PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
Held at McMinnville, Oregon, August 21 to August 25, 1957

Epistle

To Friends Everywhere:

On the campus of Linfield College, where we have met, there stands an ancient oak tree. This tree may have had its beginnings about the same time as Quakerism. It has then lived through the same segment of history, facing its problems of survival and growth. Through the years it has gathered strength to withstand adverse conditions and live creatively with its fellows. With God's sun above and His earth's rich heritage below it makes its contribution to the society of which it is a part.

In like manner our Yearly Meeting is enriched from diverse backgrounds, races and cultures. Our wide geographic area lays upon us particular responsibilities. Many races and faiths and even those from Quaker origins represent a great divergence of religious training. These have all found "that of God in every man" is a bridge leading them into a new life. In this fertile soil we have noted in our meeting this year a new growth in unity of spirit. In the living silence we have been led as one body into the presence of God. The growth of fellowship engendered in our meetings for worship has been reflected in group discussions and the meetings for business. We do not all think alike, but we are discovering that the germ of truth may lie outside ourselves. We have faith that time and prayerful waiting will guide us into the right paths.

May Friends everywhere worship with expectancy, watching prayerfully that what we do may be the means by which the children of other nations, as well as our own, are enabled to reach their destinies.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Catherine Bruner, clerk

Minutes

The eleventh annual session of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and the 27th annual session of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends gathered at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, opened its first session Wednesday evening, August 21, 1957, with a meeting for worship.

Friends reminded us that one of the happiest phrases in Friends' language is "a gathered meeting." Though we have come to this place by many different roads and by many different means, we have all come with a single purpose: to know and love one another and thus to put ourselves at the disposal of the love of God.

These Friends were introduced: Charles Marland, who brought a minute from Purley Preparative Meeting, Surrey, England; Helen Topping of Atlanta Monthly Meeting, who brought a minute from Oklahoma City Meeting commending her for her visit in their midst; Robert Davenport of Buffalo Monthly Meeting, Scipio Quarters, and New York Yearly Meeting, presently working with the Portland and Seattle A.F.S.C. offices; John and Dorothy Willard of 57th Street Meeting, Chicago, who have been working among the Klamath Indians as field workers for the Portland A.F.S.C. Regional Office; Isabel Haskell of Berkeley, a friend of the Friends. Greetings of Kathleen Lonsdale, English Friend, were read.

The meeting then heard reports on the state of the Society as follows:

1) Northwest Half-Yearly Meeting, Margaret Lorenz reporting.
2) Southwest Half-Yearly Meeting, Jane Baumann reporting (with Robert Sinkin and Anna Cox reporting separately for the Whittier Area Friends Meeting).
3) College Park Quarterly Meeting, David Bruner reporting.
4) Mexico City Monthly Meeting, Esther de Gally reporting.
5) Honolulu Monthly Meeting, Robert Dann reporting.
6) Salt Lake City Meeting, "the most visited Meeting," Emily Hahn reporting.

There were customary reports on projects and activities relating to social concerns, peace testimony, local community problems. Many Meetings reported deep concern for the religious education of the children. College Park Quarterly Meeting reported continued progress in the development of a secondary Friends school on the West Coast. A committee has been at work studying various aspects of the problem and a pilot project summer school is anticipated for 1958.

How to accelerate business proceedings without losing the great value of full and unhurried discussion seems to undergird the reports evaluating the meeting for business.

Among the most pressing spiritual needs listed were these: "to enrich our capacity to love and comprehend one another," "to deepen our love and increase our ability to listen;" "a more sacrificial devotion to God so that we can give more time to His service;" "stronger unity, greater dedication and a more obedient waiting upon God;" "to develop and tenderly foster a greater devotion to God, a more sensitive and loving awareness of the presence and activity of the Eternal ever in our midst;" "acceptance based on love of one another."

The reading clerk read a letter from the Central Offices of the Religious Society of Friends, Friends House, London, and from two epistles:

* London Yearly Meeting (1957): "What do we mean by 'trusting' those who, we fear, may lack integrity? It is the Light of God in all men, in ourselves as in others, that we must learn to trust, and this we must be ready to go on doing, even though we know that the Light may be hidden in us, and in them, again and again . . . The person or the situation that we might give up as lost is still within the compass of the love of God."

* Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland (1957): "I believe each one of us is here for a purpose; therefore we must all move closer to God and try to find His will."

The meeting closed with a brief period of worship in which we were reminded that the potential for a re-vitalization of the Society of Friends lies within.

Thursday morning, August 22

After an opening period of worship the minutes of the Wednesday evening meeting were read. Honolulu Monthly Meeting and Mexico City Monthly Meeting questioned whether Salt Lake City Monthly Meeting was correctly called "the most visited Meeting." In this lighter vein we perhaps reflected the deep longing for closer association and intervisitation which many of our Meetings expressed in their annual reports.

