When all looks fair about, and thou seest not a cloud so big as a Hand to threaten thee, forget not the Wheel of things: think of sullen vicissitudes, but beat not thy brains to foreknow them. Be armed against such obscurities rather by submission than foreknowledge.

—Sir Thomas Browne

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The American Friends Service Committee drew on its experience in Washington, D.C., to defend the program of school integration which was recently under attack by the Davis Subcommittee. Irene Osborne, speaking for the Quaker group, said the Davis hearings had been “the greatest possible disservice to the program.” She directed a four-year program launched by the American Friends Service Committee in 1951 to aid full integration of the Washington public schools. She is now A.F.S.C.’s national school consultant.

“Integration in Washington has enjoyed a great degree of success. Problems that have arisen are the behavioral and teaching problems that must be faced by any large metropolitan educational system. In the days of segregation the Washington School Board and administrators had little time to give to the business of education, engaged as they were in the constant struggle merely to house school children and to maintain the precarious balance of a dual system. . . . The school system is now for the first time in a position to give good education to all. The Davis Subcommittee conducted its hearing without objectivity and with predetermined goals,” she said.

Among the improvements in the school program now possible for the first time she listed the following: (1) Children can attend the school nearest their home; poor school assignments for thousands of children are corrected. (2) Most overcrowded schools have been relieved by utilizing available space nearby. (3) All teacher services are available where they are most needed. (4) Special education is available to those who need it without racial restriction. (5) Parents and children in the same neighborhood can work together in the same school program; thus a unifying force for the community is provided. (6) A child can enter an educational program suited to his individual needs without being considered an anonymous member of his racial group. (7) There is for the first time an adequate testing program and skilled use of test results for the guidance of individual schools.

The Service Committee’s statement regretted that the Davis Subcommittee did not give equally dramatic treatment to many stories of success which have come out of the integrated schools. Stories like these may be told, it said: there is the Negro child who is going to a better school, getting better marks and living happily; the prejudiced white mother who through P.T.A. work learned to respect her Negro neighbors; the Negro child elected to class office; the slow learner who can for the first time have space in a special class; the Negro child who can for the first time have space in a special class; the Negro child who is going to a better school, getting better marks and living happily; the prejudiced white mother who through P.T.A. work learned to respect her Negro neighbors; the Negro child elected to class office; the slow learner who can for the first time have space in a special class; the school where white and Negro parents are working jointly to improve their neighborhood.

During the four-year project the A.F.S.C. published two widely circulated pamphlets based on its experience in the nation’s capital. Integration of Washington Schools is a question-and-answer pamphlet discussing issues most often raised about integration. The Right of Every Child recounted details of the administrative actions which contributed to the successful transition.
Are Negro Pupils Inferior?

In September a House Committee headed by Representative James P. Davis, Georgia, investigated the disparity in achievement between Negro and white children and students by drawing on the testimony of teachers and principals. The investigation—if it can be called such—has been accused of bias and partisan methods. Nevertheless, the fact is undeniable that vast educational gaps exist between the two groups. For example, Louisville, Kentucky, has found that in the first grade such differences are already noticeable. The fifth grade shows a discrepancy of one and a half years in educational standards, a lag which increases in the eighth grade to fully two years. In Corydon, Kentucky, the difference amounted to three years in eight grades.

The Washington Committee tried unsuccessfully to consider such facts as proof that Negroes have a lower I.Q. than white children. Leading schoolmen refused to accept such argumentation, and authorities in anthropological research refuted this theory with equal vehemence and convincing data. Dr. Klineberg, Columbia University, gave evidence that such differences are regional rather than racial. Army intelligence tests show not only that Northern Negroes had higher scores than Southern Negroes, but also that the average adult Northern Negro rated higher than the average adult white from the South. Dr. Clark, New York City College, stated that the segregated schools in the South have "cheated the Negro children of a decent education." Dr. Corning, Washington superintendent, believes with Dr. Klineberg that these disparities will disappear within five or ten years of wisely conducted integration, whereas Dr. Carmichael thinks it will take a whole generation to achieve this result. Small classes are needed. Better supervision and remedial sections, especially in rural schools, must be organized. Homogeneous groups either within a school or a grade ought to group superior, median, and low groups together.

The Hiroshima Maidens

Some of the Hiroshima Maidens returned this past June to Japan while others waited for a September date to graduate from a special survey course in nursing at the Manhattan Center of the Red Cross, New York.

Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review and the courageous and selfless sponsor of the Maidens, describes in the first issue of Together, the newly launched national Methodist monthly, the profound psychological changes which medical treatment as well as a generously offered hospitality had wrought in the girls. One of them started to paint when her fingers and hands became free from former contractions and deformations. Another girl's painting was sold on its merits, and she turned over the money to Mt. Sinai Hospital. One girl learned Braille typewriting to work in the school of the blind in Hiroshima. Several girls chose as training opportunities the making of ceramic jewelry and the development of secretarial or recreational skills.

We reported in an earlier issue the death of Tomoko Nakabayashi under narcosis. This tragedy cast a shadow over the otherwise happy American episode in the lives of the Maidens. The girls also brought much happiness to the many families who were their hosts. Some of these were Friends families in and around New York City.

In Brief

The twentieth biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, meeting in October 1956 at Harrisburg, Pa., decided to permit Lutheran pastors to remarry any divorced person who shows repentance. It also endorsed birth control for the first time in the church's history. But it declined to endorse the Supreme Court's decision against school segregation because the church has no right to "differ with or support" a court that acts on purely legal principles.

Because of UNICEF's malaria-eradication program, six acres of land in Afghanistan, which once sold for one dollar, are now worth $2,000.

