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### The Relevance of Visions

Like all of you, I have a desk full of letters, telegrams, statements, protests, exhortations and post mortems of the fateful events of the week of October 24. Each of us has by now made his own response, reached his personal decisions about how to carry on work for peace in the coming months. Living under the guiding hand of a State Department which frankly admits that it has no time for thinking out long-range policies, but can only act as seems best at the moment, we seem now to be challenged as never before to undertake for our country the kind of long-range planning and thinking which it so clearly needs. This means head-work, heart-work, and what the catholic call "folded-hands work" - prayer.

If there are any among us who have been inclined to panic and say "there is no time left," we might remind them that there has never been time. Just two weeks before the crisis a young mother in the Ann Arbor Meeting took pen in hand to write a letter of application for membership in the Meeting. She wrote, "It has long seemed to me that if men are to be measured at all, it must be by the intensity and scope of their vision of the order of splendor which has made existence possible, and by the acts which reflect the love and respect they have for persons."

Is this any less true now than it was a few weeks ago?

### Notes on the New Order

The production of the LEA Bulletin is being gradually turned over in the course of this year to William Preis of Yellow Springs. Your retiring editor is very grateful for his interest and willingness to undertake the task. Enough Friends have indicated a strong desire to continue receiving the Bulletin to make it clear that it fills a need. We all agree that it should be shorter! The new system of asking for subscriptions by Meetings is working out well, and we now have over 200 paid-up subscriptions for the coming year.

### Calendar

No calendar items were sent in by correspondents for this issue.  
Please send all items for the next issue (news too) by December 31st.

Dec. 2nd	-	Visitors Day at Oberlin
Jan. 10-13	-	Annual Meeting - AFSC, Philadelphia
Jan. ?	-	Annual Meeting - FCNL,
Jan. 26-27	-	Annual Meeting - FWC; 26th at Haverford College 27th at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.

Indianapolis Independent Friends Meeting

The Indianapolis Independent Friends Meeting was always a loosely organized, informal group composed chiefly of people interested in unprogrammed worship. Since the formation of a regular unprogrammed monthly meeting in Indianapolis a few years ago, the Independent Meeting has grown inactive. Former participants recently agreed that the Meeting should be officially discontinued. Remaining funds have been given to the AFSC. The Meeting records have been turned over to the Lanthorn Monthly Meeting for preservation.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM LAST SUMMER

(Here are the items we could not include in the last issue because of space limitation.)

### The 1962 Gathering of Friends

"Quaker Haven was really fun" wrote a teen-age attender to her friend. "There was family spirit there. And we weren't rushed. The overall purpose was directed at discovering and nurturing the spiritual part of you and applying it to life in the family and every-day world." The writer (Caroline Kerman, Ann Arbor) was one of nearly 200 Friends who came to the 1962 Gathering of Friends at Quaker Haven, near Syracuse, Indiana, August 9 to 12 under the sponsorship of the Continuing Committee on Greater Unity. They were chiefly members of the four groups from which the Committee is drawn - Indiana (FGC), Wilmington (FYM), Lake Erie Association and Ohio (C). The first three were about equally represented to make up about 80 of the total. In addition there were attenders from four other Yearly Meetings and from unaffiliated groups.

There were three main speakers on the general theme "A Living Witness." Paul Lacey asked that we do more than wear the name of Quaker; we should strive for integrity by making our actions testify to the truth as we experience it. The results can be left to God. George Levinger offered guidelines for dealing with tensions within families. Listen to each other, he advised, so that we can discover the needs behind the words. Be accepting and loving but willing to talk openly about matters which may be irritating or unpleasant. The third talk, given by T. Canby Jones was on "The Personal Search." His reading of some of the great passages in the Psalms was fresh and deeply moving. There were discussion groups on community, family and personal approaches toward being a living witness.

