

FIRST: DESC. OF PICTURE

SHOWA 1 = 1926

MEIJI = 1868

No.

36

1904

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TAISHO: 1918

TAI = 1912

1. SUZUKI SHUNRYU WAS BORN IN MAY = THE 37TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF THE EMPEROR MEIJI (1905): TSUCHIZAWA VILLAGE, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE. ①

THE EARLIEST PICTURE AVAILABLE: MIDDLE SCHOOL, AGE 16 (2ND ROW, SIXTH FROM LEFT)

2. RIGHT: ^{SUZUKI} ROSHI'S FATHER ^ A SŌTŌ ZEN PRIEST. HE WAS THE MASTER OF SUZUKI ROSHI'S MASTER GYOKUJUN SŌO-ŌN, AND THE ABBOT OF THE TEMPLE ZŌUN-IN BEFORE GYOKUJUN-SŌO-ŌN BECAME ABBOT THERE IN 1916* HE DIED WHEN SUZUKI SHUNRYU WAS 25 OR 30 YEARS OLD.

* AND IN 1918 WHEN GYOKUJUN WENT TO BE ABBOT OF ENSOO-IN SŌGOKU-SAN PROBABLY BECAME ABBOT AGAIN UNTIL SHOWA 4 WHEN HIS SON SUZUKI SHUNRYU BECAME THE 28TH ABBOT.

3. SUZUKI ROSHI'S MOTHER

SHE DIED WHEN ROSHI ^{was} ABOUT 35 YRS OLD

4. A FRESHMAN AT KOMAZAWA UNIVERSITY TOKYO, [MAIN UNIVERSITY OF THE SŌTŌ ZEN SECT] (FRONT ROW CENTRE)

①. AT AGE 10 HE FELT A STRONG
ATTRACTIN FT THE ZEN PRIEST GYOKUJUN
SOO ON, A DISCIPLE OF HIS FATHER
~~LEFT HOME AND WENT~~ MADE UP HIS MIND TO
LEAVE HOME AND WENT ALONE TO
SITIZUOKA PREFECTURE TO THE TOWN OF
MOTIMACHI TO ^{ZEN} PRACTICE. "HE HAD A
STRONG WILL"

AT ABOUT AGE 11 or 12 HE
BECAME A MONK (TOKUDOO SHIKI)
SHAVED HIS HEAD, GOT HIS ROBES,
^{RECEIVED} ~~TOOK~~ THE BUDDHIST NAME ^{SHOOGAKU} ~~SOOGAKU~~
HE NEXT WENT HOME TO ^{HIS PARENTS HOUSE IN} KAWAGUCHI
PREFECTURE AGAIN.

ROSHI WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BOTH BUDDHISM, HIS MAJOR FIELD, AND ENGLISH. "WHEN VERY YOUNG HE WOULD READ ENGLISH BOOKS OUT LOUD IN A BIG VOICE AND EVERYONE WOULD LAUGH."

DURING ~~THE~~ JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HE SERVED AS AN INTERPRETER. ^{AND LIKED English lot.}

~~BEFORE~~ ^{DURING} COLLEGE HE LIVED AT THE HOME OF AN ENGLISH WOMAN, MISS BRANSON WHO HAD BEEN THE PRIVATE TUTOR TO THE EMPEROR OF MANCHURIA

5. ^(*) SHOOWA 4. 1929 AT AGE 24 ^{BEFORE LEAD AM} ~~THE~~ ^{COLLEGE}

SUZUKI BECAME ABBOT OF HIS FIRST TEMPLE, 200-UN-IN IN THE TOWN OF MORIMACHI (~~TAKING THE PLACE OF HIS~~ ^{NO. 197 BECAME ABBOT OF RINSOO IN} ~~MASTE GUNO BECAME ABBOT OF RINSOO IN~~)

ROSHI WAS OFFICIALLY ABBOT HERE FOR 7 YEARS BEFORE BECOMING ABBOT OF RINSOO IN SHOOWA 11 1936 AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS MASTER