The world's population will double in 58 years, according to J. O. Hertzler's book The Crisis in World Population (University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln). Among 80 per cent of the world's population there is no appreciable control over fertility, while longevity is making gains. Approximately three fourths of the world's population is undernourished. Professor Hertzler advocates birth control as one means to solve the problems in underdeveloped areas.
Are We By-passing the Peace Testimony?

The Peace and Social Order Committee of Falls Meeting, Pa., wishes to share a concern which we have felt in our own committee gatherings and which has been laid upon us all by the 1956 report of the Friends Peace Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

We are compelled at this time to raise a question for the consideration of our Monthly Meetings: Are Overseers by-passing the peace testimony?

Do they avoid raising this issue with prospective and present members, because to do so might in turn raise embarrassing questions, or issues they just don't care to talk about?

Are we today less concerned than were our ancestors? Has our corporate testimony, as stated in Faith and Practice, lost the support of the Society?

We pray that these queries will cause some real searching in our midst as to the place of the peace testimony in the lives of all of us, and, in particular, with respect to readiness for membership in the Society of Friends.

This is neither to suggest that the peace testimony should be an end in itself nor that its application should be limited to international conflict. "Real pacifism, like the Christianity of which it is an expression, is a way of life."

Furthermore, we are not suggesting that full acceptance of the peace testimony should be an absolute requirement for membership in our meeting.

We are concerned, however, that those seeking membership plainly understand that this position is an historic one in the Society, that it is central to our faith, and that, if we cannot accept it in our personal lives, we are nevertheless expected to grow toward it and to seek diligently toward that end. This is more than an intellectual acceptance of the peace testimony, more than a mere understanding of it, and more than a respect for those who abide by it. Falling short of our peace testimony, is, in effect, to be challenged as William Penn once challenged when George Fox told him to "wear thy sword as long as thou canst."

Because we live in a time when the need for violence and the threat of violence is, by and large, an unquestioned assumption within society, it is not easy for us to wrestle spiritually with Jesus' command to "love your enemies." Therefore, as we try to come to grips with this question within our Meeting, we urge forbearance, love, understanding for one another, and the absence of attitudes of superiority on the part of those who because of their positions feel they are closer to the true testimonies of Friends.

Toward this end, the Peace and Social Order Committee [of Falls Meeting, Fallsington, Pa.] makes the following suggestions in the hope that it can be of service to the Meeting:

(1) Suggest that prospective members carefully read the pamphlet Speak Truth to Power published by the A.F.S.C., and a smaller folder, The Position of the Society of Friends with Regard to War published by the Friends Peace Service.

(2) Suggest that prospective members share with their children the pacifist stories found in the Broomell series of books variously entitled, The Children's Story Garden, etc.

(3) Suggest that the Overseers raise this question with prospective members and that, if there is uneasiness at this point, more time be given for careful consideration before membership is recommended.

(4) Suggest that informal home-centered discussions of the peace and other social testimonies be encouraged, in addition to there being open and thorough discussion within the Meeting.

(5) Suggest that those who are not clear about this testimony be encouraged to take part in peace and other conferences sponsored by the Yearly Meeting or the American Friends Service Committee.

In making these suggestions the Peace and Social Order Committee stands ready to be of service in providing literature, arranging informal or formal meetings, and informing members and attenders of appropriate conferences.

Among Friends one should be entitled to assume that while aggression and cruelty, torture and savagery inspire our horror and repulsion by whomsoever they are perpetrated, attempts to assess relative guilt are considered unprofitable. Christians sometimes wonder how the testimonies and practice of their faith can make any noticeable impact on the power of modern society. This at least we can be sure of, that because, knowing themselves and their opponents to be sinners in the eyes of God, they can never, indeed they must never, maintain an attitude of fanatical hatred towards members of other groups, classes, or nations, they have a great, constructive contribution to make. If the Christian Church as a worshiping body of fallible men really held in one fellowship of repentance even the bitterest opponents, we know that it would powerfully affect the course of social struggles and development.—Margaret M. Harvey, The Law of Liberty, Swarthmore Lecture, 1942
The position of the Society of Friends regarding this and, to a lesser degree, other social testimonies is not of the world, but stands outside the world in the Life of the Spirit. To be wholly committed to that Life, however much we miss the mark, is the end of the dedicated Seeker of Truth. This search is bound to take us into troubled waters; but even this can be welcomed if, as a result, we clarify our thinking, understand each other better, and draw closer to God. For “our usefulness to the peace cause, as in all our efforts for the Kingdom of God, can be measured not so much by the ideals we hold as by the degree to which we are really living the life of the Kingdom ourselves.”

Internationally Speaking

Re-examining Conscription

CONSCRIPTION is again undergoing re-examination in the United States. One of the presidential candidates has suggested the desirability of looking toward ending the system of compulsory military service; candidates of the other party have seemed to defend conscription as if it were good in itself.

“The traditional justifications for compulsory service have disappeared,” writes John Kenneth Galbraith, economist, of Harvard, in the New York Times recently. These justifications are the assumptions that military manpower must be supplied cheaply and that the hazards of military service are so severe that they should be distributed equally throughout the community. While the mass armies of France, Germany, and Russia before the First World War would have been impossible without conscription—a fact which does not necessarily prove that conscription is desirable—the United States at least is able to pay the men it needs and should ask itself whether it is fair to transfer the burden from the well-to-do taxpayers to the impecunious draftees. Military service in peacetime is not unusually hazardous, and with modern weapons may be little more hazardous than civilian activities in time of war.

Conscription raises problems for a country that seeks peace and desires political and economic freedom.

A Possible Tyranny

Under present conditions, conscription runs some risk of becoming a tool of tyranny. In the United States now, when its incidence is uncertain, conscription has an unsettling effect on boys who, as they approach the end of their high school careers, have their attention turned to wangling arrangements for getting through the years when they are liable for service, may not be called, yet are unable to make firm plans for their real life work.