Helen Topping spoke of her concern to help Japan preserve a "Peace Constitution," and of the work and influence of Kagawa in this regard.

A telegram, sent from Hiroshima by Gretchen Tuthill of La Jolla Meeting, was read at the meeting. She is traveling around the world under a concern for world peace, and will visit India and Kenya.

The state of Society reports were concluded by the reading of a letter from Monteverde Monthly Meeting, Costa Rica.

Memorials were read or spoken for: Thomas Baker of Vancouver Monthly Meeting; Anne Sprague of La Jolla Monthly Meeting; Edna and Phillip Hobson of College Park Monthly Meeting; Dorothy Foster of Honolulu Monthly Meeting.

Phillip Wells delivered greetings from Edith Peckham, Villa Street Monthly Meeting, Pasadena, California.

Marjorie Weber reported for the Committee on the Home for Elderly Friends. The committee has tabulated replies to a questionnaire which indicated some divergence of interests and choices as to location, type of dwelling, medical care. Further discussion of this problem was scheduled at a special interest group meeting Thursday, where the wider problems of retirement are to be discussed.

The reading clerk read from two epistles and excerpts for a letter from the Quaker Seminar meeting at Camp Neckamis, Ontario, Canada:

* Swiss Yearly Meeting (1957): "Individually, we often feel overpowered by the problems of our time. A gathering like this makes us aware of the strength which lies in the unity of a joint service such as the Society of Friends makes available to us. We part strengthened in the belief that God shows man one way, that of non-violence, of constructive love."

* New York Yearly Meeting (1957): "Meeting as families deepens our awareness that homes are colonies of the kingdom of heaven, and that we are citizens of eternity living in the world."

* Quaker Seminar, Ontario, Canada, (1957): "We echo the question asked by Arnold Rountree in 1905: 'Has not the time come to realize that our basis of religious association is not fundamentally a uniformity of practice or a oneness of belief, but a fellowship of spirit?'"

Frances Thompson spoke for the Education Committee. This year the Yearly Meeting listened to the reading of the Queries on Education from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Following this reading we dispersed to five meeting rooms with a clerk and a recorder for each group. A summary report from all groups is planned for a later session.

Thursday evening, August 22

Friends gathered before the time of the regular meeting for a period of singing.

After a period of worship the reading clerk read from three epistles:

* Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Friends, (1957): "We cherish the close communion which is possible in so small a group as ours but hope that our horizons may encompass all Christians. We desire to enter into fellowship with all who are seeking to advance the Kingdom of Christ in the spirit of the prayer our Master
taught us, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

Conference of Friends in the Americas (1957): "We have come together with a hunger for community and understanding. We have found in worship a place where we can meet. Any bringing together of as diverse a group as we are points up not only our likeness but our differences. In the midst of our deep division we have felt the uniting love of Christ, and as He is available to us, so He is available to the rest of the world."

Cuba Yearly Meeting (1957): "We feel that we have understood, as never before, the need for a cultivation and practice of Christian brotherhood, making it deeper in a more satisfying relationship among us, as a joyful response to the Christ who enlivens our inner light and who speaks to our hearts saying: 'Love ye one another as I have loved you.'"

The minutes of the Thursday morning meeting were read and after slight alteration were approved.

Vern James explained the procedures to be followed in the worship-fellowship groups Friday morning. It was suggested that we center the discussion portion of the period around the topic: "The improvement of the spiritual life of our meetings." Three possible results are hoped for: a rich experience in worship; a deepening of the last worship period together on Sunday; concerns growing out of worship which are to be brought to our Friday evening session.

Wilton Hartzler of the Portland A.F.S.C. office introduced John Willard, who spoke of his work for the past 12 weeks among the Klamath Indians. John Willard reviewed the historical background of the problems now confronting this tribe as it has become the pilot project of the Indian Bureau to carry out the will of the Congress in terminating government trusteeship over Indian tribes in the U.S.A.

The situation is fraught with contradictions and the problem has been compounded because of the unwillingness of the government to consult with the Indians as plans for their future are developed.

Friends are reminded that we have a share in the responsibility for the policy of our federal government; that we should study these new policies in Indian affairs; and suggest changes where our study indicates they should be made.

The A.F.S.C. and F.C.L. are jointly concerned and Friends were advised to channel their energies through these two committees. We were also reminded that our Yearly Meeting Committee on Indian affairs, Albert Kramer, chairman, is an excellent source for information for Monthly Meetings wishing to pursue this situation further.

Floyd Schmoe presented a concern of University Monthly Meeting (Seattle) that the Yearly Meeting establish a committee on Peace and Service. We were challenged to consider how to learn to serve creatively. University Meeting Friends suggest that we consider ways for Monthly Meetings to implement concerns and/or explore activities which the A.F.S.C. should not be expected to do and which could prove richly rewarding to individuals and Monthly Meetings.

The purpose of a Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Service was envisioned as threefold: to coordinate Monthly Meeting activities; to encourage individual Monthly Meetings to undertake service projects; to use service activities as an educational technique.