~~AT MORI 200-UN-IN~~ ^{28TH} ~~AT~~ ^{200-UN-IN} * AT THE TIME OF BECOMING ABBOT OF FAR RIGHT. ROSHI'S MOTHER, CENTER, HIS YOUNGER SISTER

6. PAGE FROM KOMAICAWA UNIVERSITY YEARBOOK SENIOR YEAR SHOOWA 5, 1930 (BOTTOM ROW, CENTER) ^{SOME CREATED IN BUDDHIST STORES. HE AGE 25} MOST AGE 22,

7. GRADUATING CLASSMATES AT KOMAICAWA. 2nd ROW, 3rd FROM LEFT.

WITH.

8. GRADUATING CLASSMATES: THE YEAR IS LISTED AS 2590 OF THE BUDDHIST ERA. NO OTHER DATE IS GIVEN IN THE YEARBOOK.

IN 1930 KOMAZAWA, NOW IN THE CENTRE OF URBAN TOKYO, WAS WIDE OPEN FIELDS AND TREES. MOST PROFESSORS SHOWN WITH COAT AND TIE RATHER THAN THE TRADITIONAL PRIESTS ROBES IN THE YEARBOOK.

TOP ~~SEE~~ PICTURE, FRONT ROW SEATED THIRD FROM RIGHT

BOATIK, PLAYING SHOOGI (JAP. CHESS)
9-11 TENNIS: TOKYO AGE 25-26.
SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION.

~~11~~ WITH TWO MONKS FROM KATSUISAI JI?
12 NEAR ZOO UN-IN WAS ~~A~~ ^{THE} ZEN MONASTERY ZOO UN IN WHERE ROSHI WOULD GO TO GIVE TALKS TO THE MONKS IN BUDDHISM. LONG SLEEPERS.

AFTER GRADUATION. SHOOWA 5-1930 ROSHI WENT TO EIHEIJI FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS.

13. AT ZOO UN-IN ^{SHOOWA 9} ~~1935~~ ¹⁹³⁵ AGE 30 AT TIME OF ~~1935~~ ¹⁹³⁵ FIRST MARRIAGE ^{WITH (NAME) (GIRL)} ~~FRONT~~ ^{FRONT} INCLUDING IS ROSHI'S MOTHER. AT ABOUT THIS TIME HIS MASTER DIED. ^{SHOOWA 9}

14. 1937 (OF ZOO UN) WITH NEXT ABBOT ~~OF~~ ^{AFTER} SHORT ~~BEFORE~~ ROSHI LEFT TO BE ABBOT OF RINSOO-IN. ^{APRIL 23}
IN SHOOWA 11, 1936 ROSHI BECAME 36TH ABBOT OF RINSOO IN. HIS MASTER DIED AS ABBOT IN 1934 FOR 2 YEARS NO REAL ABBOT.

15. AT RINSOO-IN 1938

16. LOOKING AT NEW BUILDINGS AT ZOO-UN-IN 1938

BUDDHIST

17. GATHERING FOR LECTURES BY KISHIZAWA IAN ROSHI AT RINSOO-IN (1)

SHIZUOKA 18

18. 1943. MELTING DOWN THE TERRIBLE BELLS FOR ~~BRONZE~~ ^{INTO} WEAPONS FOR THE WAR. ~~3 years~~ ~~End~~ ~~in~~ 1940

In 1941 all Jap men ^{inc priest} had to take WPT physical exam. SUZUKI ROSHI WAS NOT eligible since he was ^{too} small and his constitution weak.

In March 1944 went to MANCHURIA, ^{at a short time} then ^{with} Jap. cons to build a temple ^{Budd} in a village called SHIZUOKA. Luckily he caught one of the LAST TRAINS SPEC TO Japan before the war ended. Had he delayed he prob would have been taken prison in Manchuria.

19. 1947 at a water fall in SHIZUOKA prefecture with straw sandals, tied up leggings, and a traveling staff with rings.