This uncertainty and the indoctrination to regimented response to authority which comes with conscription are social and psychological drains on the country’s manpower resources and are a preparation favorable to the acceptance of the tenets of one or another of the authoritarian tyrannies that are ever lying in wait for free people.

Since the inception of the present conscription system in the United States in 1940, much has changed. Modern weapons seem to be tending to reduce the need for large armies; even the Joint Chiefs of Staff have suggested reducing the number of men under arms.

An Impediment to War Prevention

Since 1940 the development of weapons has increased the importance of accepting prevention of war as the only reasonably sure means of national security. The threat of devastating retaliation may temporarily deter war but is evidently not a reliable basis for secure peace. A nation is ill-equipped to develop and use peaceful means of dealing with international disputes when too large a proportion of its people have been or are being indoctrinated with military habits of thought. Conscription carries with it the risk that its resources may be used to win acceptance, even if fatalistic and despairing, for military methods when what is needed is awareness of the possibility of discovering and using ways of seeking peace by peaceful means.

The re-examination of conscription was launched in a political campaign. If the examination is carried out thoroughly and frankly, a move of political tactics may have inspired consequences of high importance in basic national policy.

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November

By Avery D. Weage

White light comes pouring from a silver moon,
Scattering loveliness through the leafless glades;
The dazzling sun glows mildly warm at noon,
Or tints the twilight sky in pastel shades;
Autumn, recalling June, rustles her gown,
A sudden gust pulls vainly at a tree;
The landscape smiles, then bits of cotton down
Bringing warning of the winter days to be.
November is the wealthiest month of all:
She holds the year’s rich harvest in her store,
And every leaf which tumbles down in fall
Is brighter than it ever was before.
But what is wealth? A fragile, transient thing,
For rich November sighs for poor, young spring.
Letter from Suez

ONLY in the West is the Suez a "question." In all the Arab states as well as in Egypt it is a settled matter. Egypt has said she will pay the stockholders of the Suez Company for their shares rather than wait 12 more years. At that time Suez would have become the property of Egypt without compensation.

England's reaction to the nationalization of Suez raises the question in every Arab mind as to whether England ever intended to live up to the terms of the lease even when it expires. Eden has said that it is unthinkable that Suez should ever be in the hands of one nation. Egyptian and Arab ears have noted the time qualification. They are also quick to remind the world that it has been virtually totally in the hands of England, lo, these many years.

England, France, and the West in general seem to forget that they are not dealing with Gamal Abdul Nasser or with a government of Egypt. They are dealing with 40 million Arabs. Those millions are amazingly well informed on political matters. Radio sees to that. The reaction of those millions was almost entirely against the West. Speeches about justice and dictatorship do not affect these millions. What they see is a chance to regain some of the self-esteem that they feel colonialism denied them. Suez to them is a chance to grasp one of the most hated symbols of imperialism away from the proud West. It is even more. It is a chance to inflict weakness on those they have always seen so strong.

Maturity is rarely reached by a slow, logical process. It often comes via a bold elbowing of those one fancied superior. After true self-confidence comes, there is a relaxation. But there often must be superiority before there can be relaxed equality. Suez is the Arabs' chance to prove their superiority. It may presage an era in which the Arabs will feel free to accept equality.

Flying near Port Said—planes are not allowed directly over the Canal—I saw ships waiting to enter as a convoy came out. There was even less congestion than in former years when I have flown by. On the ground there is a marvelous "esprit," a pride in success that indicates there were doubts when Egypt took over. But there are no doubts today anywhere in Egypt that Suez will be run as well or better than ever before. Egyptians point out that their interest is permanent, whereas the Company had only 12 years to plan for.

There was an uneasiness at first among Egyptians and Arabs. That is all gone. Suez was all the talk for weeks. Now newspapers are having a hard time making news of it. In fact, only the West's constant comments are now reported. Egyptians on the street are no longer heard constantly talking of "Canal Suez." They no longer bombard all Westerners to see where they stand.

The American press is full of hope that jealous rulers and oil royalties will isolate Nasser in the Arab world. Nothing could be farther from the facts. Perhaps rulers and governments are jealous and fearful for their oil royalties. But they at least have grasped the new fact of the Arab world: "No ruler or nation dare go against the will of the people." And that will is behind Nasser as never before, thanks to the belligerent reaction of the West to Suez.

Everyone here who knows the Arab world never doubted for one minute that nothing could prevent Nasser from taking and keeping Suez. Even war could not hold Suez as a working canal in a hostile Arab world. All the talk and opposition have only played into Nasser's hand and made a hero of him. Immediate acceptance of nationalization, so long as the shares were compensated and free passage guaranteed, would have taken all the wind from Nasser's sails, would have raised badly sagging Western sympathies, and would have resulted in no less for the West than it could possibly squeeze from its present position.

The time to talk tough or ask for international control would have been the first time Egypt failed to keep the Canal open. Then the West would have had grounds for complaint. Instead the West has revealed complete lack of trust and confidence in the Arabs. Sensitive Arabs have long suspected the West still considered them inferior beings. Now they have proof. Now they also have counterproof. Nasser gets all the credit. The West gets all the blame. The Suez Canal is open.

On the gates of the huge British Embassy compound in Cairo are still emblazoned in gold a crown and the letters "VR"—for "Victoria Regina." I wonder if those inside have come to realize that those days are gone forever.

Suez has cost the West nothing. It is still open to our traffic and our oil. The West's reaction to Suez has cost the last vestige of respect and influence the West had. From now on the West remains in Arab lands by economic pressures or on sufferance. Retreat has become a rout.

On the other side of the coin, 40 million Arabs have a new air of confidence. The Egyptians have self-respect. Maturation is a painful process but well worth the pain. Suez and the oil nationalizations to come are first steps in recreation of Arab independence. Friends of freedom can only hope and pray that independence is not usurped.