No action was taken on this concern but Friends were asked to ponder it and consider it further.

The 1957 Conference of Friends in the Americas, sponsored by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, was reported by a panel of Friends who attended the meetings at Wilmington, Ohio. Ferner Nuhn chaired the panel presentation. Friends reported and shared their experiences with us in a session which captured the feeling and spirit of the Wilmington meeting. Members of the panel were Eubanks Carsner, Faith and Harold Carson, Seth and Ed Sanders, Jeffrey Gritzner, Vern James, John Ullman, Beulah Thornburg, and Elsie Bergman. Topics which they reported were as follows: people at the conference; a family conference; camping at Quaker Knoll; the worship-fellowship groups; visiting Friends Meetings of various colorations; interrelationship of Friends; what does unity mean? membership in the Society of Friends; missions and service; relationship of Friends to other Christian groups.

Friends adjourned to meet Friday morning in worship-fellowship groups.

Friday morning, August 23

A quiet period opened the morning general session which followed the five worship-fellowship group meetings.

The reading clerk read epistles from:

Japan Yearly Meeting (November, 1956): "We send our heartfelt greetings from one corner of Asia to you who, though scattered throughout the world, are yet at one with us in our common love of God."

Oregon Yearly Meeting (1957): "We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, He ‘which is, and which was, and which is to come,’ He who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

New York Yearly Meeting (1957): "Recognizing that we are imperfect children, weaving at the loom of time, may we weave some golden strands of eternity into the fabric of our lives and into that of the coming world civilization."

Minutes of the Thursday evening session were read and, after minor changes, were approved.

Minutes of the Interim Committee meetings for March 9, 1957, and August 21, 1957, were circulated in mimeograph form. Items on which action was required were considered.

The application of Salt Lake City Meeting for membership in Pacific Yearly Meeting was warmly received and approved. Members of the Visitation Committee (Russell Jorgenson, John
Dorland, and Peggy Church) were requested to continue for another year in an advisory capacity. The Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight was requested to give special consideration to this Meeting.

Friends approved the Interim Committee recommendation that we approach the A.F.S.C. Regional Executive Committees within the limits of Pacific Yearly Meeting with the proposal that the Yearly Meeting corporation members also be appointed to the Executive Committees in the regions where they live.

The clerk read a proposed letter to the Executive Committees within the area of Pacific Yearly Meeting stating the above position. The meeting approved the letter as presented.

Certain deletions and additions to the Interim Committee minutes were suggested and approved from the floor of the Yearly Meeting by members of the Interim Committee.

The clerk directed our attention specifically to the following subjects dealt with in the Interim Committee minutes of March 9 and August 21. These items did not require action by the Yearly Meeting at this time:

The Discipline: "It was suggested that all Meetings be asked to study the Discipline and make their considered recommendations during the course of the year."

Pacific Coast Association: "There was consideration of a minute dropping the words Pacific Coast Association." It was agreed that it should be discussed by the Meetings and brought up for recommendation at the spring meeting of the Interim Committee.

Quaker Program at the United Nations: According to instructions from the March, 1957, Interim Committee, the clerk had written a letter expressing our gratitude for the work of the Quaker team at the United Nations. A letter from Sydney D. Bailey in reply was read, in which appreciation for the message of concern and support was given.

The matter of Yearly Meeting representation to the Friends World Committee meeting in Bad Pyrmont, Germany, in September, 1958, was discussed. The Nominating Committee was asked to name representatives and the Finance Committee was asked to budget transportation expenses of one representative. The meeting approved the Interim Committee recommendation.

The Yearly Meeting has been asked to send three representatives to the proposed 1958 American Friends Conference on Disarmament to be held at the Friends meeting house in Evanston, Illinois, March 6 to 9, 1958. The meeting approved sending three delegates and asked the Nominating Committee to name them and asked that the Finance Committee budget transportation expenses for one delegate to this conference.

The Meeting approved a letter endorsing the minute for Gretchen Tuthill of La Jolla Meeting, who is traveling around the world under a concern for world peace.

The minutes of the Interim Committee for March 9, 1957, and August 21, 1957 were approved after changes were accepted.

A concern for a Yearly Meeting Committee on Mental Health had been referred to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight. A proposed minute from this committee was referred back for clarification and further study in the light of the discussions and suggestions made from the floor of the meeting.

The meeting expressed warm and deep appreciation to Frances Woodson for her devotion to the typing, mimeographing and editing needs of our Yearly Meeting.

After a brief pause to conclude the meeting, discussion was again resumed on the matter of activities of Young Friends. Asenath Young and Emily Hahn were asked to confer with the counselors for Young Friends and invite the Young Friends to attend our evening meetings.

Friday evening, August 23

Friends gathered to sing before the evening session began.