The young correspondent quoted above said in summarizing the Gathering, "I felt a little less out to seek worldly goods when I was done." INB

### Friends World Committee For Consultation

James Walker has retired this Fall after a 12-year period of service as Executive Secretary of the American Section. This position climaxed long years of service in other ways to the Society of Friends. Retirement will by no means end his work but merely alter the tempo a bit! James Walker will continue to serve the Committee in a part-time capacity. Herbert Hadley has returned from England where he served as General Secretary of the World Committee. He will take over the secretaryship of the American Section. We are happy to have Herbert Hadley back with us again on this continent.

We quote here from a report by Florence Shute to the LEA Annual Meeting on the work of the Friends World Committee.

The significance of the Committee's services to the Society is often intentionally played down. Some of these services are:

1. The Quaker United Nations Program.  
Made possible by the World Committee's status as an international, non-governmental organization on the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC), this program is jointly administered by the AFSC, the Friends Service Council (London) and the FWCC. This work is thrillingly reported by the Director at the American Section's Annual Meeting. Last January George Loft told of certain conferences held at Quaker House in New York City - James Wadsworth meeting with representatives of smaller nations - UN workers requesting the Team to try to better U.S. - Cuban relations. A quotation "I think there is a genius in Friends' approach, particularly when the situation looks hopeless."
2. Triennial World Conferences.  
(Example - The 1961 (8th) Meeting at Kaimosi, Kenya.)
3. Intervisitation That Is World-wide.
4. Organization of the World Conferences of Friends Meetings.  
(Example - Oxford, England, in 1952. The next is planned for 1967 at Greensboro, N.C. Only a WORLD committee could plan for so many separate Yearly Meetings.)
5. The Wider Quaker Fellowship Subcommittee headed by Emma Cadbury.
6. Administration of the Quaker Leadership Grants, so imaginatively provided by Clement and Grace Biddle.
7. Administration of the Quaker Youth Pilgrimages.
8. Nurture and Recognition of New Meetings.
9. Sponsor of Conferences With Special Concerns.  
(Example - The three conferences on race relations already held. )

Availability, versatility, impartiality, wisdom, experience, deliberations held and action taken in scrupulous adherence to the spirit of loving Friendly concern for all - this is a fair description of the Friends World Committee.

Another concern arising out of the activities of FWCC comes to us from Margaret Utterback, one of our LEA Kenya representatives in 1961. She writes: "When I was in Kaimosi at the Meeting of the FWCC, I was urged to visit the Monthly Meeting at Seoul, Korea. It seemed out of my way and a cold, cold place in February. But from the minute I got off the plane at Seoul, I felt wrapped in warm loving-kindness.

"In the meeting besides two high school teachers with whom I had long evening talks and many cups of coffee, there are two Korean men from the U.S. Embassy staff; a tall, beautiful young woman who is lame, who writes and publishes poetry; a jolly young man with a very beautiful smile who is blind, who translates Braille for the government; Yoon Gu Lee, who has left his teaching post at the theological seminary to go to a village, build a school with the help of parents to teach agriculture and establish a cooperative. There is also Sukheyun Ham, a pacifist who was jailed by Syngman Rhee and who is now in the U.S. as a guest of our State Department. He is currently at Pendle Hill.

"The beautiful, ancient city of Seoul is today a shack town. One of the largest cities in the world, it has narrow streets, muddy roads, small wooden buildings for shops and homes. There is no AFSC, no Visa, no Peace Corps. Raymond Wilson spoke of Koreans as the forgotten people.

"Isn't it time the U.S. remembered that Teddy Roosevelt gave Korea to Japan and then after World War II we gave half of it to Russia? There is a concern to rent a big old house and fix it up to be used for Meeting but also as library, hostel, class rooms, nursery school and perhaps as a clinic. (Could the Red. Cross help?) I mentioned this concern to the AFSC when I was at Cape May. They are busy this year raising a million dollars for Algeria. I asked the Five Years Mission Board. They are sending 21 teachers to Kenya. I wrote Sargent Shriver about a Peace Corps unit for Korea. A 4th secretary thanked me for my interest. There seems, however, to be real interest in LEA."

