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Officers' meeting Zen Center May 21. 1969
at Sokoji

present: Suzuki Roshi, Silas Hoadley, Claude Dalenberg,
Tim Buckley, Yvonne Rand.

Silas: someone wants to donate a car to Zen Center in
Japan for Dick to use. Dick would maintain it, insurance is
paid through the end of the year. Silas will check with the
consulate to see what the legal ramifications are with us
as owner being in the U.S. with vehicle in Japan.
all agreed. seems o.k.

Mel Weitsman and Jean Ross will be listed as novice priests
with Dick Baker, and Phillip Wilson and Claude Dalenberg.

Claude: housing meeting tonight is an open meeting. I
want to encourage more "home rule"
Peter and Claude had a conversation- Peter expressed the
feeling that the houses are not going well. partially
reverberations from Claude's tendency to be authoritarian.
students feel sheated if they come to a housing meeting with
essentially P.R. work going on from the officers.
with the houses- necessary to give the students full respon-
sibility for the houses. As the leases come up let the students
take the leases, let them make all of the decisions. Students
have to have some kind of participation in making decisions
in the organization if we're to release some of the students
energy.

Claude: before I would take such a step I would want to know
that Zen Center saw this really as a way to run things.

(not just housing)

Place to do it first would be housing.

move to having students elect officers and do away with the
Board.

Peter: during the last Practice Period I couldn't and wouldn't
be in charge and make all the decisions etc. Included all the
students in problem solving.

Yvonne: doesn't make sense to turn away from new structure
before we've really had a chance to try it. Sounds like
going right back to what we changed from very recently. Peter's
change at Tassajara was still within the context of the ZMC
structure.

Tim: I agree with Yvonne. Better to follow Peter's model.
Not of strict authoritarian kind of leader- but broader base-
closer to and including the participants. A wider view
of the role of leadership and the process.

Silas: what are we striving for. a place where students
can live to practice in the zendo, learn to live together,
to cook.

Tim: have to have some feeling of living at home in Zen
Center housing in San Francisco, otherwise a depressed, " stay
ing at the Y " feeling.

Yvonne: we loose sight of what's possible in the houses when
we get frantic about filling vacancies etc.

Claude: waiting list procedure.

zazen participation

no dope, no holding

quiet at 9:30-10:00 p.m. for the night.

Sunday breakfast- should we continue to have it.