Andrew Lea Eastman
FRIENDS have always been known for their serious, moderate, and educational avocations. Clearly one of these is philately, the study and collection of stamps. For example, one of last year's largest stamp auctions was that of the collection of a recently deceased Friend. Also several times since 1944 the “Letters from the Past” column in the Friends Intelligencer has announced new issues of and commented upon the “stamps of Quakerism” (Letters 61, 84, 95, 121, 132, 153, and others).

Although United States postage stamps were first issued in 1847, a Quaker did not appear on one until 1928. Seven Quakers have appeared on eight U.S. stamps, in addition to which there are several other issues of interest because of their Quaker connection. Three other countries have also issued stamps related to Quaker history. It will be impossible here to do more than merely mention these, but it is hoped elsewhere to comment upon them, both historically and philatelically, in greater detail.

All but one of our Quaker stamps have been “commemorative” issues to memorialize persons, places, or events in the history of our country. Such stamps are printed in limited quantity and are in postal use for a limited period.

William Penn

Although not the first U.S. stamp to represent a Quaker, the first one with a Quaker as the central subject of its design was the William Penn Commemorative (Scott 724), issued in 1932 to signalize the 250th anniversary of Penn's arrival in America. This three-cent stamp, printed in purple, shows Penn according to the frequently reproduced and much discussed “armor portrait.” Some Friends objected to postal authorities when the intended use of this representation was first announced, but the decision to use it was based on the portrait's authenticity. The simplicity of the design of this stamp not only makes it rather atypical of U.S. stamps in general but also is appropriate for the representation of a Quaker subject. The post offices of “first-day issue” (a philatelic rather than Friendly phrase) were New Castle, Delaware, where Penn first landed; Chester, where he first landed on what is now Pennsylvania soil; and Philadelphia, which he-founded.

Maurice A. Mook, professor of anthropology at Pennsylvania State University, is a member of State College Friends Meeting, Pa. The Scott Catalog number of each stamp mentioned in the above article is indicated. The standard way of designating stamps among philatelists is through the use of these numbers.

Susan B. Anthony

The next U.S. stamp to appear with a Quaker as its subject was the Susan B. Anthony issue of 1936 (784). This three-cent purple commemoratives was issued to mark the 16th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment granted suffrage to women, a cause for which Susan Anthony was the “propulsive fire” for many years. Although sometimes claimed by Unitarians and called an agnostic by one of her biographers, Miss Anthony was a birthright Hicksite Quaker and remained a Quaker until her death in 1906.

Nathanael Greene

Two Quaker stamps were issued during the latter half of 1936. The next stamp to appear after the Susan B. Anthony commemoratives also carried the likeness of a birthright Friend. This was the one-cent Army commemorative, printed in green, which presents portraits of George Washington and Nathanael Greene (785). Nathanael Greene was a birthright Friend of Rhode Island who had been disowned by his Meeting for “taking up arms.” During the American Revolution, when patriotic feelings were so deeply stirred, “many young Friends broke anchor and were swept into war by the spirit of the times.” Many, but not all, Friends who did so were disowned by their Meetings for dishonoring the historic peace testimony of corporate Quakerism. Rufus Jones, in his forthright essay on Revolutionary Quaker defection, states that “Some of the most prominent members of the Society were sifted out and lost . . . by this stern policy, the most famous case being that of Nathanael Greene of Rhode Island.”

The “Famous American” Series

In 1940 35 stamps were issued honoring “Famous American” authors, poets, educators, scientists, composers, artists, and inventors. The two-cent red stamp in the poets' series honored John Greenleaf Whittier (865). The post office of first-day issue was Haverhill, Mass., near which the Quaker poet was born and lived nearly all his life. Several other stamps of the Famous American series have more marginal relation to Friends. James Fenimore Cooper (860) was born a Quaker and in certain respects never entirely escaped the Quakerism of his birth and upbringing; Walt Whitman (867) by his own admission was much influenced by Quakerism, especially through Elias Hicks, as has been recently indi-
Four Quakers were memorialized on U.S. stamps during the eight years from 1932 to 1940, but it was another eight years before another Friend was to be so recognized. The three-cent purple stamp issued in 1948 to commemorate “100 Years of Progress of [American] Women” (959) carries the pictures of Elizabeth Stanton, Carrie Catt, and Lucretia Mott. Lucretia was, of course, a birthright and a lifelong Quaker; she was also, as Henry Cadbury has remarked, a somewhat “better Friend” than Susan B. Anthony. Moreover, Lucretia is here shown in her plain Quaker cap, and Henry Cadbury is also correct in assuming that “probably this is the first time the feminine headgear of a Friend has been so immortalized in the philatelic ‘portraiture of Quakerism.’” It is not the first time, however, that the plain garb of a Friend is represented on a U.S. stamp (Scott 645, issued in 1928, shows a Quaker, allegedly Isaac Potts, in plain clothes). Also within four years of the appearance of Lucretia and her cap, another Quakeress, in the plain dress and cap of a “consistent Friend,” was to appear on the stamp of another country (a West-German “semipostal” stamp of 1952 shows Elizabeth Fry in Quaker dress—Scott B827).

The “Progress of Women” stamp was issued in July 1948, with Seneca Falls, N.Y., as the post office of first-day issue. It was at Seneca Falls that the First Women’s Rights Convention was held in 1848, an historic conference planned for and summoned by Lucretia Mott and several of her feminist friends.