19 1948. ^{with} PARISHIONERS AND VILLAGERS. ^{FRONT ROW left of center} AFTER THE WAR. A STONE LISTING THE NAMES OF THE WAR DEAD WAS BUILT TO THE TEMPLE.

No. _____

① After his father died in 1934 began
to spend more time with KISHI
ZAWA IAN. They go to lectures
and talks. He is famous dog
scholar.

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22
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72
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No.

21. In 1947 ^{Replaced the} ~~Put a new~~ OLD STRAW
ROOF on THE MAIN BUILDING OF RINSOO-UN.
^(CHONDOKU)
AND OPENED A SANZEN DOOJOO

22. WITH KISHIZAWA IAN ROSHI
A ONE WEEK PRESENCE LESSON: ZAZEN
AND LECTURES ON "RECEIVING THE PRECEPTS."
FURTH YOU FIM FIM FIM LEFT NOEI ROSHI

23
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25. SUZUKI ROSHI'S FIRST WIFE
UNTIL 1940 LIVED AT 200-UN-UN WITH
2 children. UP TO THAT TIME NO WOMAN HAD
ever lived at RINSOO. JAV. ^{LAST TIME} ^{1st + 2nd child}
Born there. ^{one child youngest.} ^{DAUGHTER DIED}
^{of illness}

ROMAERIO SIBUYA 33 Dec.
HOITSU 2nd yr UNIV STUDENT.
AFTER 7 yrs BARCELONA.
OKUSAN HEAD OF A
KINDERGARDEN IN YAEZU.
HER HUSBAND HAD DIED
IN THE WAR.

SHE ASKED TO COME TO HEAD
THE NURSEY SCHOOL,
FROM SITHUOKA CITY
SHE HAD HER OWN KIDS

No.

23. ROSHI WITH Chela 1950 AT PINSOO-IN

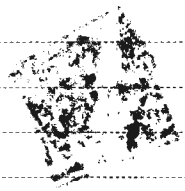
24. Women came to Dzazga and
Her talka had a week
in New STANZEN DooDoo
3 ROSHI HERE AT THIS TIME?

26. 1952 AT SEKIUN-IN THE PARENT
TEMPLE OF RINSO IN (DISCIPLES OF
SEKIUNIN (SUET RINSO-IN) SUOCHIAGE
ABBOTS OF 5 OF SEKIUN-INS SUBTEMPLES.

27. 1955 RINSO-IN Meiji Jingu Hibiuchi
SUZUKI ROSHI SOTO ord.

28. 1955 RINSO-IN A NEW STONE CANTON.

29. 1958 SHORTLY BEFORE LEAVI^{ng} FOR
AMERICA.



30. WITH PHILIP WILSON IN S.F.

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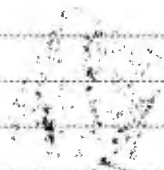
SHINSAI SAI-SHI : Ceremony of Becomg. ABBOT.

1959 MAY 22 WENT TO AMERICA AT THE
REQUEST OF SOTO ZEN HDQRS TO BECOME 6TH
~~Head~~ abbot of SUOKO-JI in S.F. LODGE AT
RINSO-IN ①

BANKAI SOKO . accept. Responablly.
FW RINSOIN UNTIL ITOICHI TAKE OVER

No.

① He ~~was~~ wanted to use ~~it~~.



No.

① He usually wanted to use eyelids.

GYOKUJUN SOO-ON

TAISHO 5 (1916) BECAME
27TH ABBOT OF ZOUUN-IN

TAISHO 7⁽¹⁹¹⁷⁾ BECAME 34
ABBOT OF RINJOO IN
SINCE FORMER ABBOT HAD NO
DHYEMMA SUCCESSOR.

SHOUWA 9 (1934) DIED
AT AGE 57.

