At a Monthly Meeting for Business of Friends Meeting of Washington on December 18, 1977, the Meeting records deep appreciation for the life of Reginald C. Price, our member for 37 years, who died at the age of 66 on July 2, 1977, in Bethesda, Maryland. We mourn his passing, struck down in full manhood by the ravages of a disease that he and his family endured with grace and dignity. We cherish his memory and rejoice at this season in Reginald's devotion to peace and good will. To him Christmas was more than a yearly observance. It was a lifetime of giving.

We recall with special thankfulness the gifts of caring and enthusiasm that he brought to many Quaker projects. We remember how seriously he took all assignments from this Meeting and other Friends groups, and how skillfully and diligently he pursued them. His varied responsibilities included membership on the Meeting's Social Order and Ministry and Worship Committees, serving as Co-clerk of the William Penn House Board, and Assistant Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting. For that Yearly Meeting, Reginald was also Friend In Washington, with a special concern for the needs of Korean Friends. He was a member of the board of the PAX World Fund, a mutual fund for non-military investments, and helped to promote the Quaker sponsored Right Sharing of World Resources, a non-government assistance program for developing countries.

Reginald Price also promoted peace and social justice through the activities of other Quaker organizations - the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Friends World Committee for Consultation, and small Friends Meetings in Asia - particularly in Seoul and Bangkok. Indeed all the Prices - Reg and Esther; Lee, Peggy and Laurie - were Friends present wherever they were. In faraway places, they made their home a focal point for Quakers and Quaker concerns in a warm and loving way.

Like Albert Schweitzer, Reginald Price had discovered at an early age that "I am not alone in this world. My brothers live here, too!" Born in Rio, Wisconsin, Reg's concern for his neighbors, in this Midwestern town, grew to encompass the world - as he became internationally known as a well-trained, highly skilled civil and public-health engineer, water resource specialist, and economist. Reginald worked on a variety of flood control and water resource projects for state, federal, and international agencies. Some of his major professional experiences were in the Far East, where he worked for more than a decade - chiefly in Korea and Thailand. His last resident overseas assignment was in Bangkok as water resources adviser to the United Nations Mekong Committee preparing a report on the Lower Mekong Basic Plan.

In summary, Reginald Price was one of those outgoing Friends who poured his life into people around the globe. He wanted to see the rivers flow through the good earth to water crops and speed vessels of commerce in beneficial trade, that would help to overcome hunger and enhance economic well being. He tried to utilize the powers of government to advance human welfare among the disadvantaged. He sought to be a true world citizen.

He was a man that our times demanded - one with "a strong mind, a great heart, true faith, and ready- hands." As husband, father, conscientious Friend, Reg's quiet influence was - and, indeed
continues to be - a benediction.