUDGET FOR 1955-56

Receipts:
Cash on hand General Account .................................................. $2,087.84
Shanghai Refugees ............................................................... 79.95
Bulletin Balance ................................................................. 251.77
Total .................................................. $2,419.56

Monthly Meetings (585 members at $4) ....................................... 3,400.00
Bulletin Subscriptions ........................................................... 1,000.00
Total .................................................. $6,819.56

Expenditures:
Bulletin:
Editorial ................................................................. $1,200.00
Printing & Mailing ............................................................ 1,200.00
Editor's Reserve ................................................................. 100.00
Total .................................................. $2,500.00

Secretary's Expense ............................................................ 400.00
Visititation Committee ........................................................... 300.00
Education Committee ........................................................... 100.00
World Committee & Fellowship Council ...................................... 250.00
Conferences (Expenses) .......................................................... 200.00
Loan Fund for New Meeting Houses ......................................... 500.00
Delegates to World Committee (Richmond) and Young Friends' Conference .............................................................. 525.00
Travel:
Clerk, Recording Clerk, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of Bulletin and delegates to both Interim Committee and Yearly Meeting (plan B) .............................................................. 1,250.00
Shanghai Refugee Fund ........................................................... 79.95
Treasurer's Reserve ................................................................. 714.61
Total .................................................. $6,819.56

CHILDREN'S MINUTE

The children's section of the Pacific Yearly Meeting (9th grade and under) recommend to the Smoki, Inc., that they do not do the Hopi Snake Dance without unanimous permission of all Hopi clans, and encourage the Hopi people to perform the dances in public themselves as a religious ceremony.

Signed: Bob Fraser, Mary Offerman, Marie Jenkins, Alice Warder, Young Sila, Terry Dewees, John McAllister, Steve Young, Melody James, Tom Webster, Bertha Jenks, Elizabeth C. Brown, Lee Sanders, Jr., Beth Sanders.

REPORT OF VISITATION COMMITTEE

The Yearly Meeting in 1954 required that members with a concern for visitation should secure the approval of their Monthly Meetings before applying for assistance. This requirement was set up, not to discourage visitation or application for funds, but to bring our practice in line with the ancient Quaker custom of carrying Minutes. The Committee has had no request this year for funds to assist visitation among its members. At the request of the clerk and the Committee on Indian Affairs, it made an appropriation to assist with the attendance of Indians at Yearly Meeting.

Following her visitation, Ruth Wendt submitted to the committee a report on her visits. This is a precedent which might well be followed, both for the sake of the
Yearly Meeting and for advice to the Visitation Committee.

Of intervisitation, some has occurred during the year. Will and Anna James and Russell Jorgenson have made many visits to other Meetings. Other friends have also attended meetings in Tokyo, Japan, and Rome, Italy, while Josiah Russell visited the Meeting at Cambridge, Mass. Albert Borch, Margarete Coe, Pauline Hughes, and Gretchen Tuthill, who were members of the Quaker Lead-ship Study Tour, warmly recommend this opportunity for friends in the Yearly Meetings.

The Yearly Meeting meeting in Chicago, Illinois, and meetings, both pastoral and non-pastoral, in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Washington, D.C. Doubtless others have also made visits, of which we have no report.

Santa Fe and Albuquerque Monthly Meetings exchange visits each year, holding both a morning meeting for worship and an afternoon session for consideration of concerns. Friends from Taos and Las Vegas are invited. These mass visitations have been the source of spiritual inspiration to our rather isolated groups.

The Committee has extended a welcome to Edith R. Solenberger of Lansdowne, Penna., Meeting, and many Meetings have enjoyed the informal visits of Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

Unfortunately it is difficult to present an adequate picture of the visitation of members of the Yearly Meeting. By its nature it is an important factor in the religious life of the Society of Friends.

For the Committee: Josiah & Ruth Russell, ch.

REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Bulletin Committee wishes to thank all those who have given their support the past year. It has been our best year financially to date. Special recognition is due the Committee on Education for the excellent content of the August number.