Betsy Ross

In 1952 a three-cent red commemorative stamp was issued to signalize the 200th anniversary of the birth of Betsy Ross (1004). This stamp shows Betsy in the living room of her home displaying the “first American flag” to three interested gentlemen. Historians now doubt that Betsy designed this flag, and also that it was our first official emblem. We can be sure, however, that Betsy was a Quaker; in fact, she was twice a Quaker. She was born a Friend, but in 1775 at the age of 21 years was disowned for marrying John Ross, who was not a Friend. She married her third husband in 1783, with whom in 1785 she joined the Society of Free Quakers. When she died in 1836, she was one of the last, perhaps the last, of the original members of this small splinter group of “Fighting Friends.” She was thus a Quaker from her birth in 1752 to her disownment in 1773, and again from 1785 until her death in 1836. Although she was Betsy Ross for less than four years of her life, she was a Quaker for 72 of her 84 years. It was in 1776 as Widow Ross that she stitched the Stars and Stripes, thereby “creating” our “first national emblem.” But both philatelists, with their devotion to detail, and Friends, with their concern for truth, will remember that this stamp may merely memorialize a myth.

Susan B. Anthony Again

In 1954 the “Liberty Series” began to supersede the “Presidential Series” of regular stamps issued in 1938. The new series consists of 18 stamps, devoted to past Presidents, historic shrines, and more famous Americans. In the latter category the 50-cent purple stamp again carries the likeness of Susan B. Anthony (1045). Whereas the earlier Anthony stamp of 1936 showed her as a robust younger woman, unfortunately the current issue shows her in her eighties and is an artlessly reproduced likeness.

The Earliest Quaker Stamp in U.S. Issues

One other American stamp relates to a little-known chapter of Quaker history. The two-cent bicolored Norse-American Centennial Commemorative (620), issued in 1925, pictures the small sloop Restaurations, which in October 1825 arrived with a cargo of Quaker passengers, who during the winter of 1825-26 established in Kendall Township in upstate New York the first successful Norwegian immigrant community in the New World. They emigrated from Stavanger, to escape disabilities suffered under a state-established church of which they disapproved. That the earliest Quaker stamp in the history of U.S. issues is also the least-known is probably due to American Friends’ limited knowledge of Continental Quakerism.

No U.S. stamp has ever honored a living American; thus our only Quaker President is unrepresented in the philatelic series. No British Friend has ever appeared on a British stamp, due to a postal policy of limiting postal portraits to the royal family. The West-German stamp of Elizabeth Fry has been mentioned. Norway commemorated the Quaker emigration from Stavanger with a stamp in 1947 (283). Japan memorialized Quaker Dr. Inazo Nitobe (495), well known to Philadelphia Friends, by the issue of a portrait stamp in 1952.

The 14 stamps here mentioned, I believe, complete the “philatelic portraiture of Quakerism” to date. It is doubtful if another religious group of similar size has been given more generous philatelic recognition.
Building Quaker Testimonies into Daily Life

At some time or other perhaps most Sunday school teachers feel the 'holy' aloneness that Elijah experienced when he thought, "I only am left." And most teachers rise above their discouragement just as Elijah did when the Lord reminded him that he was not alone, that there were "7,000 in Israel."

Some of us brought our discouragement to the Fall Institute at Farmington in western New York, September 28 to 30. But it disappeared in the worship and fellowship and was replaced with new inspiration. During the sessions there developed a quiet determination to continue our planting, watering, and tending, depending on God to bring the increase in the lives of our pupils.

After outlining our aims and purposes in the whole program of Christian education, we discussed the application of purpose for each age group. Then followed three demonstrations on "Here's How To Teach." Parents and teachers unobtrusively observed the teaching and after the children had gone, evaluated and discussed the demonstrations with the teachers.

Specific questions arose in our minds as we related these ideas to our home Meeting, and these were formulated in small groups. Many were surprised to learn how similar our needs are: how to make the Old Testament meaningful, how to collect and file pictures so we know where they are, etc. We felt a kinship with others who have trouble arranging classes for a few children of varying ages, finding enough teachers, and solving difficulties in teacher training. Our panel of experts, Olaf Hanson of the Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Indiana, and Bernard C. Clausen of the Religious Education Committee, Philadelphia, rose to the occasion.

Question: "What shall we teach the two children in our First-day school, aged 10 and 12 years?"
Answer: "Religious Education in the Small Meeting by Amelia Swayne is now being published as a guide for just such groups."

Question: "While adults attend Monthly Meeting, our children want to study about Kenya and Friends work there. Where can I get material and ideas for projects?"
Answer: "Write Mildred White, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana."

Abundant displays of Five Years Meeting and General Conference curriculum materials, resource books, and an array of peace and world friendship books and projects were examined and purchased. This Institute was sponsored by the New York Yearly Meeting Committee on Education, as well as the Religious Education Committee. There was a display of the Friends Council on Education and of Friends school materials. Charles Hutton, principal of Oakwood School, spoke on Friends schools and concerns in Friends education.

Throughout the week end there was emphasis on our rich resources for building Quaker testimonies into daily life. We have an abundance of materials, stories, hymns, and visual aids, and good "teaching" that can be mastered if we exert ourselves. There are devoted, consecrated teachers through whom God works to reveal His spirit to feed the wishful hunger in the hearts of children and adults. In our Meetings there is a "cloud of witnesses" and a fellowship of men and women who live close to God. At Farmington our faith in the process of spiritual growth was renewed, and our spirit of dedication was kindled anew.

Lois S. Vaught

Friends and Their Friends

What is probably the newest Monthly Meeting in the United States was installed by representatives of the Friends World Committee in Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, October 14. The Dallas Friends Meeting, starting with three Friends in November 1952, was formally organized as the Dallas Monthly Meeting at this time. The officers of the Meeting for the coming year are Kenneth Carroll, clerk; Gladys Gore, recording clerk; and Amanda Brautigam, treasurer. Meeting for worship is held regularly each Sunday morning at 10:30 in the board room of the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Central Expressway.

