

NOTE

At Dr. Pauling's suggestion, Tai San and I volunteered to work once a week as helpers at Queen's Medical Center in order to learn more about mental illness. The psychiatric social worker recognized Tai San's name as the one mentioned in the case records of both ■■■■ and ■■■■■■■■, the two Sangha members who had been hospitalized there for mental breakdown. This coincidence was relayed to Dr. Pauling, under the supposition that Tai San wanted to prey on other weak women through his hospital contacts. Dr. Pauling investigated the cases and reported to me Tai San's role in the breakdown of the two women.

Thereupon I investigated and became convinced that Tai San had indeed played such a role, and further that he had been ruthless in his exploitation of the women. I felt that if I confronted him with the evidence, he would deny everything, and the Sangha members generally would support him. Further, I was concerned about protecting the two women. I decided to go to Japan to consult with Sōen Rōshi and Yasutani Rōshi. I had planned to stay at an inn and see these teachers secretly, but Sōen Rōshi met my plane and insisted that I accompany him back to Ryutakuji. Both he and Yasutani Rōshi could believe that Tai San had been philandering, but could not accept the idea that he was pathologically compulsive.