

Koko An
Monday 10:04 PM Aug 10

(Sōen)
Dear Roshi Sama,

I write you once more, after Anne mailed the letter I wrote this afternoon. I am filled with grief that I have failed to reach Tai San. He returned at 8:00 PM, and Anne went down and asked him to come up to see me. He refused saying that he could not forgive me (for not speaking to him before I left), that he was angry and did not trust himself to control himself. He blamed himself for this. He asked Anne to fetch a Kakemono from upstairs for his packing, so I got out of bed and took it down to him where he was sitting in our kitchen. When he saw me he walked out the door, I called him gently and then opened the door and called again. He went around the side of the house avoiding me. I just took the Kakemono over to his desk and left it there.

Afterwards, Anne said that perhaps Tai San himself is aware of the violence about which Dr. Furukawa had warned us when we were considering whether or not I should talk to him before going to Japan. Therefore, she thinks, we should not push him too much.

I feel deeply regretful that things have taken this turn. I will write more tomorrow. My fever remains up but probably I will not be sick for long.

Tuesday morning

I slept very late this morning, but as soon as I awakened I asked Anne please to tell Tai San I was still sick, but come up to see me. Mrs. Preston, our Ko Ko An Vice-Chairman was in the cottage when Anne went over. He told Anne he was sorry, but he would not be able to see me. His things are all packed, and we guess that he will move to the temple of Ikenaga Eijō Oshō, a Nichiren priest who is his good friend (and my good friend and former student).

He now plans to go to the Mainland the last of this month to hold a series of sesshin with Kai San. This had been Yasutani Roshi's idea. I didn't mention it to you as I didn't think it would happen. Probably Yasuko San will come here soon for a visit to Ikenaga San's temple.

We don't know yet what to tell our members tomorrow. We will just remain calm. If he doesn't come to the meeting, I will just say that he is off for a few days. I will continue to write as things develop.