Margaret Mackay of Glasgow Meeting, Scotland, now resident at Newtonhill, near Aberdeen, has become editor of Forget Me Not, a monthly "Magazine for the Over-Sixty Age Group," sponsored by Aberdeen Old People's Welfare Council.

Herta Rosenblatt of Montclair Meeting, N. J., is leading a class in contemporary living poetry on Monday mornings at the Montclair Public Library. This is part of the program of the Adult School of Montclair.

Percy and Helen Baker, members of Providence Meeting, Pa., have moved to Washington, D. C., where Percy is director of International Student House.

Acting President of Haverford College Archibald MacIntosh has announced the appointment of 13 new faculty members for the current year. The chemistry department will be headed by Professor Russell P. Williams, Jr., formerly of the University of Notre Dame, and staffed by Assistant Professor Robert I. Walter, who comes to Haverford from the Brookhaven National Laboratories, and Dr. Colin MacKay from the University of Chicago. Dr. Edgar S. Rose and Dr. Alfred W. Satterthwaite hold assistant professorships in English.

Dr. George V. Coelho, a native of India, comes as assistant professor of psychology. Other permanent appointments include D. Theodore Hurtlimann, instructor in physics; Joseph B. R. Miller, Jr., assistant professor of physical education; Assistant Professor Steven Muller, political science; and Dr. Melvin Santer, assistant professor of biology. Visiting professors and replacements for faculty on leave include Associate Professor J. Jean Hecht, coming from Williams College to the history department; Joachim Maass, noted German novelist and essayist, who will be lecturer in German for the second semester; and Nicholas Slonimsky, pianist and musicologist, who will lecture in music.
The Greater United Nations by Bertram Pickard has recently been published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It is a paper-backed book of 86 pages, discussing the development and importance of international cooperation by nongovernmental organizations and also the development and importance of international nongovernmental organizations. Some of the material was presented in lectures during the fall of 1955 at Pendle Hill.

Bertram and Irene Pickard are now settled in Rosehill Cottage, Peppard Road, Emmer Green, Reading, Berkshire, England. They describe it as a charming seventeenth-century cottage, intelligently modernized to retain its charm while providing modern conveniences. Surrounded by trees and gardens, it is secluded but not far from the center of Reading, and therefore convenient to London, where Bertram Pickard is working as part-time secretary of the East-West Committee, with his headquarters at Friends House.

Yukio Irie, a Japanese Friend, is returning to Japan after two years in this country. A student of American literature, he has studied while in this country at Swarthmore College, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University, and Pendle Hill. He is doing research on "Emerson and Quakerism." This fall, on his way home, he has been visiting in England, particularly at Woodbrooke.

"During the past three weeks," Robert H. Dann writes from Hawaii in a letter dated October 16, 1956, "Gilbert and Minnie Bowles, known all over Quakerism for their years of service in Japan under the Japan Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and for their work for peace, have had a visit from Jane Bowles, wife of Dr. Gordon Bowles, who was on her way to the mainland to pick up a group of Fulbright fellows and take them to Tokyo. They had a second visit from Clarence and Lilly Pickett, who are on their way around the world.

"Helen Bowles, a granddaughter of Gilbert and Minnie, is married to Christopher Nicholson. They live next door to Gilbert and Minnie. Chris is the son of the first executive secretary of the A.F.S.C., Vincent D. Nicholson. Gordon, the son of Gilbert and Minnie, married Jane Thomas, the daughter of Wilbur K. Thomas, the second executive secretary of the A.F.S.C. Clarence Pickett, the third executive secretary of the A.F.S.C., is the brother of Minnie Bowles."

On November 19, at Green Street Meeting, 45 West School House Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, 8 p.m., Rt. Hon. Chuter Ede, a member of the British Parliament and former Cabinet member under the Labor government, will speak on "The Place of Liberal Christianity Today" and will discuss "The Role of the International Federation." The Rt. Hon. Ede, responsible in large measure for the passage of the law abolishing capital punishment and a leader in civil liberties in England, has been elected president of the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom.

The Toronto Globe and Mail of July 19, 1956, carried a letter to the editor by Fred Haslam, general secretary of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, entitled "The Quakers on Capital Punishment." In urging abolition of capital punishment, Fred Haslam lists some of the points raised in the brief prepared by the Canadian Friends Service Committee at the time of the formation of the Joint Committee of the Canadian House of Commons and Senate.

Representative Meeting, Philadelphia

Representative Meeting on October 19 was saddened to learn of the illness of William Eves, 3rd, general secretary, which will incapacitate him for several weeks.

Howard G. Taylor, Jr., described his visit to Kansas Yearly Meeting, whose recent session decided to discontinue representation in the A.F.S.C., Friends World Committee, and Friends Committee on National Legislation, but left Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and individuals free to participate. Howard Taylor hopes for a sharing of sympathetic understanding which will lead to reconciliation and better coordination in the Quaker family.

Representative Meeting confirmed the appointment of a committee on the physical arrangements for Yearly Meeting, to take care of such matters as parking, information service, and other such important details. The Representative Meeting decided not to appoint a representative to the committee of laymen sponsors for the Religion in American Life organization. The sponsorship seems to imply responsibility for a financial contribution which might well be used in our own work. The Yearly Meeting Committee on Arrangements presented an interim report, announcing a meeting with committee chairmen to discuss reporting to the Yearly Meeting sessions. Written reports are to be in by January 20. Saturday and Tuesday evenings are expected to be available to bodies like Pendle Hill and the A.F.S.C., not formally parts of the Yearly Meeting, to present work of interest to Friends.

Anna Hartshorne Brown told of a recent meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. The general secretary of the National Council had reported that in Asia, where he had been recently, the World Council of Churches may be accepted, but not even the best-intentioned aid is welcome from national organizations. The meeting urged Anna Hartshorne Brown to attend the next meeting of the General Board, to be held in Los Angeles.

