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SUMMER 1981

On June 14th Eido Roshi stepped out of a car at Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongo-ji looking and sounding fit, if a bit pale and fragile. He had returned from his extensive solitary retreat, satisfactory medical tests, and a three-week visit to Japan where he did Sesshin at Ryutaku-ji and made a pilgrimage to about one quarter of the eighty-eight temples on Shikoku Island.

While Eido Roshi was at Ryutaku-ji, he had a good visit with Soen Roshi, though the latter is still on retreat.

We are indeed happy to be able to tell you that Eido Roshi will continue his recuperation at Dai Bosatsu, and that he has every hope of leading the Kongo-ji Fifth Anniversary Sesshin, July 3rd to 6th.

Dear Friends in Dharma,

This is to thank you, all my friends in America who have been concerned about my unexpected leave of absence from the Zendo. I have received hundreds of letters and cards, countless messages, a house full of flowers, and deep silent support. I am very touched by your warmth and encouragement. Thank you very, very much.

Life is unpredictable, but Dharma is not. When needs come, it arranges by itself — this is the feeling which I got throughout the past seventy days' retreat. Somehow it was necessary for me to be away, and somehow it was necessary for the students to learn more independence. I could not arrange this, but it happened. Now, looking back, I can laugh. I can see the absolute reason for it. But at the beginning I was concerned, and I was not sure.

I found Hell above Paradise, and I found Paradise right below Hell!

Another wonderful discovery was how strong and healthy the students in the two Zendos were looking.

Soen Roshi told me, "It is impossible to run two Zendos. So you must not think that you have to run the two Zendos. They run by themselves when you cease thinking that you have to do it."

There are many other things to say. But now let me thank you again, all of you. Instead of writing to you one by one, please allow me to express my gratitude with this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Gassho



July 3-6 5th ANNIVERSARY SESSHIN There may be some available places.

July 8 NEW YORK ZENDO SHOBO-JI reopens for the second 1981 training period.

July 24 - 26 A WEEKEND WITH DR. OGURA.

Many of you may recall Dr. Ogura's wonderful talk during July Sesshin, 1979.

In Japan, Dr. Ogura was a student of Soen Roshi and Gempo Roshi. He has lived for many years in the United States, where he trained in psychoanalysis and psychiatry. Presently, he is practicing on Long Island, New York.

We are fortunate that Dr. Ogura will spend this weekend with us, giving two talks on Zen and Psychotherapy, and being available for informal dialogue with the people present.

If you would like to be here, please write for a reservation. The cost is \$60.00 for the weekend.

July 30 HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA XIV will come to lunch. He will be visiting the Tibetan Monastery next door. His Holiness will give a talk, but the visit will be essentially a private one for persons who are here at Dai Bosatsu. If you wish to be here, please telephone or write for details.

August 1 - 10 3rd ZEN SHIATSU WORKSHOP

This will be conducted by Wataru Ohashi and his associates from the Shiatsu Educational Center.

For information and registration, please contact them directly:

Shiatsu Education Center 52 West 55th Street New York, N.Y. 10019

(212) 582-3424

August 15 THE ANNUAL BON FESTIVAL

This year's traditional Buddhist memorial festival falls on a full moon night. The Lantern Ceremony and Chants led by Eido Roshi, should be especially beautiful.

Overnight visitors are welcome, as are visitors just for the Ceremony. Please make your reservations for The Guest House or Monastery in the normal manner.

It is suggested that each family make a minimum contribution of \$30 in memory of ancestors and deceased loved ones. This contribution would be in addition to the room and board charge.

AUTUMN KESSEI 1981

Autumn Kessei 1981 will take place as usual. Eido Roshi will be absent for part of the time on the pilgrimage to China. Students are urged to enroll for the entire three months. For this Kessei, however, shorter enrollments will be acceptable.

The three sesshins will be held according to the schedule. The dates are:

September 19-26, September Sesshin October 17-24, Golden Wind Sesshin November 30-December 8, Rohatsu Sesshin Come for a serene, restful vacation.

Participation in the Monastery schedule
is welcome, but not required. Write for
brochure and/or reservations to The Guest
House, Dai Bosatsu Zendo.

SUMMER INTERIM FEES AT DAI BOSATSU

	"A"	"B"	Other
July 4th Sesshin	\$70	\$80	\$90
Special Weekends	\$60	\$60	\$60
Room and board - day	\$13	\$15	\$18
week	\$78	\$90	\$108
month	\$225	\$275	\$325
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The Guest House - day \$35 week \$210 month \$815

ZEN BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE TO CHINA (October 13 - November 17, 1981)

Perhaps there are still a few places left for this unique tour. The Pilgrimage will visit T'ang Dynasty Zen Buddhist landmarks. Besides the familiar cities of Peking, Shanghai, Canton, we shall visit Kweilin, Loyang, Xian, Kaifong, Shichiachuang and many other places.

Eido Roshi plans to go. Dr. Alan Sponberg of Princeton University will be with us as academic resource person. The range of participants continues to widen. Several persons from Europe and Japan will join us in Hong Kong.

SAMAN Lea Liu is acting as "Jisha" for the group. Should you wish to go on this pilgrimage, please write to her at once, in care of New York Zendo, 223 East 67th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021

ZEN ARTS SALE (December 12-13,1981)

MUIN Bernard Spitz will again be Chairman of the Arts Sale. He plans to expand the crafts section, and would be glad to receive inquiries from workers in wood, weaving, jewelry, batik, leather or other appropriate media, as well as the pottery which has always been featured.

Please write to MUIN in care of New York Zendo, 223 East 67th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021, or telephone him during the day at (212) 512-3786 or in the evening at (201) 652-0313.

Further details will be available in the Fall.

Sangha



hard work carrying buckets to the sap house smiles

snow covered lake
laughing
pink glow

old dancing hills walking home

poem by W.L.J., Spring 1981 Kessei

CASSETTES FROM DAI BOSATSU ZENDO

THE SOUND OF ZEN (new)

Side A - The entire morning service, recorded by Autumn 1980 Kessei.
Side B Tei Dai Denpo, instruments and special chants regularly heard at DBZ.

ZEN TALKS by Rinzai Zen Master Eido Tai Shimano Roshi.

These teisho were recorded during sesshins at Dai Bosatsu Zendo from March, 1978, through September, 1980. An annotated list is available on request.

Please order cassettes directly from Dai Bosatsu Zendo, Livingston Manor, N.Y., 12758. \$8.00 each + \$1.00 shipping and handling charge per order.

桃花似錦柳如烟

The peach blossoms like brocade, the willows like smoke.

The spring scenery of April. Reality as it is is the exquisite natural scenery of enlightenment.

臥月眠雲

Lie in the moon, sleep in the clouds.

This is the lot of the travelling monk at ease like moving clouds and running water.

--ZenRin KuShū: Zen Grove Handbook, tr. by Zenrin Bob Lewis

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