May LEA have a special part to play in this? If you think so, write to - Margaret Utterback, 344 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio.

#### Quaker Youth Pilgrimage - 1963

This is your last chance to see that interested 11th and 12th graders of your meeting send in applications to spend next summer in England with European and English Young Friends. Write to - Midwest Office, Friends World Committee, Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. Deadline - December 3, 1962

#### NEWS FROM LEA MEETINGS

Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Immigration Committee of the Ann Arbor Meeting has had a strenuous couple of months helping to settle two Dutch Indonesian families into the community. All working members of the families have now found employment. Their children are a joy to the Sunday School. The Sunday School has had a happy Fall. Extensive preparations for an eventually-rained-out UN Parade Oct. 24 did not dampen their spirits. A festive indoor parade and party was held instead. Children of the Meeting were also thrilled to discover that their UNICEF collection Halloween totaled \$100.!

Meeting attendance flourishes. The Hospitality Committee works hard serving coffee after meeting, arranging potlucks, trying to make it possible for Friends to know one another as we did when the Meeting was smaller. A morning coffee for all the women of the Meeting on UN Day at the home of a member brought out 40 women, all eager for more opportunities to be together. To try to meet the differing needs, there is now an every-other Wednesday morning coffee and sewing hour at the Center; a Tuesday evening devotional group in a private home for husbands and wives - perhaps more to come.

The student co-op has many residents interested in Friends' activities making the group a great joy to the Meeting. A Tuesday night supper group of Young Friends engaged in personal spiritual search has, as its chief complaint, that the group is too large (30) for the kind of intimate search each of the 30 wishes to undertake. Yet they will not subdivide! Ministry and Counsel has prepared a large placard to be framed and hung in the meeting lobby which begins "TO THOSE ATTENDING MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME. . . ."; the Membership and Outreach Committee is preparing New comers Cards. Both these activities reflect the deep and growing concern that our Meeting find a way to bring newcomers into meaningful fellowship with us.

Meeting House - 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor.  
Adult and Children's Sunday School - 10 A.M. Meeting for Worship - 11 A.M.  
Clerk - Herbert Nichols, 1420 Hill Street

Charleston, West Virginia. Flora McKinney, 1593 1/2 Jackson Street writes that Friends in the Charleston area have arranged to meet regularly for worship each Sunday at 10 A.M. in the Library Room of the YMCA at 1114 Quarrier Street. If you would like to be notified of special meetings, please let Flora McKinney know your name and address.

East Lansing, Michigan. We gather for discussion one Sunday evening each month focusing on a common reading. Our current book is Fosdick's anthology "Rufus Jones Speaks To Our Time." During the summer we collected and sent 148 pounds of clothing and other goods including blankets that had been purchased with trading stamps to AFSC. Attendance at meetings was meagre during the summer but is now back to 12-15 each Sunday including a few new students. The meeting has been strengthened by the addition of two new members, one by transfer. Arrangements are under way for the development of a First Day School.

Our recording secretary is Elizabeth Edwards; treasurer is Mary Jo Wells. The editors of our newsletter are Steve and Beth Deutsch. Seth also serves as our representative on a coordinating committee of Peace Groups in the Greater Lansing area.

Meeting for Worship-10AM, Peoples Church, College House, 148 W. Grand River  
Clerk: Peter Stettenheim, 724 Elm Street, East Lansing.

Grand Rapids, Michigan. We are glad to announce that we have Preparative Meeting status with the Kalamazoo Meeting. We are in the throes of deciding on a permanent name. This together with news of weekly meetings and First Day School will be forthcoming as things take shape. Our first meeting project was held June 7 when we had a showing of Which Way The Wind and Language Of Faces for an invitational audience of 50. Bob Eddy led discussion. At the June business meeting, Donald Mullen, public relations director of the Grand Rapids Central Library, accepted leadership of the peace education work of the Meeting. (Donald Mullen is the father of Ann Mullen who recently joined Ann Arbor Meeting as a student member and is currently an Ann Arbor ambassador to the Peace Corps.)

