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### RECENT EVENTS

On Saturday, February 1, Zen Center held its annual business meeting for the presentation of the yearly financial report and for the election of new officers and trustees whose terms have expired.

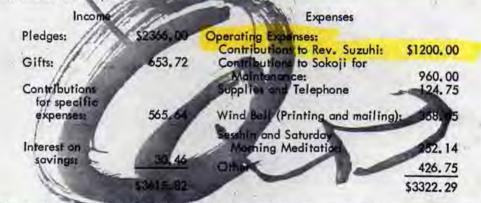
Philip Wilson was elected to succeed Grahame Petchey as President. Betty Warren was reelected Vice-President. Grahame Petchey was elected Treasurer, to succeed Richard Baker. Trudy Dixon, who has been Secretary since September, was reelected Secretary.

Four new trustees were elected to succeed those whose terms had expired. The new trustees are Trudy and Mike Dixon, Bill Kwang and Jean Ross.

Dick Baker and Trudy Dixon were asked to take general charge of the <u>Wind Bell</u>. Jean Ross and Dick Baker were asked to see if they could make sure that, when the local papers decide to do a story on Zen Center or a visiting lecturer or Zen priest, that all the details are correctly relayed to the papers.

The purposes of Zen Center are to maintain a center for daily meditation and instruction, to publish a regular newsletter, and to provide a non-profit organization which may accept contributions toward these purposes.

The complete financial report for 1963 is posted on the Center's bulletin board. The major categories of income and expense are as follows



We thank all of you who helped support the Center last year. We hope that you will continue to be able to help this year.

### New Meditation Schedule for Sundays: Zazen 8:00-9:00, Lecture 9:00-10:00 a.m.

On Sundays the weekday rule of "no zazen on dates which contain a 4 or 9 (4, 14, etc.)" does not apply. There is always (almost) zazen and lecture scheduled on Sunday.

Exhibition: Oil paintings on canvas and kakemonos (scrolls) by the well known Japanese artist Taiji Kiyokawa, are on exhibit in the Sodo (Meditation Hall). This exhibition is open to the public until February 10. Taiji Kiyokawa, whose art may be said to be based on Zen or nothingness (Mu), has generously given a large and beautiful painting to Sokoji. It is a fine addition to the Temple.

## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 16, there will be a ceremony for Buddha's Nirvana at 2 p.m. in the Main Hall. There will be no 9 a.m. lecture on that Sunday, but there will be zazen at 8 a.m.

<u>Two-and-a-half-day</u> Sesshin will be held from Friday, February 21 at 5:45 a.m. until Sunday, February 23 at 10 a.m. Sesshin begins each day at 5:45 a.m. and ends Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The Sesshin comes to an end on Sunday with Master Suzuki's lecture from 9-10 a.m. There will be daily zazen, kinhin (walking meditation), lectures, instruction, and three meals. (Sunday there will be only breakfast). There will be no charge for the Sesshin, but contributions toward the expenses are appreciated when that is possible.

Saturday, March 7 (and on the first Saturday of each month) there will be a business meeting of Zen Center from 10 to 11 a.m. after Saturday morning meditation. Please come, if you are interested.



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# MODEL SUBJECT No. 46 FROM BLUE CLIFF RECORDS

Commentary by Rev. Shunryu Suzuki, Master, Zen Center.

Attention! Kyo-sei asked a monk, "What is the sound outside the door?" The monk said, "It is the sound of raindrops." Kyo-sei said, "All sentient beings are deluded by the idea of self and by the idea of the world as subjective or objective (as permanent).

Commentary: Kyo-sei has seen through the monk, who thinks he is not caught by the "objective" sound of the raindrops, but who actually is caught by the sound of raindrops in his subjective world.

The monk said, "How about yourself?" (In other words, I have the raindrops in my clear mind. How about you?) Kyo-sei said, "People may say I am not deluded by myself or by the raindrops." (Original text says: I am almost not deluded by myself.)

Commentary: Kyo-sei is just listening to the sound of raindrops. There is nothing but raindrops.

The monk said, "What do you mean by: you are regarded not to be deluded by yourself?" The monk cannot understand why Kyo-sei doesn't say definitely that he is not deluded by himself and that he hears the raindrops clearly in his mind.

Kyo-sei said, "Even though it is not difficult to be free from the objective world (and to make a clear statement) it is difficult to express reality fully on each occasion.

Commentary: When my master and I were walking in the rain, he would say, "Do not walk o fast, the rain is everywhere."

# Appreciatory Word

When the voice of the raindrops covers the whole world, even an expert cannot give any answer (because he himself is also the raindrops.)

Even though you say the voice of raindrops is nothing but your mind, that is not a perfect answer (of full understanding). Southern and Northern mountains, all over the world, are covered by the heavy rain.

| ZAZEN AND<br>LECTURE SCHEDULE | Monday<br>Friday   | Zazen   | 5:45 - 6:45 a.m.<br>5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  |
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|                               | No Zazen on dates containing a 4 or 9 or<br>Wednesday afternoon. |         |                                       |
|                               | Wednesday<br>Saturday  | Lecture | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.<br>5:45 - 10:00 a.m. |
|                               | Sunday   | Zozen   | 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.<br>9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |

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