After a period of worship the reading clerk read portions of a letter from the 1957 Conference of Friends in the Americas, and two epistles:

"From a letter to American Church people from the Conference of Friends in the Americas (1957): "We acknowledge with respect those outside the Christian tradition who have demonstrated better than we the power of moral resistance that makes violence unnecessary in overcoming oppressive government. We rejoice in the many evidences that the Spirit of Goodness is not limited to working with those of any particular culture or creed in establishing the basis for peace."

"Wilmington Yearly Meeting (1957): "As man becomes more and more activated by God's love—a love purified of selfishness—he places all men under his concern and eliminates barriers of color, race, nationality, economic status and personal relationships."

"Netherlands Yearly Meeting (1957): "We were encouraged always to meet those whose opinions we do not share in such a spirit that the result may be real contact between man and man instead of further estrangement."

"It is in this way and not in scientific hypotheses that Truth reveals itself and spreads."

Minutes of the Friday morning session were read and, after minor changes, were approved.

The Whittier Area Meeting application for recognition as a Monthly Meeting in Pacific Yearly Meeting was received and approved. Robert and Margaret Simkin, and Mary Kershner of Los Angeles Meeting, together with Philip Wells, were appointed as a Committee of Oversight.

Reports from the morning worship-fellowship groups were given by the leaders of the five groups. It was abundantly clear that the meetings had been of deep significance to those attending. Some questions raised by those who
reported the sessions were as follows:

> Is there a division between the spiritual and material life?
> Can we live with diversity and have unity?
> Where does worship begin and where does it end?
> How can we find release from the pressures of society around us to seek the kingdom of God?
> How does prayer touch the submerged part of our lives?
> How can we establish relationships to get rid of fear?
> How can we grow in our inner experience?
> What preparation has each of us made for Yearly Meeting?

Friends were in agreement that the worship-fellowship groups had been a successful ex-

### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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**Expenses, Yearly Meeting, at La Honda** | $282.80  |

**Advanced, Y.M. at McMinnville** | $110.63  |

**Kenya Work** | $200.00  |

**Balance, Bulletin** | $201.67  |

**Balance, General Fund** | 2,134.22 |

**Total** | $8,452.59 |

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Robert L. Simkin, Treasurer
considered attention to the business of the entire Yearly Meeting. Perhaps this new approach is evidence of our ability to grow, but Friends were cautioned not to become a Yearly Meeting which merely approves Interim Committee action.

One Friend raised the question as to whether Yearly Meeting should be increased by one day. Friends were hesitant to express themselves on this matter and it was suggested that Monthly, Half-Yearly and Quarterly Meetings consider it.

Santa Fe Monthly Meeting presented a concern that we consider adding the Queries from our 1956 Epistle to our Yearly Meeting Discipline. Three Queries were read as follows:

Are we aware that it is not primarily our activities but the cohesive power of the Holy Spirit which draws us together?

Do we share our spiritual needs with one another, realizing them to be of equal value with our spiritual riches?

Do Friends remain tender in their concerns and seeking, in the knowledge that only thus can come unity and light?

Friends agreed that we should present this concern to the Monthly Meetings for consideration. One Friend questioned whether these were actually Queries. One Friend, also, suggested that Monthly Meetings could well spend study-group time on these proposed Queries.

Mary Louise Hooper of Palo Alto Monthly Meeting, recently of South Africa, was introduced.

The meeting closed after a brief period of silence.

Saturday morning, August 24

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

The reading clerk read from the epistles of three Yearly Meetings:

California Yearly Meeting (1957): "We would express our conviction that evangelism combined with Christian living will provide the best formula for real success in the work of the Kingdom."

German Yearly Meeting (August, 1956): "Innocent and yet guilty, we become involved in insoluble conflict... But are we really innocent? Is not the lack of genuine contact with God and our fellow men the cause of the sickness of our time?"

Canadian Yearly Meeting of Friends (June, 1956): "May we know in our own heart that peace and stillness, deeply rooted in the love of God, so that we may be quick to see and moved to respond as God gives us vision and the opportunity."

Friends who arrived since the opening session were welcomed.

Minutes of the Friday night session were approved after minor changes were made.

The treasurer's report was presented by Robert Simkin. The meeting received the report with interest and we expressed our gratitude to our devoted treasurer (who prefers sums in round numbers).

The Finance Committee report was presented by Vern James, chairman. After thorough discussion of the report (which was presented by slides) it was accepted and approved, with deep appreciation to the committee.

BUDGET 1957-58

RECEIPTS
Balance on hand $2,134.22
From Monthly Meetings (1060 adult members at $4) 4,240.00
Sale of Disciplines 200.00
Bulletin Subscriptions 1,100.00

EXPENDITURES
Bulletin 2,700.00
Clerk & Secretary expenses 100.00
Discipline Committee 25.00
Committee on Ministry & Oversight 400.00
Visitation Committee 100.00
Education Committee 100.00
Youth Program 200.00
Friends World Committee 300.00
Travel Expense:
  Germany $600
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Travel of Officers & Delegates to Interim Com. & Yearly Meeting 1,500.00
Publications:
  Disciplines $643.86
  Song Books 40.00
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  683.86
Expenses, Yrly. Mtg., 1958 200.00
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  7,058.86
RESERVE 615.36
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  $7,674.22

It was agreed that the amount paid for travel of representatives and officers is an item of expense in our budget and not a travel pool. If a Meeting does not use its share any year, there can be no refund or carry-over to the next year. The amounts of these grants are to be determined on a mileage basis with the rate determined by a minute of the Yearly Meeting.

