



# WIND BELL

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## A BUDDHA STORY

In an old scripture told by Buddha there are four lands, two of which are Hokkuroshu (uttara-kuru) and Nanabudai (Jambudipa). In Hokkuroshu the people obtain their food without any farming. In order to cook, they just put a fire-stone under their pan. When they eat, there is always enough food. They are quite innocent. There are no thieves or bandits, no king or law. Life is without hazards.

However, in the land Nanabudai life has many difficulties, as well as pleasures. Where there is joy there is sorrow, and where there is good there is evil.

In which land would you like to live?

Hokkuroshu is full of gold and jewels; and although you cannot stay in Hokkuroshu forever, you are supposed to live there for one thousand years.

Now then, which land would you prefer?

One of the few books highly recommended by Reverend Suzuki is THE WAY OF ZEN by Hideo Fujimoto. This book is designed for those students interested in zazen. It is available either at the temple or Fields Bookstore for \$1.00.

## GUEST SPEAKER

On March 28th, Wednesday evening, Reverend Iru Price gave a report and showed slides on the sixth conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists held in Cambodia in 1961. He was one of the Buddhist delegates representing America.

## EVENTS

The celebration of Buddha's birthday was held at the temple April 8th at 1:30 P.M. The ceremony was conducted by Reverend Suzuki with the assistance of Dr. Neke Kato and Reverend Kojo Kato. Refreshments followed.

Traditional and modern Japanese dancing was performed from 6:00 to 10:00 that evening under a beautiful cherry-blossomed stage. Teachers and students from all over the Bay Area participated and a sampling of their best work was enjoyed by everyone.

On Saturday March 24, Reverend Suzuki and some of the members of the Zen Center drove up to Jenner, California to view some property at the invitation of Richard Weib. A certain portion was offered to be used as a proposed site for a monastery and grounds to our group; but due to many complications involved, the Zen Center has not yet reached any decision.

## TWO DAY SESSHIN

The date of the bi-monthly sesshin has been changed to the 21st and 22nd of April. Everyone is welcome. Please inquire at the Zen Center for further information.

## LECTURE AND ZAZEN SCHEDULES

Lectures: every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. and Sundays at 11:00 A.M.  
Zazen: every morning at 5:45 (except Sundays when there is zazen at 7:00 A.M.)  
every evening at 5:30 (except Saturdays and Sundays)  
Note: no zazen held on those days with either a 4 or 9.