There are many more Quakers in our area than any of us originally knew. At almost every meeting new people come. Gradually we are gaining in both numbers and strength as a community. It all takes time. Considering that our first Meeting for Worship was held Jan. 7, 1962, we are most encouraged.

Meeting for Worship--1st Sunday, 10 A.M.; Discussion 11 A.M.  
3rd Sunday, 10 A.M.; Business 11 A.M.  
South Branch - YWCA - 4550 Eastern Ave., S.E. Grand Rapids  
Clerk: Eugene Dungan, 5726 Morse Lake Rd., Alto, Mich. Phone 868-6667.

Kalamazoo, Michigan. Kalamazoo Meeting House is playing an increasingly important role in the city. Groups such as the Peace Council, Human Relations Council, Women for Peace and the Peace Center all use the Meeting House. Friends actively participate in many of these activities. Various phases of Quakerism suited to the respective ages are being studied in First Day School. Ministry and Counsel sponsored a weekend retreat Nov. 9 - 11 at the Meeting House. Child care

was proved so that mothers needing this spiritual refreshment would be able to attend. Other Meetings take note !

Meeting for Worship - 10 AM; Adult Discussion 11 AM; First Day School 10-12  
Meeting House - 504 Dinner St., Adda Dilts, Resident Friend-Phone FI 9-1754  
Clerk: Elmer Belooof, 921 Walwood Place.

North Columbus, Ohio. We had Sidney Lens, author of the new AFSC pamphlet "Revolution and the Cold War" as a speaker recently. Dortha Patterson continues to coordinate an active AFSC sewing project. The Meeting helped prepare a booth on refugees for the UN Festival and members sell UN and UNICEF greeting cards. The Meeting has "loaned" Lorena Blackburn to Peace Action Center, 1731 Park Hoad N.W., Washington 10, D.C. Her activities are on behalf of all Friends.

In a letter dated Sept. 17 Lorena writes: "Florence (Carpenter, also an Ohio Friend) and I most thoroughly enjoy this work. . . The number of residents here varies from 4 to 20. The house is elastic since besides 4 large bedrooms, we have a basement apartment and an entire finished third story which is a dormitory for men. . . There is also a printing shop in the basement where work is done for us and others. . . . We are cheered by the many who ask to receive The Witness, our newsletter, join the Vigil Line and/or come to the Center to help. Anyone who shares our concerns and wants to cooperate is most welcome. Come for a day, a week or a month or longer." These dear Friends began a fast when President Kennedy made his fateful announcement Oct. 24. Friends can do "folded hands work" too. The effect can never be measured but it may have been the most important work done in Washington that week.

First Day School 1-10AM; Singing 10:45; Meeting for Worship- -11 AM  
Meeting House-1954 Indianola Avenue, Columbus 1. Phone AX 9-2728  
Clerk: Edgar Shaudys, 1423 Mulford Road, Columbus.

William & Roberta Persick, Residents.

Pittsburgh, Pa. At Camp Lutherlyn, Friends from Pittsburgh and the surrounding area had a weekend of worship, fellowship and recreation. The theme was "Let's be friends as well as Friends." Potluck discussion suppers, "Ladies Night Out," activities of Pittsburgh Peace Center and an expanding AFSC program all testify to the vitality of the Meeting. The adult class is trying a new plan for integrating interests of active Friends into the life of the Meeting. Other meetings might note: "we plan to keep a flexible schedule for the periods following worship in order to hear from Friends who have reports from special travel and national activities, and also to arrange talks by members who have valuable information from their professions and personal experience. This will enable us to know more about each other's work and philosophy. The September newsletter began with the reminder every Meeting needs of the source of all social concerns: "Stay. . . . until you are clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49.