There are certain areas in which the Committee feels the Bulletin can be of more service to the local meetings and through them to the Yearly Meeting. More space could well be given to projects carried out in local Meetings, to their concerns and problems. If the problems of local Meetings are shared they would find easier solution and benefit other Meetings having similar ones. Some of these problems are: how to keep in touch with members; housing for growing Meetings; problems of ministry and council. Other committees might follow the precedent set by the Committee on Education to function in part through the Bulletin, acquainting us with their aims and accomplishments.

As we see it the purpose of the Bulletin should be: (1) To help individuals, families and Meetings in their spiritual growth, (2) To help Meetings with their problems, (3) To help the Yearly Meeting committees to function and spread their concerns, (4) To help the growth of the whole Yearly Meeting into "unity in diversity," (5) To stimulate individuals and groups to make earnest searching for ways to carry out Quaker principles.

If there are vital matters that the Bulletin is not covering, it is the privilege and duty of any Friend to point them out. Constructive suggestions are always appreciated.

—Grace Lawrence, chairman

REPORT OF FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

In making this report to you, our primary thought is how Meetings and individuals can implement their religious concern for peace with group and individual action on the legislative level. When we speak of peace, we mean the wide area that deals not only with conscription and disarmament, but with civil liberties, the material well-being of peoples everywhere, with equal rights for minorities, improved mental health facilities and penal practices. Wherever legislation touches ways in which men can live together in better understanding, use love instead of fear, lessen the tensions between individuals and nations, there the F.C.N.L. has a role.

The past twelve years have brought the Committee and its staff a deeper understanding of some of the problems faced, and at the same time, there is evidence that representatives of F.C.N.L. and of Friends, are heard with increasing respect because of the firm foundation laid through these years. You who write thoughtful letters and share with your congressmen your reasoned judgments have helped to make the work of the committee more effective.

Out of this firm foundation, behind-the-scenes influence is often possible—the kind exercised by Edward Snyder, legislative secretary of F.C.N.L., when he gave encouragement to Senator Munds and to ten congressmen, five from each party, to write letters to President Eisenhower about the values of exchanges of people between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. To one of these letters, sent before the Geneva Conference, the President replied personally, promising to give the proposals earnest consideration.

The first six months of 1955 saw a major emphasis on the draft and military reserve bills, both of which were passed despite intensive efforts. Active support was given appropriations for the U.S. and U.N. programs of technical cooperation and economic development. The activity took the form of testimony, conversations with congressmen, requests for letters and delegations from different parts of the country.

In addition, spokesmen for the F.C.N.L. have testified or issued statements in support of expansion and liberalization of the Reciprocal Trade Act, U.S. participation in a U.N. Charter Review Conference, appropriations for the State Department's Exchange of Persons Program, and outlawing wire-tapping.

The F.C.N.L. is aware that it must draw its strength from the concern of Friends Meetings and more active interest and participation of Friends in its work. A recent reorganization into 22 local areas is an attempt both to develop working area programs and to determine policy with wider participation.

In this new set-up, the California Friends Committee on Legislation serves the function of an area committee, but is in a position to provide considerably more active support of F.C.N.L. than the usual area committee. There is a Northern California office in San Francisco and a Southern California office in Pasadena. Their function is twofold: to distribute the Washington office's letters and action material and to carry out the national program; second, to work actively in California state legislative matters. The committee spent much time and effort during this past session, affirmatively, on the abolition of capital punishment, and negatively, to defeat legislation restricting civil liberties.

The San Francisco Chronicle said editorially in May, "Senators and Assemblies are heading into the last month of the 1955 legislative session with a higher record for respecting, maintaining and defending the liberties of Californians than any legislature since the end of World War II." Certainly the F.C.L. had a part in this. More letters were written, more legislators visited their time in recent history. Organizations took positions, alerted their members, and sent their most capable representatives to Sacramento.