It was agreed that Meetings at a distance of over one hundred miles will receive two cents per mile for the distance from the Monthly Meeting to the Interim Committee meetings and return.

The meeting agreed that we authorize the Finance Committee to deposit some reserve funds in a bank where loans are made without discrimination in an area of racial tension, if it seems feasible and practical to do so.

The meeting approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee, following the minute on the subject from Willamette Valley Meeting, that we authorize the establishment of a Meeting House Fund to assist Monthly Meetings with new buildings, and repairs and alterations to older meeting houses. The meeting approved the appointment of a committee to build up and administer the Meeting House Fund. The Nominating Committee was asked
to name the members of this committee.

Friends agreed that the question of per capita assessment increase (presently $4 per adult member) be referred to Monthly Meetings for discussion and returned to the Interim Committee in March, 1958, for consideration.

One Friend suggested that we raise our per capita assessment to a bolder figure and establish enough reserve funds to support activities and work we feel we would like to encourage. A ten dollar sum was suggested. Another Friend indicated a more modest increase which would wisely be based on a specific need. Others suggested that the establishment of a Meeting House Fund might be correlated with the discussion of an increase in per capita assessment as these topics are discussed in Monthly Meetings.

Friends approved the sale of copies of the Discipline.

After a short period of silence the meeting adjourned until 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

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Saturday afternoon, August 24

The meeting opened with a short period of silence.

The minutes of the Saturday morning session were approved after changes were made.

The clerk read a returning minute for Charles Marland, Purley Preparative Meeting, Surrey, England. The meeting approved it, with appreciation for his visit.

The meeting approved sending a letter of thanks and appreciation to the staff of Linfield College for their service to us during Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Margaret Simkin, chairman. The report was accepted and approved after two changes, with warm thanks to the committee for its arduous labors. Appointments are as follows:

Presiding clerk: Catherine Bruner
Alternate clerk: Harold Carson
Recording clerk: Edwin Morgenroth
Reading clerk: Robert Boyd
Treasurer: Robert L. Simkin
Secretary: Mildred Burck

Committee on Ministry and Oversight:
Madge Scaver, chairman (1 yr)
Jane Baumann (1 yr)
Ruth Schmoe (1 yr)
Robert Vogel (1 yr)
Olivia Davis (2 yrs)
Clara Shaw (2 yrs)
Clarence Cunningham (2 yrs)

Discipline Committee
Bernard Nuhn, chairman (2 yrs)
Margaret Junop (1 yr)
Eleanor Brownell (2 yrs)
Mary Kerschner (2 yrs)
Hugh Campbell-Brown (2 yrs)
Ben Scaver (2 yrs)
Edwin Sanders (2 yrs)

Bulletin Committee
Grace Lawrence, chairman
Esther Richards, editor
Margaret Lorenz
Stephanie Ullman
Peggy Church
Laura Gritzner
Margaret Coe
Phillip Wells

Finance Committee
Vern James, chairman (1 yr)
Ben Darling (1 yr)
Ellis Jump (2 yrs)
Robert Young (2 yrs)
Dorothy Murray (3 yrs)
Charles Gritzner (3 yrs)
Robert Simkin, treasurer (ex. off.)
Mildred Burck, secretary (ex. off.)

Education Committee
Grethchen Radnick, chairman
Elizabeth Van Dolsen
John & Alice Way
Beth Prideaux
Marguerite Wells
Paul & Crystalle Davis
Herbert & Eleanor Foster
Etta Marie James
Madeleine Stephenson
Mara Moser
Dorothy Pinney

Visititation Committee
Ebanks Carmer, chairman
Lola Bellinger
William & Anna James
John & Ann Salyer
Russell & Mary Jorgensen
Richard Broughton

Committee on Indian Affairs
(an advisory committee)
Albert Kramer, chairman
Alice Shoeemaker
Richard Thomas
Harold Barton
Isabel Bachel
William Matchett
Patience MacLean

A.F.S.C. Representatives
John Salyer (1 yr)
Russell Thorburn (2 yrs)

F.C.N.L. Representatives
Elmira Ashkenazy, chairman
Georges Weber
Bruce Brown, Montana (1 yr)
Ethel Miller, Wash. (2 yrs)
George Clauss, Oreg. (1 yr)
Mahan Haggerty, Ariz. (2 yrs)
Sylvia Loonis, N.M. (1 yr)