31. 1961 AT SOKKOJI, WITH TAKASHIMA
ROSEN, KAUCHOU (HIGHEST POSIT.) OF THE
SOTO SECT

32. AT SOKKO-JI

33. AT HAKKI ZENDO LOS ALTOS.

34. PICTURES OF RINCOO -IN 1971

- a. Angel view b) Inside zendo
- c. View from approach. Arch d. Front of main Hall
- e. Bell tower f. GARDEN w. ROCKS etc.

35. HAIZEN ZENDO

36 WITH OKUSAWA 1969 PHOTO collat of
SOKKOJI TO DEVELOP Ltr to TASS. &

Daihosatsu zendo 1970 By. MIND

Published Received THE SOTO SECT

Yellow robes, GONDai KYOSHI, THE
HIGHEST Rank of the sect.

3 Dharma Success

HOICHI SUZUKI

OKAMOTO SHOBOO of ZOO-UN-IN

Richard Baker

RINSHO IN

- A. TAKE PHOTOS OF GYOKUSAN
- B. GET ANOTHER BOOK
- C. DRAW BATH HEATER
- D. TALK WITH ELDER SISTER, HOICHI, NOIRI ROSHI

QUESTIONS.

1. ROSHI'S BIRTHDAY. BIRTHNAME. MONKNAME
2. WHERE CANAGAWA-KEN
3. OKUSAN A CHRISTIAN AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
4. WHEN OKUSAN GO TO AMERICA
5. WHEN ROSHI WENT TO AMERICA WHERE OKUSAN LIVING
- ⑥ WAS GYOKUSAN FAMOUS? WHAT KIND OF MAN.
RELATE TO KISHIZAWA HOW MANY
DISCIPLES
7. WAS ROSHI HIS HEAD DISCIPLE? YOUNGEST?
WHERE CLIMB OVER WALL?
8. BOOK P114 LAST LINE 115 FIRST LINE
9. TAISHO 15 DID SOMETHING WITH RINSHO
ABBOT

No.

10. Line 5. WHAT DO SHOWA 18, SHOWA 22
11. NO ABBOT AT KASUISAI. WHAT RELATION TO ZOO-UH-IN
12. WHEN ROSHI 12 YRS OLD, GYOKUJUN BECAME ABBOT OF ZOO-UH IN FEW 2 YRS.
GO AWAY FROM HOME AT AGE 10?
WHAT DO AFTER AGE 14?
WHO WAS ABBOT BEFORE GYOKUJUN?
13. MISS OR MRS RANSON. WHAT WAS SHE DOING? WHAT ABOUT EMPEROR OF MONGOLIA?
14. DID ROSHI EVER PRACTICE UNDER HIS FATHER.
15. WAS HE AWAY FROM HIS FATHER ALL HIS LIFE?
16. WAS FATHER AWAY FROM WIFE ALL HIS LIFE?
17. MOTHER'S DISPOSITION | WRITE UNDER PICT
FATHER'S DISPOSITION
18. GYOKUJUN: A DISCIPLE OR FRIEND OF ROSHI'S FATHER. WHEN ROSHI MEET HIM.
20. MORIYATI. NO OPERA = ZOO-UH-IN.
WHAT DO ABOUT SCHOOL?

26. FATHER'S NAME SHOOGAKU
 ROSHI'S NAME SHOOGAKU.
 GYOKUJUN'S NAME SUZUKI?

27. WHAT KIND OF INTERPRETER DURING
 MIDDLE SCHOOL

28. 4 yrs WITH MISS RANSAN. Houseboy.
 WHAT TYPE RELATIONSHIP?

29. #5. WHO IS MUOTO

30. HOW FIT IN ZIKUJI ^{GRAD SHOWA 5} ^{MARRIED SHOWA 9.}

31. ON WHAT OCCASION AND AFTER WHO
 DID ROSHI BECOME ABBOT OF
 ZOOJUN IN

32. #12 MEANING OF LONG STEPS.