I want to mention three bills on capital punishment that were sponsored by the committee. One bill was for outright abolition, one for a five-year moratorium, and one for imposing on the death sentence the death sentence. F.C.L. prepared and distributed 2,000 copies of a pamphlet, "This Life We Take." Thousands of citizens from all parts of the state wrote to their legislators; important church groups raised their voices. None of the bills was passed, but they got further than anyone expected, and the whole subject was referred
to an interim committee for study and report.

The committee also worked actively for bills on mental health, education, equal rights for minorities, including fair employment bills, California Indians, and liquor control. It has been encouraging five months at the general session of the legislature, contributing to the defeat of most bills which we opposed and in helping the passage of a number of bills we favored. What has been accomplished in California might indicate to you from other states the possibilities and value of organizing for political education and action. Some of the areas where Friends so need to be working are disarmament, support of U.N. specialized agencies, particularly in social and technical assistance, revised immigration laws, civil liberties, capital punishment, Indian legislation, and fair employment laws. If you don't know who the chairman of your area is, write to the Friends Committee on Legislation, 104 C Street, N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

—for the committee, georges weber

report of committee on indian affairs

"let your light shine among the indians . . . that ye may answer the truth in them," said george fox in 1600. when john woolman visited the indians in order to hold a friends meeting with them, he gave as one of his reasons "that i might learn something from them." josiah cook writes, "we found these indians more sober and christian-like toward us than the christians so-called." elizabeth newport remarked, "the indians believed in quaker worship and the guidance of the spirit while the christians seek information of the missionaries."

it is no wonder that pacific yearly meeting has a standing committee on indian affairs as have yearly meetings throughout the history of the new world. there is much that we should be doing.

the committee has been brought the deep interest of many of our meetings in the program of the a.f.s.c. in indian work. the meetings of the bay area are directing their efforts toward meeting needs of indians displaced under the relocation program, with the forming of ida rules indian center in oakland, and the concern for the future in the light of government termination of control and jurisdiction. this same program is growing in southern california throughout the area, with the participation of friends, and specifically with the efforts of josephine duvencek in both areas.

claremont monthly meeting prepared the following minute, expressing their concern for indians involved in the termination program: . . . Claremont Friends urge the Pacific Southwest Regional Office of the A.F. S.C. to explore the needs of some 35 Indian tribes or bands, comprising perhaps 2500 or 3000 people in Southern California, in the face of the pending termination of federal guardianship of their lands, in the hope that if the need seems urgent, a competent field worker might be secured, to work under the Indian Committee, to aid these Indians during this difficult transition period, when state and local understanding and responsibility for their situation needs to be developed. Claremont Friends were made to understand that some financial support for such action is seen by those concerned in individuals. the sense was that the work involved would not be for an indefinite time, but for the time of specific need only."

phoenix monthly meeting reports much activity by friends in spearheading many projects, assistance to jim hayes in the a.f.s.c. program with indians of central Arizona, the central-arizona indian committee active on the fort McDowell reservation assisting in developing recreational facilities for the area, and promoting political concern for Indian rights such as state taxation on reservations, Papago mineral rights, etcetera. friends have worked through the Phoenix Indian school to encourage more pre- and higher education and to stimulate more interest in college.

tucson friends have been active in four different committees this year. the advisory committee, headed by juan pascoe of the A.F.S.C. Southern Arizona Indian Program, has done much to insure success in the attainments of mineral rights for the Papagos. growing out of this group has come a subcommittee promoting Indian higher education. this includes support for Indians at the university of Arizona financially, academically and socially. a special fund has been established from which last year five students were helped. a tutoring program was organized, and through the Am- erind club many of the problems facing Indians in a competitive, highly selective society were met.

the seri Indians are still in the thoughts of friends from Tucson and Phoenix as well as Southern California and Mexico city. leo Sandaloval and his family have completed three of their five years at desemogue, seeing completed a school and home for the teacher and a crafts and clinic room. present efforts are under-way to give Leo more support through an advisory committee of friends in Mexico and the United States.

although most of us are not serving with impressive organizations or budgets, we—as individuals and small committees—can do much to provide the leaven that will help to see justice and love exemplified in the care for the Indians of our country.

—John salter, chairman

yearly meeting register

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