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Dear Dharma Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

The first day of the new Training Period is Monday, July 5th. Soen Roshi and Tai-san will be in The Zendo that evening.

The weekend sesshin of July will be the 17th and 18th with Soen Roshi's participation. Those who plan to attend, please put your names on the sign up sheet.

The first sesshin this summer will be from Tuesday, July 27th to Tuesday, August 3rd. The second one will be from Sunday, August 29th to Sunday, September 5th. Both will be conducted by Soen Roshi and Tai-san and will be held at Litchfield Connecticut. Apply to Sylvan Busch soon.

At last some 1400 acres and 'Beecher Lake' is legally the property of The Zen Studies Society, Inc. Plans are being drawn up by the Board of Directors for its use and development over an extended period of time, and it is hoped that eventually on this property a Zen Monastery will be built. To give opportunity for those who want to give, contributions towards the development of this historical project are welcomed.

Starting July 4th weekend, a few members of The New York Zendo at a time will be invited to The International Dai Bosatsu Zendo in the Catskills (the tentative name) to spend time with The Roshi, Father Maxima, and Tai-san, doing daily zazen, work and rest. Because of the many costs in acquiring and developing this land into a Zendo, the guests are asked to contribute \$5.00 a day.

Chuck Carpenter will be coming back on Sunday, August 8th to New York.

The Los Angeles sesshin will start from August 13th, for which The Roshi, Tai-san and possibly Hos-san will leave for about 10 to 15 days. During their absence Chuck will be in charge of The Zendo.

Father Maxima has started the huge painting of Buddha, the Bodhisattvas and the Patriarchs. He and Soen Roshi will stay here for at least three months this year.

After July 5th, Tai-san will be in town from Monday through Friday noon, but will spend the weekends in the Catskills.

The plans of construction regarding The International Dai Bosatsu Zendo are underway. If things are going well by the fall of 1972 we can use The Zendo for our sesshin. As the first deed of the property took place in 1776 and Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe was written at this Beecher Lake, The Zen Studies Society wants to complete all construction by the spring of 1976 and on July 4th of that year, together with the 200 years anniversary of The United States of America, the dedication of The International Dai Bosatsu Zendo will take place. Tai-san, though he is the real founder, invited Soen Roshi to be the first Abbot. Soen Roshi accepted this but wants to honor Nyogen Senzaki's half a century work in America, so he will be the honorable first Abbot. His ashes will be buried in the sacred place near the lake.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

"The practice of Zen in this greedy world--This is the power of wise vision. The lotus lives in the midst of the fire; It is never destroyed."

Gassho

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