

A minute on peace, forwarded from Buckingham Monthly Meeting, was read:

"The historical record of the Society of Friends opposition to war is a long one. In fact, it began with George Fox. However all efforts to end war have been futile--have failed. Now, the application of modern science has produced such an array of truly terrible weapons capable of not only killing and destroying, as was done in past wars, but possessing the power to so alter God's World as to make it unsuitable for any kind of life.

"Truly all life is sacred. We should cherish all life. We believe and wish to speak out forcefully saying modern war is the highest of crimes. Therefore, we declare war should be outlawed as slavery was outlawed over a hundred years ago."

*This was referred to the Committee
to draft a statement
with the addition of a resolution that the U.S.
Government put some real money and effort into how to
improve the U.N. If we can get the
PROPOSED DRAFT OF MINUTE RE: OUTLAWRY OF WAR
then we should be
able to stop war*

*Revised
Work*

Modern weapons are potentially so destructive that the outlawry of war is necessary to the survival of life on Earth. But more than a mere form of words is needed. There must be adequate methods of resolving conflicts in orderly ways. There may for some time be need of restraining nations of means, from resorting to military action in the effort to achieve their purposes. There must eventually be general awareness of the community of humankind; of the interdependence of nations and peoples; and of the obligation of respect and considerateness toward one another.

The realization of this goal may take time. It may involve problems whose solutions are not yet known. However, the Yearly Meeting urges Friends now to desire the goal and to begin the hard thinking and the prophetic persuasion that are necessary if the goal is to be realized.