Steps were taken to enlarge the Committee on the Custody of Records, and to make it responsible for the records at Swarthmore and 15th and Cherry Streets as well as 4th and Arch Streets.

Richard R. Wood

Letters to the Editor

Letters are subject to editorial revision if too long. Anonymous communications cannot be accepted.

I am hoping that in the localities of readers of the FRIENDS JOURNAL there may be several new Dutch families lately arrived from Holland. I get some Dutch magazines quite often
from a friend in Holland. I have thought that perhaps a reader of the FRIENDS JOURNAL could put me in touch with someone who would like to get such reading matter from the Old Country.

Box 1254, Venice, Florida

H. C. MATHESON

Charles W. Palmer in his letter relative to “Our Neglected Migrant Children” by Cyrus Karraker, reveals he is not aware of one or two facts. The Pennsylvania Citizens Committee on Migrant Labor since its inception has consistently tried to work with the Department of Labor and Industry, but their standards of what is liveable, fireproof, and healthful do not agree. The A.F.S.C. work camps began in Potter County at the suggestion and specific request of the Pennsylvania Citizens Committee on Migrant Labor. The pilot work camp at Ulysses in 1954 was the beginning of A.F.S.C. work camps with migrants as a day-care center for migrant children. The original pilot center was planned for Bloomsburg, but an employee of the Department of Labor and Industry, at the request of a few, condemned a building that had been recently used as an elementary school, and the use of which had been given by the Board of Education on extremely liberal terms, in order to prevent its use as the planned day-care center. Thus the project moved to Potter County, where there was considerable opposition and ill will on the part of the farmers.

I felt Dr. Karraker’s points were well stated. I know him as a teacher, a leader, a co-worker, a Friend, and a friend, and I sincerely believe he has tried honestly to work with all groups. To me, he is a voice crying in the wilderness, crying against the apathy and indifference toward, and the ignorance of, a moral situation in our midst.

Bloomsburg, Pa.

MARY LINLEY HOPKINS

Marshall Taylor refers to the “Russians getting along without God.” If he, as a Quaker, believes in “that of God” in each man, does he take recognition or admission by man to create that, or is it always there? Is it the Russians who are denying God, or is it those like him who fear they (the Russians) will succeed “without God”? Does God help only those who admit His presence, or does He help all His children? Is our government admitting God when it adds His name to an oath of allegiance? Are we admitting God when we continue atom bomb tests and spend billions on armaments and stockpile food while millions abroad starve? What is admitting God?


S. BURTON PARSHALL

As one who was fortunate enough to be a member of the A.F.S.C. delegation to the Soviet Union last year, I was pleased to note how many of Marshall Taylor’s observations in his “Letter from Russia” (FRIENDS JOURNAL, October 20) coincided with our own. Only in connection with his comments on the status of women do I demur, and here only insofar as I think it important to note the positive opportunities open to Soviet women as well as the negative, and to call attention to the fact that heavy labor for women is, unhappily, not a pattern originating in, or confined to, Communist nations.

Because of my agreement with so much of the reportorial part of his letter, I am mystified at his concluding paragraphs, which charge the Service Committees with a lack of concern over the atheist character of the regime. No evidence to support this charge is forthcoming except that the Committee is controlled by “socialistic-minded” people—a statement in itself that is open to question. As for the atheist matter, it would appear that Marshall Taylor has not yet read our published report Meeting the Russians. Here, we try to look beyond the appearances of Soviet success that Taylor notes, and point to evidences of inadequacy in their materialistic philosophy of government. Indeed, we single out as “almost our strongest impression of Soviet Society” the hopeful elements of fluidity that are making for change, and discuss at length the contribution of religion to the evolving Soviet scene.

I hope Friends will read this report before making up their minds with regard to the charge leveled at us.


STEPHEN G. CARY

Coming Events

NOVEMBER

2 to 5—Sweden Yearly Meeting at Stockholm, Sweden.

3—London Grove Forum at the Meeting House, London Grove, Pa., 8 p.m. A program of dramatics and devotion in motion will be presented by Carola Bell Williams, Ossining, N. Y.

4—Purchase Quarterly Meeting at Quaker Street Meeting House, Chappaqua, N. Y. Bible study, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. (juniors and high schoolers at King Street Meeting House); business, 11:30 a.m.; at 2 p.m., Albert Bigelow, Robert Gilmore, and Rachel duBois will report from Friends Committee on Race Relations.

4—Conference Class, Race Street First-day School, Philadelphia, 11:40 a.m.: Alice L. Miller, “Quakerism in Action Today: Friends and Senior Citizens.”

4—Regular circular meeting for worship at Chichester Meeting House, Pa., 5 p.m. The Meeting is situated on Meeting House Road near Boothwyn, Delaware County, Pa.

4—Open House in the Cafeteria of the Meeting House, 221 East 15th Street, New York City, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. About 4:30 p.m., R. Bhandari and Shanti Doshi, students from India, “The Revolution in India Today.” All are invited.

4—Forum at Hopeham, Pa., Meeting House, 8 p.m.: Richmond P. Miller, “Quakers and Christians.”

5 to 11—Women’s Armory in Armory, Park Avenue at 84th Street, New York City, noon to 11 p.m.: flower show; fine arts show; national booths, entertainment each afternoon and evening. New York’s Peace and Service Committee will conduct a booth for the benefit of the A.F.S.C. Tickets, 15 cents, at Meeting office.

7—Illustrated talk at Westtown Meeting, Pa., 7:30 p.m.: Frederick and Sarah Swan, “Visiting Friends across America for Friends World Committee.”


9—Meeting of the Friends Journal Associates at Arch Street Meeting House, Philadelphia. Dinner, 6 p.m.; meeting of Asso-
Friends Meeting, 129 North 14th Street, Norristown, Pa., 8 p.m.: Esther Holmes Jones, "The Dalmatian Coast of Yugoslavia and Scenes from Portugal." Benefit of Best Interests Committee.