Meeting House--1353 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh 17. JA 1-3353  
Meeting for Worship--10:30 AM  
Clerk--Edward Arnett, 518 Roslyn Place, Pittsburgh 32.

Wooster, Ohio. We shipped 300 pounds of clothing to the AFSC in September to help the Algerian Resettlement Program. With the return of students to the College of Wooster campus, and a change back to our earlier meeting time of 9: 15, the tempo of the Meeting changed. We always anticipate new faces in September and we are not disappointed. A peace action group and a discussion group are going strong and include many of our student attenders.

Meeting for Worship--9: 15 AM--Student Union, Wooster College Campus  
Clerk--Howard Kriebel, 2545 Christmas Run, Wooster.

Yellow Springs, Ohio. Meeting For Everyone is an experiment in religious education which involves all ages in the Meeting. Our theme for the year is the Inward Light as seen in the lives of Friends through 300 years. On the first Sunday of each month the whole Meeting comes together to consider individuals drawn from Quaker history. The program includes singing (in which even the youngest children participate), silence, and presentation of the day's subject (in various forms, such as a story or a play), followed by discussion about it. Enthusiasm and attendance have run high at the two meetings held so far, and the age span runs from infants to grandparents. A significant feature of this experiment is the reading program which is carried on in homes during the month between meetings. Books for both children and adults which are appropriate for the chronological period under consideration are circulated each month. Many of us are becoming acquainted with fascinating Quaker figures for the first time. Reading about ways in which Quakers have handled situations through the years is helpful in gaining perspective on the problems which face us today.

On Saturday, Oct. 20th there was a family "retreat" at the Outdoor Education Center of Antioch College. Starting at 9:30 AM, after half an hour of worship, the attenders split into separate groups to discuss-- 1) How to deepen the Meeting for Worship, 2) Do we need a meeting house? 3) Child education, both secular and religious, 4) What it means to be a Friend. With an interval for lunch, the meetings lasted until about 5 PM. After supper there was family recreation. Child care was provided during the meetings. Each group reported to a plenary session Sunday evening in the home of a member. The Meeting hopes to have another meeting of the same sort next year to discuss current interests.

Wilmington College - Friends who remember about Larry Gara's unjust dismissal from Grove City (Pa.) College, reported in the LEA Bulletin last Spring, will be glad to know that he is teaching now at Wilmington College. We look forward to more news from Wilmington in time for the next Bulletin.

October 20 at Holiday Hill, Delaware, Ohio, there was a meeting of the Columbus area Meetings of the LEA. Meetings represented at that meeting were Granville, Wooster and Oberlin.

### In Memoriam

Roscoe Giffen of Berea College, Kentucky, beloved Friend of many in the Lake Erie Association, passed away suddenly last month. His work for the AFSC, for Friends and for the world community had reached new depth and meaning at the time when it was so abruptly cut short. Many of us will try to carry on the work he left. His loving spirit will always remain alive among us. Flo Giffen has carried on with great courage during this difficult time. She will stay on at Berea with the younger children.

Those who are moved to do so may contribute to an educational fund set up for the Giffen children under the care of the Dayton Regional Office, American Friends Service Committee, 915 Salem Avenue, Dayton, 6, Ohio.

Jens Jensen of Meadville, Pa., a member of the Pittsburgh Meeting and attender of the small Friends group in Meadville for the past 17 years, passed away in early September at the age of 76. His main interests with Friends were in education and in peace and service. He worked with the Keystone View Company, an optical concern, since 1914. He was a frequent attender at Pittsburgh and Regional gatherings. Pittsburgh Meeting writes "His presence was always a joy and a blessing to us, as was that of Mamie Jensen." His wife moved away from Meadville shortly after her husband's death. Her address is 5705 Dogwood Place, Madison 5, Wisconsin. She has requested a change of membership to Madison Meeting.