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Editor's Page

In this double issue of *Quaker Religious Thought* we present two very different explorations of the relationship between Quakerism and radical social witness: an essay by Otto Boetes, a Dutch Friend who has been deeply involved in political and social action in his own country, which challenges the naive liberalism of most contemporary Friends; a paper by Hugh Barbour, an American theologian and church historian, which carefully develops a theological rationale for a thorough recasting of our Quaker peace testimony. Each deserves to be read attentively in its own right; each is given added importance and depth by being brought into relation with the other.

With this double issue we complete Volume XIII of *QRT*. Beginning with Volume XIV we shall need to raise the per-issue price to \$1, the subscription rates to \$4 for one year, \$7 for two years. This is the first increase in the price of *Quaker Religious Thought* since 1960. Of course all present subscriptions will be honored at the old rate until they expire.

The Quaker Theological Discussion Group is participating in the planning of two interest groups during the meetings of Friends General Conference at Ithaca College, Ithaca, N. Y., June 24-30. John Sexton (6202 Northwood Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21212) and Peter Blood will lead one on property, materialism and the Christian ethic, with the title, "Toward a Non-violent Life Style." Hugh Barbour (Department of Religion, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. 47374) will lead a second group on "The New Religiosity: Quakerism and the Fads of the Time." The workshop on "Rethinking the Roles of Women and Men" is in part an outgrowth of a concern expressed at last summer's meeting of the QTDC.

We shall also sponsor a group at Friends United Meeting,

July 8-15 at Green Lake, Wisc., which will explore the role and place of Christ in Quakerism; this is to be led by Wil Cooper (Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Ind. 47374). We plan to schedule QTGD business meetings at both the FGC and the FUM gatherings.

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