



Dear Father Hohman,
Recently, by chance, I have read several books on the peace efforts of the Quakers or the Friends

Service Commission for World Peace. I am very impressed with the long history of the work the Friends have done to promote world peace and to alleviate world hunger and disease and suffering. Even in war, they are concerned with only the suffering of mankind, not the political issues involved in disputes. I greatly admire their strong stand against war. I served four years in World War 2 in Africa and Europe and at that time it never entered my mind to question the moral issue of my country at war. Particularly since the Vietnam War I have come more and more to question the right of our country to force our young men to engage in the slaughter of other people.

Since reading about the dedicated and courageous efforts

of the Friends, I have been disturbed that for the most part the Christian Church throughout the world has not taken a strong stand against war. What has the Church or its people done to promote World Peace? Are there organizations within the frame work of the Catholic Church that are dedicated to promoting World Peace? In an age of enlightenment it would seem that the Church would be strong in influencing peace negotiations.

Signed, J.R.F.

Dear J.R.F.:

Moral attitudes toward war have changed considerably in the last decade although I think they should have changed long before that. You may or may not be

familiar with the moral conditions that have traditionally been set down for a just war. One of these conditions is that the good achieved from the war be equal to the price paid, that is, the lives expended and the property destroyed. In World War 2 I think all of us felt that the price we were paying was sufficiently equivalent to the benefit we were achieving, namely, the overthrowing of the Axis aggressors.

Since then however, the situation has changed with the advent of much more destructive arms, particularly the hydrogen bomb. Now it can be legitimately argued that no war can be justified because the destruction will far exceed any possible benefits.

Certainly that was the stand many people took in regard to the Vietnam War. That was a quite counter productive war and the destruction was massive. I think the Church will be engaged more and more in works of peace as the Quakers are, and that organizations, committees, and movements will be much more evident in the future.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1976	JUNE 30, 1975
Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 11,982,074.60	\$ 14,476,534.35
U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency Securities	14,944,241.61	13,394,947.37
Obligations of States and Political Subdivisions	8,798,896.46	12,636,919.68
Other Investments	11,817,261.31	6,771,972.20
Federal Funds Sold	2,000,000.00	
Loans Less Unearned Discount and Reserves	57,284,183.94	53,098,787.20
Bank Premises and Equipment	5,920,026.90	5,621,409.18
Other Assets	1,093,388.97	1,045,818.61
Total Assets	\$113,840,073.79	\$107,046,388.59
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Demand	\$ 38,155,089.19	\$ 37,005,539.21
Savings	45,506,242.97	39,884,726.70
Other Items	16,008,801.77	15,162,672.37
Total Deposits	\$ 99,670,133.93	\$ 92,052,938.28
Securities Sold Under Agreements, etc.	1,470,000.00	2,659,000.00
Accrued Taxes and Other Expenses	852,496.76	728,924.47
Dividends Payable	86,299.60	86,299.60
Other Liabilities	92,718.87	113,255.52
Liabilities	102,171,649.16	95,640,417.87
Subordinated Debentures	1,949,000.00	1,965,000.00
Total Liabilities	104,120,649.16	97,605,417.87
Share Holders' Equity:		
Common Stock	4,314,980.00	4,314,980.00
Surplus	2,804,737.00	2,804,737.00
Undivided Profits	2,534,728.95	2,256,275.04
Undivided Profits Portion of Reserve for possible Loan Losses	64,978.68	64,978.68
Total Shareholders' Equity	9,719,424.63	9,440,970.72
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