Friends World Committee Representatives
Harold Carson (1 yr)
Jane Baumann (1 yr)
Margaret Simkin (1 yr)
John Ullman (2 yrs)
Clifford Maser (2 yrs)
Lyra Dunn (2 yrs)

Friends World Committee, Pacific Rim, Representative
Edwin Sanders

Young Friends Counselors
Beach Langston
Kenneth Stevens
Alternate: Charles Davis

Young Friends Representatives on Interim Committee
Sue Freedman (1 yr)
Ethel Heinston (2 yrs)
Young Friends Correspondents
Nancy Baldwin—Northwest
Darryl Davis—Bay Area
Jan Grizner—Southwest
Delegates to Conference on Disarmament
Elinor Ashkenazy
William Hanson
Cecil Thomas
Friends World Committee Representatives to
Bad Pyrmont
Jane Baumann
John Ullman
Clifford Maser
Committee on Retirement
Marjorie Weber, chairman
Morton Schaffran
Alice Plynton
Nan Dorland
Naomi Rippin
Meeting House Fund Committee
Ellis Jumps, chairman
Vern James
William Taylor
The meeting approved increasing the F.C.N.L. representatives to include a member from the states of Washington, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico and Montana, and later additions from other states in the United States where there are Monthly Meetings of the Yearly Meeting.
To implement the Young Friends request for a continuing program throughout the year, the Yearly Meeting approved the formation of a Committee on Continuation of Young Friends Activities, and the following Friends were named to the committee:
Dorothy Bruff
Ethel Heaston
Kar Fagg
The meeting approved the following recommendations from the Nominating Committee:
1) We recommend that the alternate clerk preside at special meetings and take any other responsibility that the presiding clerk would like to share.
2) In case of appointments of more than one year, we suggest that if a person appointed has been unable to serve during the first year, the chairman ask if the member wishes to continue and, if not, that the chairman request the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy.
3) If, when the Nominating Committee is setting up committees, committee chairmen have suggestions for appointees to their committees, they are asked to get in touch with the Nominating Committee.
The meeting concurred with this Interim Committee minute:
a) There needs to be a continual effort to draw younger Friends into active service in the Yearly Meeting.
b) It is desirable to extend opportunities to attend conferences to as many members of the Yearly Meeting as possible.
c) Delegates to conferences should be Friends who have something to give, as well as being able to profit.

The following minute from the Committee on Ministry and Oversight of Pacific Yearly Meeting was read and approved:
A meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight of Pacific Yearly Meeting held August 21, 1957, at 3:30 p.m. considered whether the Yearly Meeting should set up a Committee on Mental Health. It was felt that the Monthly Meeting has the first responsibility in dealing with problems of mental health. Frequently the most valuable service we can render is sympathetic listening and loving attention. The suggestion was approved that the Monthly Meeting Committees on Ministry and Oversight look for additional resources in local agencies and persons in the field of mental health and be ready to refer individuals to competent professional help if such is asked for.

Ed Sanders read the following minute which grew out of a concern of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting (concurred in by La Jolla Monthly Meeting):
As Friends Meetings and other religious groups continue to face the issues of non-disloyalty oaths, the Pacific Yearly Meeting recalls its minute of 1953:
"The spirit of Christ by which we are guided leads us to stand for religious freedom and obligates us to pursue Truth wherever it may lead.
"We regard the current restrictions on liberty of thought and speech—as evidenced in the abuse of legislative investigations and laws requiring declarations of non-disloyalty to the State—as a danger to our basic freedom to differ and to explore truth.
"Neither these efforts to enforce loyalty nor the weapons of armed might will bring security or peace to this or any other nation. Only reliance on the power of love and good will can bring true peace and freedom from fear.
"We affirm our unchanging conviction that our first allegiance is to God, and if this conflicts with any compulsion of the State, we serve our countries best by remaining true to our higher loyalty.

We have heard with interest the continued efforts by some California churches to press to the U.S. Supreme Court the question of the constitutionality of California's requirement that all non-profit organizations make a declaration of non-disloyalty to retain their tax-exemption. We continue our support for those Friends Meetings which have refused to sign this declaration. We commend Orange Grove Friends Meeting on its plans to submit an amicus curiae brief as this question goes to the Supreme Court and urge Friends Meetings and individuals to support this legal action in every appropriate way.

The meeting approved this minute as read.
Bob Barns presented the following letter to the Montgomery, Alabama, Improvement Association. The meeting heard the letter and recommended that it be sent.
Dear Friends,
At the time of our last meeting, a year ago, we wrote to you indicating our support of your aims and techniques in the matter of segregation on your buses. All of us were greatly relieved when the Supreme Court's decision, favorable to you, was reported. We realize that this did not end the situation for you, but simply shifted the field of action. We want to take this opportunity to send you our deepest support and encouragement. We send you our love and concern and fervently desire that the leadership you have shown to the world may be followed everywhere there are areas of human conflict.
We are, in love, your friends.
The meeting considered a previously presented concern of University Monthly Meeting (Seattle) proposing that the Yearly Meeting establish a Committee on Peace and Service. After various Friends told of activities of Peace and Service Committees in their Monthly Meetings, the meeting approved the establishment of a Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Service, and asked the Nominating Committee to name members to this new committee.
The meeting expressed appreciation to the
Discipline Committee which has completed the arduous task of compiling and writing a draft of the Discipline, which was placed in our hands in printed form at this Yearly Meeting time.