33. WHEN & WHERE DID ROSHI PRACTICE
 WITH HIS MASTER

34. WHO ARE PEOPLE IN HEART SHAPED
 PICTURE. WHEN TAKEN?

#14
 35. MEANING OF BRIGHT RAKUSHI. WHEN
 TAKEN?

36. #15. WHEN TAKEN. WHERE ARE THESE
 HIGH STEPS NOW. See #17
 WHO IN PICTURE

No.

#37 #17 where. Different from #10

28. where? New Years. What bells made of.

39. History of Roshi's Relationship with
KISHIZAWA IAN.

40. Why Roshi Fall with physical. Did
He want to go

41. What type of Peace work? Speeches?

42. #19. What stone from where? Who is stone.

43. #20 Name of staff

44. #21 opened SANZON DOJO. Same as
Present DOJO.

45. #22. Where is Roshi. Who are all
these monks.

46. #16 Why Roshi at ZOUJIN-W Why new
Bldg. Disciples. Zoujin?

47. Where was KISHIZAWA Temple? Disciples

48. When Roshi meet KISHIZAWA.

49. #17 Genzo-e?

50. ROSHI'S MARRIAGE AND GYOKUJUN'S DEATH
RELATIONSHIP.

51. Women do Jazen?

52. #26 How many JUSHOKU.

53. WHAT IS THE WOOD POLE WITH LETTERS
ON IT?

54. When HOOICHI TACE ON EISO-in

1. In 1958 at age 53 He came to America.

2. GYOKUJUN ONE OF THE LEADING ZEN
MASTERS OF THE TIME

3. KISHIZAWA: emphasized Deep AND
CAREFUL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUTRAS

4. GYOKUJUN A DISCIPLE OF HIS FATHER

5. AGE 30 acknowledged a Zen master

6. Responsibility included many temples
AND A MONASTERY

7. Responsible for
REBUILDING several Temples.

8. LEADER OF PACIFIST Group. WWII

9. ASKED BY FRIENDS TO GO TO S.F.

No.

1. DID ROSHI INVITE OKUSAN TO THE
KINDERGARTEN BECAUSE HE KNEW
HER. WHEN DID SHE COME?
HOW LONG BEFORE MARRIED

2. WHEN DID OKUSAN GO TO
AMERICA.

3. DIFF GONDAM KYOUSHI
AND KANCHOO

SHOOWA 27. (1952)

A TRAVELLING UNSUII
IN MID WINTER.
APPEARED. ROSHI SUGGEST
HE STAY AT ENSO-IN AND
PRACTICE. THE CHILDREN
REMEMBER THAT HIS EYES WERE
FEIGHTENING.

ONE DAY AFTER BEING AT
ENSOS IN ABOUT 3 MONTHS
IN MARCH.
UNEXPECTEDLY IN A FIT
HE KILLED ROSHI'S WIFE WITH
AN AXE.

HOTSU RECALLS ROSHI TELLING
THE CHILDREN. "YOU MUST

NOT HAVE ANY MALICE FOR
THIS BOY. " THE BOY
WENT TO A MENTAL
HOSPITAL

Roshi with children at Rinsoo-in, 1950

Women came to do zazen and hear talks on Zen in the new meditation hall for laymen once a week.

Suzuki Roshi's first wife. Until 1940 she lived at Zoon-in with her two children. The first woman in 250 years to live at Rinsoo-in, her third and fourth children were born here, though the youngest daughter died of an illness. In 1952 a travelling monk appeared at Rinsoo-in at mid-winter. Roshi suggested he stay and practice with the three other young boys there practicing though not full monks. The children remember that his eyes were frightening. In March, after having been there about three months, unexpectedly in a fit he killed Roshi's wife with an axe. His son recalls Roshi telling the children; "You must not have any resentment or malice for this boy." The boy later went to a mental hospital.

1952 at Sekiun-in, the parent temple of Rinsoo-in. Disciples at Sekiun-in built Rinsoo-in 500 years ago. Roshi with abbots of 5 of Sekiun-in's

1952 at Sekiun-in whose monks built Rinsoo-in 500 years ago. Abbots of 5 sub-temples meet at the parent temple. In the background wooden statues of the founder of the temple and famous abbots.

