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Officers' meeting Zen Center May 21. 1969  
at Sokoji

present: Suzuki Roshi, Silas Hoadley, Claude Dalenberg,  
Tim Buckley, Yvonne Rand.

Silas: someone wants to donate a car to Zen Center in  
Japan for Dick to use. Dick would maintain it, insurance is  
paid through the end of the year. Silas will check with the  
consulate to see what the legal ramifications are with us  
as owner being in the U.S. with vehicle in Japan.  
all agreed. seems o.k.

Mel Weitsman and Jean Ross will be listed as novice priests  
with Dick Baker, and Phillip Wilson and Claude Dalenberg.

Claude: housing meeting tonight is an open meeting. I  
want to encourage more "home rule"  
Peter and Claude had a conversation- Peter expressed the  
feeling that the houses are not going well. partially  
reverberations from Claude's tendency to be authoritarian.  
students feel sheated if they come to a housing meeting with  
essentially P.R. work going on from the officers.  
with the houses- necessary to give the students full respon-  
sibility for the houses. As the leases come up let the students  
take the leases, let them make all of the decisions. Students  
have to have some kind of participation in making decisions  
in the organization if we're to release some of the students  
energy.

Claude: before I would take such a step I would want to know  
that Zen Center saw this really as a way to run things.  
( not just housing)

Place to do it first would be housing.  
move to having students elect officers and do away with the  
Board.

Peter: during the last Practice Period I couldn't and wouldn't  
be in charge and make all the decisions etc. Included all the  
students in problem solving.

Yvonne: doesn't make sense to turn away from new structure  
before we've really had a chance to try it. Sounds like  
going right back to what we changed from very recently. Peter's  
change at Tassajara was still within the context of the ZMC  
structure.

Tim: I agree with Yvonne. Better to follow Peter's model.  
Not of strict authoritarian kind of leader- but broader base-  
closer to and including the participants. A wider view  
of the role of leadership and the process.

Silas: what are we striving for. a place where students  
can live to practice in the zendo, learn to live together,  
to cook.

Tim: have to have some feeling of living at home in Zen  
Center housing in San Francisco, otherwise a depressed, " stay  
ing at the Y " feeling.

Yvonne: we loose sight of what's possible in the houses when  
we get frantic about filling vacancies etc.

Claude: waiting list procedure.

zazen participation

no dope, no holding

quiet at 9:30-10:00 p.m. for the night.

Sunday breakfast- should we continue to have it.