Esther de Gally of Mexico City Monthly Meeting gave a refreshing account of how Mexico City Meeting found a home and how Friends can find a home there when they visit Mexico City.

Eubanks Carsner presented a concern that the Bulletin establish an uncensored “Letters to the Editor” department. Friends spoke of the problems confronting the Bulletin Committee and editor. The editor reminded us that the Bulletin Committee is struggling with the problem of space and cost. We agreed that we trust our editor, that we are grateful for her service and do not wish to fetter her in any way.

William Taylor spoke to a concern presented by Alice Way regarding the possibility that we corporately undertake some quarterly reporting of the financial progress of the projects and concerns among Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends. The question was raised as to whether Pacific Yearly Meeting could be a catalyst to free that which is inert to action, without itself being weighed down.

The meeting closed after a period of silence.

Saturday evening, August 24

Friends gathered to sing, before the opening of the session.

The meeting was opened by a period of worship, at the close of which the clerk recalled these lines from Whittier’s hymn which we had sung:

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our feverish ways
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.”

The following epistles were read by the reading clerk:

*Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (1957): “We have met under a strong sense of our own need for spiritual growth. ... We pray for ourselves and for our children that we may have a hunger for truth and holiness.”*

*Young Friends at Quaker Knoll (1957 Conference of Friends in the Americas): “Since we, as Friends, support the idea of God being in every man, each person should be treated as an individual and an equal child of God, judged by his or her individual efforts. The recognition of this, we think, is the underlying key to sound race relations in the world today.” (This was one of the paragraphs chosen by our Young Friends.)

*Danish Yearly Meeting (1957): “We are strengthened in the belief of the personal experience of God and in the conviction that for all sincere religious people life is a whole, and that they form one fellowship.”*

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon session were read and approved.

The concern regarding a quarterly reporting of financial needs of Friends projects within the Yearly Meeting, presented at the afternoon session by William Taylor, was referred to the Interim Committee.

Gene Grigsby reported for the Young Friends group at our Yearly Meeting. He gave an account of the Young Friends activities and the speakers who led discussions with them. He also told us of their decision to establish a newsletter and to develop plans for a continuing program during the year, leading up to Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee suggested the following names for the Yearly Meeting Peace and Service Committee:

Floyd Schmoe, chairman
Olin Byerly
Elizabeth Elkinton
David Line
Esther de Gally
Bega Engelsberg
Don Elton Smith
Georges Weber
Harriette Schaffran
Kay Newton
Mary Uyeda

The meeting approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

The Yearly Meeting epistle for 1957 was read. Friends were asked to bring their suggestions for changes to the Epistle Committee before it is read for final approval Sunday morning.

The Yearly Meeting turned its attention to our peace testimony by hearing the reading clerk read a letter from Germany Yearly Meeting expressing their concern that we join them in approaching governments of various nations in “an effort to convince them that atomic bomb experiments must stop immediately and forever.” The reading clerk also read from a letter from our Friend, Gretchen Tuthill, from Hiroshima, dated August 20, 1957. She had attended a conference protesting the manufacture and use of nuclear weapons.

Ben Seaver presented the following letter (growing out of a concern of a special interest group) addressed to President Eisenhower, Premier Bulganin, and Prime Minister Macmillan:

*Sirs:

The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), meeting August 21 to 25 at McMinnville, Oregon, protests further explosions of nuclear weapons, and fully endorses the statement sent you Henry J. Cadbury on behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Friends Service Committee in June, 1957. This statement said, in part:

“Our concern—and that of many others—is not limited to the political and biological problems. It is essentially moral. Evil done in response to another’s evil is too often rationalized, implying that the end justifies the means. This we cannot accept. Moreover, history offers no assurance that a balance of terror can maintain peace; it is more likely that a continuation of the atomic arms race would destroy civilization. The only way to create trust is trust. We believe that an act of moral initiative on the part of any nation would release creative moral power of incalculable effect. It would rad-
ically reduce the fear and tension which now hinder every move toward peace.

"Any nuclear power can take the first courageous steps toward world disarmament by stopping nuclear tests unequivocally and without reservation. We are, therefore, addressing this message to each of you. With the prayer that the tragic impasse will at last be broken."

Friends approved sending this letter to the above-mentioned persons and added the following: Prime Minister of Canada; President of Mexico; Congressional Representatives and Senators of the states represented by the Monthly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting.

It was suggested that Mexico City Monthly Meeting and other Meetings might wish to prepare their own letters.

