

NYZ Committee Meeting - October 22, 1980

Present: Eido Roshi Aiho, Jochi, Korin, Mushin, Hosen, Jose, Jikei

Jochi read aloud two letters from Saman: one, dated Oct. 17, contesting the idea of alternating jikijitsus for morning sittings; the second, dated Oct. 18, saying that the "third sangha", as she termed the morning sitters, should be given a voice in decision-making.

Jochi said that she had misunderstood the committee's reasoning in recommending alternating jikijitsus, which was-- at this time when there is no one person in permanent residence-- to relieve her of total responsibility in getting here rain or shine, in sickness or in health, to be jikijitsu. He expressed disagreement with the notion that there are separate sanghas-- morning, evening, Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday.

Jose said that when he offered on Friday morning to help out if needed, Saman told him that Joan Oliver was well qualified and ready to perform as "back-up" jikijitsu. He said that was perfectly agreeable to him.

Roshi said that he planned to attend the next two morning sittings and would tell Saman of the committee's compliance with her continuing as jikijitsu with Joan Oliver as her chief helper and backup. At future committee meetings, a representative of both the morning people and the Tuesday afternoon people will be welcome to attend. Roshi said he would invite Wado.

Jochi passed along additional advisements from Saman to the effect that she has been forwarding Gaisen's mail and asking him for instruction on certain Zendo matters; that Saragi is arranging for the Xerox machine to be given to a charitable group; and that local inquiries about the China trip are to be directed to her, Saman.

Mushin said that some people would like to hold another sangha dinner party similar to the one in June. Re the November sesshin, he asked if the stipulation that people pay at time of signing up could be waived in the hope of attracting potential officers earlier than of yore. The committee gave approval. Roshi suggested that suitable officers be asked to serve even before signing up.

Korin advised that we should look for someone to receive Mr. Higa and 12 students of Community College on Fri., Oct. 31 at 11:00.