9, 10, 11—Mozart Bicentennial Festival at Haverford College. Participating, Mozart Festival Orchestra; Choruses of Cedar Crest, Haverford, and Swarthmore Colleges. Details may be secured from Haverford College.

10—Abington Quarterly Meeting at Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Worship and Ministry, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch, 12:45 p.m.; at 2 p.m., panel presentation of Queries 1, 2, 3; Continuing Committee on Worship and Ministry, Anna Brinton, chairman, Ken Nunokawa from Japan, Margaret Harvey from England. Book display by Friends Book Store.

10—Burlington Quarterly Meeting at Burlington, N. J., Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

10—Fox Valley Quarterly Meeting at Milwaukee, Frieden's Fellows Hall. Worship, 1 p.m.; business, 2 p.m. Annalee Stewart, legislative secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will speak at 1 p.m. Children's Quarterly Meeting will be held simultaneously.

Baltimore Music Bazaar sponsored by the Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C., and Sidwell Friends School at the Zavitz Building, 3960 37th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., 1 to 9 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the A.F.S.C. and the Foreign Exchange Student Program of Sidwell School.

10, 11—Japan Yearly Meeting at the Friends Meeting House, Tokyo. Nitobe Lecture by Dr. Takeshi Saito. For details see the news note on page 690 of our issue for October 27, 1956.

11—Meeting for worship broadcast over the "Church of the Air" program of Station WCAU, Philadelphia (1210 frequency, affiliated with Columbia Broadcasting System), 9:30 to 10 a.m.

11—At Fair Hill Meeting, Philadelphia, 10 a.m.: Colin W. Bell, "Towards International Understanding."

11—Adult Classes at Chestnut Hill Meeting, Philadelphia, following the 1:30 meeting for worship: Nevin Sayre, long-time secretary of the International F.O.K., "The Church as Peacemaker in the World Today."

11—Conference Class, Race Street First-day School, Philadelphia, 11:40 a.m.: D. Robert Yarnall, Sr., "Quakerism in Action Today: Business and Industry."

11—Calm Quarterly Meeting on Worship and Ministry at Chestnut Hill Meeting House, Pa. Box Lunch, 12:45 p.m. meeting, 1:45 p.m.


12—Quiet Day at Gwynedd Meeting, Pa., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Leader, Rachel Cadbury. Everybody welcome. Bring sandwiches.

14—Holiday Fair at High Street Meeting, West Chester, Pa., 10 to 1:30 p.m., sponsored by Chestnut Street and High Street Meetings. Proceeds, A.F.S.C. and Improvement Fund. Tea, gifts, fruit cake, handicraft.

14—Quaker Business Problems Group at Central V.M.C.A., 1411 Arch Street, Room 206, Philadelphia. Wednesday, supper, 6 p.m.; Thursday, luncheon, 12:15 p.m. Topic, "What Are the Goals of Our Industrial System and How Should They Be Revised?" Leader, Walter Lamb.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX—Meeting for worship, 10 a.m., 17th Street and Glendale Avenue, James Dewees, Clerk, 1928 West Mitchell.

TUCSON—Friends Meeting, 129 North Warren Avenue, Worship, First-days at 11 a.m. Clerk, John A. Salyer, 745 East Fifth Street; Tucson 2-2623.

CALIFORNIA

CLAREMONT—Friends meeting, 9:30 a.m. on Scripps campus, 10th and Columbia. Forner Nuhn, Clerk, 429 West 8th Street.

LA JOLLA—Meeting for worship, 11 a.m., 2327 - 2333 La Jolla Blvd.

Kline and Draper, Kirkhouse, Presbyterian church. Visitors call 4-7459.

PASADENA—Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, 10 a.m., First-days at 11 a.m. Monthly meetings, 8 p.m. on the second Fourth-day of each month.

SAN FRANCISCO—Meetings for worship, First-days, 11 a.m., 1830 Butter Street.

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16—Friends Forum at the Reading, Pa., Meeting House, 108 North 6th Street, 8 p.m.: Francs Bosworth, "Our Foreign Policy—What Is It?"

17—Calm Quarterly Meeting at Coatesville Meeting House, Pa. Worship, 11 a.m.; at 2 p.m., Raymond Arvio of the A.F.S.C., slides of Friends Work Camps and the work of the A.F.S.C.; business meeting, 3 p.m. Program to interest children.

17—Friends Village Fair on the grounds of the Woodbury, N. J., Meeting House, 9 to 5, benefit of the new Woodbury Friends Day School, Luncheon, 11:30 to 2: handwork, toys, food sale, children's books, "Trash and Treasure," marionette show, etc.

J7—Illustrated talk at Oxford Meeting House, Pa., 8 p.m.: Lesley Blackburn, "My Trip to the Holy Land."

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BIRTHS

CLARK—On October 14 at Street, Somerset, England, to Jacob Daniel and Pauline Owen Hughes Clark, a daughter named GLORIA JANE CLARK. She is the first great-great-grandchild of William P. and Emma C. Bancroft of Wilmington, Del., and great-grandchild of Roger and Sarah Bancroft Clark.

FRENCH—On August 9, in Detroit, Mich., to David Milton and Mrs. E. Smith French, a son named GEORGE EMMELFRENC. His mother is a member of Moorestown Monthly Meeting, N. J.

MARRIAGES

HILLIARD-COOMBS—On October 12, in Salem Meeting House, N. J., MARY ELIZABETH COOMBS, daughter of Marvin H. and Letitia H. Coombs, and Thomas GILLINGHAM HILLIARD, Jr., son of Mrs. Thomas G. Hilliard and the late Thomas G. Hilliard. The bride is a member of Salem Monthly Meeting, N. J.

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