It was also agreed that the letters should be released to the press by the Monthly Meetings a suitable time after they are mailed to the persons named.

Friends agreed that the Pacific Yearly Meeting send the following letter to the A.F.S.C. in Philadelphia, with copies to West Coast Regional Offices. A sum of $134 was collected (in an earmarked hat) to send to the Philadelphia office to implement our concern.

Dear Friends:

A major concern of Pacific Yearly Meeting, being held at McMinnville, Oregon, is for cessation of nuclear explosions as a first step toward world disarmament.

Friends gathered together wish to minute this concern and ask that the Service Committee gives this priority in the A.F.S.C. program.

The suggestion has been made that, as part of an educational effort, someone be appointed to bring this issue before the public in as widespread a manner as possible—something perhaps like the program carried on during the height of the opposition to conscription.

Pacific Yearly Meeting is forwarding $134.00 (collected in the session when this minute was approved) to implement this suggestion. In a matter on which so much of the future of mankind depends, we believe we should apply to the issue whatever genius Friends have in peace-making, confident that the necessary support will be found.

It was agreed that the Yearly Meeting write a letter to Clarence Pickett (Philadelphia A. F. S.C.) or Norman Cousins (Saturday Review of Literature) asking that the Provisional Committee to Stop Nuclear Tests become a permanent working committee.

Ben Seaver presented the following proposals as to how local Meetings can be helpful in pressing for cessation of nuclear explosions:

A Provisional Committee to Stop Nuclear Tests has been set up to carry on a nation-wide campaign. It is being headed by Clarence Pickett and Norman Cousins. In a three-point program it will raise the issue with political leaders, seek radio, TV and newspapers for full discussion and serve as a clearing house for information. Local Meetings can write to Clarence Pickett or Norman Cousins, indicating approval and support. This will be helpful.

Plan community action in your own town. This might be a door-to-door poll, distribution of literature, sidewalk tables where petitions might be signed, public meetings—to name a few projects.

Call to the attention of your local Council of Church-
es the statement of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, August 5, in New Haven, Conn. The statement said a suspension of tests by any one government conducting them could pave the way for international agreements banning the bomb. The full statement is available from the World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y. Get a copy for your local council and urge them to pass supporting statements.

Support legislative efforts in Congress. Congressman Charles Porter of Oregon introduced a bill, H.R. 8269, to prohibit unilaterally further U.S. testing of nuclear weapons as long as other countries refrain from exploiting such devices. Others to urge the end of further testing include Senators Mike Mansfield, Lyndon B. Johnson, Hubert H. Humphrey, Richard L. Neuberger, and Wayne Morse. See further details in the August, 1957, Washington Newsletter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Friends suggested that this last proposal might very well be the first business of the new Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Service. The meeting approved calling this information to the attention of the Monthly Meetings and encouraged them to make personal visits to government officials.

The La Jolla Peace Queries were presented by Olivia Davis. A letter expressing sympathy with the La Jolla Queries and suggesting additional areas for consideration was presented from Phoenix Monthly Meeting by Charles Gritzer. A letter from San Francisco Monthly Meeting suggesting certain revisions in the La Jolla Queries was read.

The meeting approved submitting the La Jolla Queries, the San Francisco Monthly Meeting letter and the Phoenix Monthly Meeting letter to the Discipline Committee to assist them in preparing Peace Queries for our use.

Monthly Meetings were encouraged to continue to send to the Discipline Committee other proposed Queries for study and consideration.

Mary Louise Hooper, an attender of Palo Alto Meeting, who has recently returned from South Africa, spoke to the question: Is there hope for racial peace in South Africa?

One Friend suggested that this problem might well become another area for study and consideration of the Yearly Meeting Peace and Service Committee.

Vern James proposed that we obtain liability insurance for the Yearly Meeting. The meeting gave permission to the Finance Committee to investigate this situation and, if needed, the Finance Committee is authorized to purchase insurance in appropriate amount to be determined by the committee.

The meeting expressed its thanks to those Friends who worked so diligently to develop and carry out the children’s program at Yearly Meeting.

In addition to these epistles already quoted, the Yearly Meeting received epistles from the following: Indiana Yearly Meeting (General Conference); General Meeting for Australia; North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative);
Fritcheby General Meeting of Friends (England); Jamaica Yearly Meeting; Kansas Yearly Meeting; New England Yearly Meeting; Junior Yearly Meeting of New York Yearly Meeting.

A sum of money was collected to the various staff workers of the college as a token of our appreciation for their services.

The meeting approved of the minutes of the Saturday evening meeting.

The meeting closed with a brief moment of silence.

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\textbf{Sunday morning, August 25}

At the rise of the meeting for worship Sunday morning, Jane Baumann, chairman of the Epistle Committee, read the Paciﬁc Yearly Meeting Epistle, which was accepted with approval by the meeting.

The presiding clerk then read this closing minute:

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