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a French Zen student living at Ryūtakuji. They returned to the temple and did the July sesshin there (the last sesshin of the summer training season) while we remained for sightseeing in Kyoto and Nara. We came back to Ryūtakuji in late July, and went on a tour with Sōen Roshi, including a climb of Mt. Fuji. In August we accompanied him to Raikoji, in Tokorozawa, near Tokyo, for sesshin with Yasutani Hakuun Rōshi, our first meeting with our future teacher. Sōen Rōshi was zendo leader in this sesshin. We then returned to Ryūtakuji for a short stay, and returned to California.

When we arrived at Ryūtakuji in mid-June, 1957, we met Tai San the first day we were there. On the second day, Tai San requested a meeting with us, and there in the little guest room off the inner garden told us that he wanted very much to go to the United States as a Zen monk. He said that he had been inspired by Senzaki Sensei's vow to "leave his bones in America," and that he wanted to do the same. We sensed that he was Sōen Rōshi's successor designate, and agreed to do what we could. We knew that Sōen Rōshi was very busy with his work at Ryūtakuji, and felt that if his favorite monk were in America, he might have more of an incentive to visit there. Tai-San asked that we say nothing to Sōen Rōshi about our conversation, and that we initiate our request that he come by letter after our return. We followed his wishes in this respect.

On returning to our jobs at the Happy Valley School in Ojai, California, we announced our resignations effective June, 1958, and soon after that date, we moved to Hawaii to be near my son. Sensei died in May, and Sōen Rōshi came for the funeral and interment (the two ceremonies were run together in your account). He led two sesshin at Senzaki Sensei's apartment that summer. We attended the first and left for Hawaii before the second.

In October, 1959, settled in Honolulu, we established the Diamond Sangha, and in the summer of the next year, Tai San came as our resident monk, and served in that capacity until August 1964.

Senzaki Sensei visited Japan in 1955, accompanied by Louise Padel-ford and Ruth Strout McCandless. Many years later, after sesshin with Sōen Rōshi at San Juan Bautista, near San Jose, California, Ms. McCandless remarked to Eido Rōshi, in my hearing, "Remember when we met at Ryūtakuji? You asked me to help you to come to the United States as a monk. I could not help you at that time, but now you are here, and as a rōshi at that." Nothing further was said.

If you choose to reconstruct the chronology in future publications, I would hope that I would be only one of several resource persons in setting it forth. I ask that you do not use my version unless you have at least one other substantiating resource. I don't want to be in a position of confronting another's memory with my memory.

In any case, all this is minor stuff. Your piece is almost entirely accurate, and what is more, gives an uncanny sense of the old man's personality. I am very grateful.

With gasshō,