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News

NEXT SESSHIN:

The date for the next one-day sesshin will be Saturday, May 29th, from 5:45 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. Breakfast and lunch will be served as usual. (A sesshin is an intensive period of meditation.)

WEEK-LONG SESSHIN: The annual week's sesshin has been scheduled to begin on July 26th

WORLD FEDERALIST TO VISIT ZEN CENTER:

Bishop Sogen Asahina, Abbot of Engakuji Monastery, Kamakura, and head of the Rinzaï Zen Sect in Japan, is the opening speaker at the XIIth Congress of the World Association of World Federalists (WAWF) to be held in San Francisco from June 19th to June 27th.

Formed by prominent scientists and thinkers throughout the world, the purpose of the World Federalist movement is to reorganize the League of Nations in order to establish world government and abolish all armaments and war. The headquarters of the WAWF are in the Hague, Netherlands.

The Japanese Buddhist Chapter of the WAWF was established in 1963, and Bishop Sogen Asahina was made president with two other leading Japanese Buddhists as Advisors. These are Kosho Otani-Roshi, Abbot of Honganji Temple, Kyoto and head of the Jodo Shinshu in Japan, and Rosen Takashina-Roshi, primate of the Soto sect and president of the Japan Buddhist Association.

Bishop Asahina will visit Zen Center on June 19th at 2:00 p. m. Anyone wishing to meet him should be here at this time.

NEWS FROM YAMADA-ROSHI:

Reirin Yamada-Roshi, formerly Bishop of Soto Zen Buddhism in America with headquarters in Los Angeles, was appointed president of Komazawa University, Tokyo, last year. In his recent speech at the graduation ceremonies there, he stressed the importance of zazen at the University.

Zazen was also the center of a discussion Yamada-Roshi had with the Ceylonese Ambassador to Japan during the latter's recent visit to Komazawa. They talked about ways to clarify the idea of zazen, which is commonly but misleadingly translated as "meditation." They also discussed plans to strengthen the ties between Ceylon and Japan. The Ambassador hopes to organize a trip for some Komazawa students to visit historical Buddhist sites in India and Ceylon.

'SHOBOGENZO' TRANSLATION IN PROCESS:

Professor Reih Masunaga, Dr. Litt., Professor of Buddhist Philosophy and History of Zen Buddhism at Komazawa University, is presently at work on the translation into English of the 'Shobogenzo', the master work of Dogen-Zengi, founder of the Soto Sect of Zen Buddhism in Japan. Part of his work has already appeared in a book entitled The Soto Approach to Zen, published by the Layman Buddhist Society Press and currently out of print.





Reverend Suzuki recently received a letter from Professor Masunaga saying that he plans to devote his life to completing the translation of this book of such importance to Soto Zen students. We American students are extremely grateful to Professor Masunaga for his continuing effort to make Dogen available in English.

REVEREND HASHIMOTO APPOINTED SEIDO:

Reverend Eko Hashimoto, who has been ill for six months, is now better, and in March returned to Eihei-ji Monastery to accept his appointment as Seido (the next highest position to Abbot). At present he is giving lectures on the 'Shobogenzo.'

VISIT FROM VIETNAMESE PRIEST:

In April, Reverend Suzuki, Reverend Katagiri and Irene Horowitz met and had lunch with Thich Thien-an, M.A., Ph.D., of Vietnam. Dr. Thien-an is a Buddhist priest, as well as Dean, Faculty of Letters, at Van-Hanh University and Professor, Faculty of Letters, at Saigon University. He came to the United States with a Catholic priest from Vietnam in order to lecture in New York, Colorado Springs, and Los Angeles.

Dr. Thien-an speaks excellent English and Japanese. When he met Reverend Katagiri, both were amazed to discover that they had been classmates at Komazawa University in Japan. Dr. Thien-an said that there is much interest in Zen Buddhism in Vietnam, even though at this time all sects are united into one Church. He presented two books on Zen in the Vietnamese language as gifts to Zen Center library. Dr. Thien-an will return to the United States in the fall and at that time will visit Zen Center to practice zazen with us and to lecture on Vietnamese Buddhism.