Left: At Rinsoo-in 1955. Mending a broken hibachi. Roshi is 50 years old.

At Rinsoo-in, 1955. A new stone lantern

1958. Shortly before leaving for America. Roshi remarried in December 1958 after having lived unmarried for six years. After the war Roshi had worked very hard to reopen the kindergarten near Rinsoo-in. Through children's education he hoped to foster Buddhism. A lady was invited from the nearby large city of Shizuoka to head the reopened school. She had children of her own and her husband had died during the war. "Okusan" and Roshi were married. When Roshi went to America alone in 1958, "okusan" took care of her own children and Roshi's first wife's mother took care of his four children. There were no monks or disciples at Rinsoo-in.

With two monks from Kasuisai, a Zen monastery near Zooun-in where Roshi would go to give talks on Buddhism to the monks. Long sleeves, wood geta.

At Zooun-in, 1934, at the time of his first marriage while abbot of Zooun-in, with his bride to his right. In front kneeling is Roshi's mother. At just about this same time Roshi's master died.

1937 with the next abbot of Zooun-in. In 1936, April 23, Roshi became the 36th abbot of Rinsoo-in

At Rinsoo-in, 1938.

Looking at a new building at Zooun-in, 1938.

Gathering for talks on the Shobogenzo by Kishizawa Ian Roshi, center.

Gathering for talks on the Shobogenzo by Kishizawa Ian Roshi, center, at Rinsoo-in. Kishizawa Ian Roshi was well known in his time as a Zen master and Dogen scholar who stressed a deep and careful study of the sutras. After Gyokujun Soo-on died in 1934, Roshi began to spend more time with Kishizawa Ian Roshi and attend his lectures and meditation sessions. (front row, right of center)

Midwinter 1943. Wartime. Melting down the temple bells into weapons. A flag, mochi and plum trees. In 1941 all Japanese including priests took the war physical examinations. Roshi was not eligible since he was too small and his constitution weak. In March 1944 he went to Manchuria, then under Japanese control, for a short time to build a temple in a village called Shizuoka. Catching the last train back to Japan before the war ended, he barely escaped being taken prisoner of war.

After the war, 1946, with parishoners and villagers. A stone listing the names of the war dead was moved to Rinsoo-in. (front row left of center)

Right: 1947 at a waterfall in Shizuoka prefecture. In travelling monks clothing of straw sandals, tied-up leggings and staff with rings.

In 1947, replacing the old straw roof on the main building at Rinsoo-in. The same year Roshi opened a hall for laymen to come and practice zazen.

Gathering for a week-long practice session; zazen and daily lectures on "Receiving the Precepts" by Kishizawa Ian Roshi, seated in front, center. (Noiri Roshi, close friend of Suzuki Roshi is fourth row, far left.

With Philip Wilson in San Francisco. The ceremony of becoming abbot of Sooko-ji; May 22, 1959

At Sooko-ji with Takashina Roosen, 1961, Kanchoo (highest position) of the Soto sect in Japan.

At Sooko-ji

At Haiku zendo, Los Altos

Pictures of Rinsoo-in. 1971

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| a. aerial view | b. inside the zendo |
| c. view from approaching driveway | d. front of the main hall |
| e. bell tower | e. graveyard; Roshi's ashes here |

At Haiku zendo

With "Okusan", 1969. Retired as abbot of Rinsoo-in

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With "Okusan". In 1969 Roshi retired as abbot of Sooko-ji to devote full time to Tassajara and Dai-bosatsu zendo. In 1970 Beginner's Mind published. Received the highest rank of robes, yellow, gondai kyooshi, presented by the Soto sect in Japan.

His three Dharma heirs: Hoichi Suzuki, Okamoto Shooko of Zocun-in, Richard Baker, Roshi of Zen Center.