

Dear Rev. Suzuki

Thank you for the kind send-off you gave me. You had done your best.

I'm sorry my Japanese friend lost his passport, it surely was misplaced. Anyway it is a pity it had to happen it would have been such a pleasure to have trained with him and to have had him for such a friend. At first it was lonely - I mean I was lonely on the boat. Everything seemed so grim. The food was tasteless. And no one was friendly to each other. So I commenced immediately to study my Japanese Vocabulary. While people wandered around I sat and tried to learn. Soon one or two other students joined me and gradually we formed

some good relationships.

There was no place to practice Zen so I did it in bed, but these beds were so narrow and short (double bunks) it had to be done length wise.



The rooms were very crowded. But after while everyone became good friends and no one minded. 3rd class Argentina Maru is a good way to go to Japan. Everyone shares.

At seven o'clock every morning we did yoga exercises carried on by the ships physician who has a very strong and large stomach. He is very kind and fatherly and checks on each passenger in a relaxed and friendly way.

There are several Zen students here aboard ship. I showed them photographs of Zen Center and your activities so don't be surprised if a few drop in from time to time.

There is one Japanese man who studied³
Rinzai for several years and spent
a month at Ukeiji - we have been
doing some meditation or Zazen together.

Most of the people on the boat are
concerned with American - Japanese
problems or life in one way or another.

So we have become quite close and
sensitive to each other. It is a very
good feeling to share with one another.

Aboard ship are a group of farmers from
South America I feel so sorry for them.

They were given very poor land in Brazil
near Sao Paulo and they failed. They
are strong people but at the
present time they have a sadness
in them.

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Soon it will be time to meet your
son and to throw my whole heart
into a new activity. If it is
possible for a demon to do such
a thing. Thank you for your
effort Rev. Sengutri - say hellow to
The people at the center for me and
a gassho to Rev. Love
Rataquiri Phillip