KOREAN ZEN MASTER BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO:

Dr. Kyung Bo Seo, Korean Zen master and scholar, is back in the Bay Area after spending several months at Columbia University in New York auditing classes and observing American educational methods. He is now doing this at the University of California, Berkeley, and continuing his study of English. Dr. Seo hopes to remain in the United States for one year while writing a history of Korean Buddhism from the nineteenth century to the present. Last summer he showed slides at Zen Center of the beautiful temple in Kyong Ju, Korea, of which he is Abbot. During May he is conducting meditation classes with the Neo-Dharma Society once a week at the home of Dr. Rex Sweet, 783 Castro Street, San Francisco.

WESAK SERVICE HELD:

On May 16th, Zen Center participated in the annual Wesak Service presented by the Home of the Dharma at the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco. This service, celebrated by Buddhists the world over, commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and transition into nirvana of Buddha.

NEW BOOKLET OF SUTRAS:

While at Eihei-ji, Grahame Petchey compiled a book of sutras, which he has had mimeographed and made into a booklet. Irene Horowitz and Pat Herreshoff typed the stencils and Reverend Katagiri edited them. We especially thank Reverend Price of the Home of the Dharma for the use of his duplicating machine.

WAY OF ZAZEN AVAILABLE:

Fifty copies of the Way of Zazen by Rindo Fujimota-Roshi have been received from the Cambridge Buddhist Association. This book is very helpful for beginners of zazen (meditation) practice. Copies are available from Zen Center at \$1.00 each.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer reported that April's expenses were \$8.76 higher than the income for the month. Please keep your pledges up. A separate savings account has been opened for Zen Center's Building Fund as planned at the February meeting. Members, don't forget your \$1.00 monthly donation to keep this fund growing! Money may be brought to the monthly business meetings, given directly to the treasurer, Mike Dixon, or put in the contribution box under the bulletin board (along with an envelope or slip of paper marking it for the Building Fund).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SCHEDULE:

The schedule of speakers for the Wednesday evening lectures (7:30 p.m.) is as follows:

May 19th	- Reverend Suzuki	June 16th	- Reverend Suzuki
May 26th	- Reverend Katagiri	June 23rd	- Reverend Suzuki
June 2nd	- Reverend Suzuki	June 30th	- Reverend Katagiri
June 9th	- Grahame Petchey		

For last minute changes in speakers, please check the bulletin board outside the Zendo, or call Zen Center. (FI 6-7540)

ZAZEN AND LECTURE IN PALO ALTO AND REDWOOD CITY:

Thursday mornings Reverend Suzuki goes to Palo Alto and conducts zazen at 6:00 a.m. at 1005 Bryant Street, Palo Alto. Afterwards he gives a short talk.

Thursday evenings he goes to Redwood City and conducts a short meditation and gives a lecture on the Sutra of the 6th Patriarch at 849 Palm Street, Redwood City, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone may attend these meetings.

BERKELEY ZAZEN - A POSSIBILITY?

Reverend Suzuki is seeking a place in Berkeley or Oakland for sitting meditation (zazen) and lecture in the early mornings or late afternoons, preferably Mondays or Tuesdays. If anyone knows of a private living room or any small room available where interested persons could meet with him, please let him know (Zen Center, 1881 Bush Street, S.F., FI 6-7540).

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Suzuki on April 22nd for Mrs. David Reed, better known to our members as Hazel Paget. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident April 18th. The members of Zen Center express their condolences to the family.

THE PURPOSE OF ZEN CENTER:

The Center was formed so that we could meditate and study with Reverend Suzuki, so that a place could be maintained for meditation and instruction (we contribute both to the support of the priests and to the maintenance of the building, as well as to holding Sesshins, printing the Wind Bell, etc.), and so that contributions would be tax deductible. Trustees and officers are elected to see that these functions are carried out and that the money is properly managed.

SHORTER WINDBELLS:

Because of the difficulty of compiling lengthy Wind Bell material in time to get the current news out to our readers every month. The Wind Bell now plans to reserve longer articles for every other issue.

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ZAZEN AND LECTURE SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday		Saturday	
Morning zazen (meditation)	5:45 - 6:45 a.m.	Zazen	5:45 - 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon zazen (Except Wednesday)	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Sunday	
Lecture Wednesday	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Zazen	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
		Lecture	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: No zazen on dates containing a 4 or 9 (except Sunday when there is always zazen). No zazen on Wednesday afternoon (because of lecture in evening).

Zazen is held from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. at 1005 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, every Thursday morning, and from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at 849 Palm Street, Redwood City, every Thursday evening.

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