



Bishop Seytsu Takahashi
1933 - 1982

1952-1961

For people all over the world, the immediate post-war years were a period of taking stock, adjusting to new realities, and preparing for a new era. So it was with our Temple.

In this regard, 1952 was a particularly important year. The signing of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, officially ending the war, and the passage of a bill allowing for the naturalization of many Japanese nationals who had resided in the U.S. for years provided profound practical and emotional relief to a population that had been living under various clouds of uncertainty and hardship since the end of the war. The Temple was now free to contemplate its past and future with a new degree of security and confidence:

"Now that the Temple has gone through the three major stages of the pioneer, preparation, and completion periods, the new goal is to further insure the Temple through the maintenance of good manage-

ment... In this respect we earnestly desire to establish a firm management policy with the new generations of Nisei and Sansei in mind so that we can make a long-range plan for the future drive of the Temple missions." [from a prospectus drawn up by a Temple committee for raising funds for the Kihonkin]

The revival of the temple-sponsored Koyasan Carnival in 1955 was symbolic of the gradual passing of the torch from Issei to Nisei in this period. Board members voted to allow members of the Young Adult Association to take the lead in the organization of the event and its success was a boon to the Temple's strapped finances. Equally important, it served to bring the generations within the Temple closer together and to demonstrate the readiness of its Nisei members to assume the mantle of leadership.

1952

- 40th Anniversary of the Temple is celebrated with the Shomieiku service.

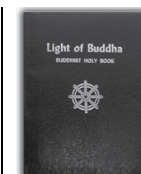


1959

- First Goeika presentation is held.

1960

- The Light of Buddha, a Buddhist Sunday School Service book, is published.



1955

- First annual Koyasan Carnival is organized.



1953

- Japanese Language School opens under the direction of Reverend Ryosho Sogabe.



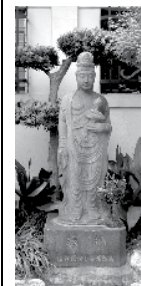
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1954

- Harbor Koyasan Church, a new branch of the Temple, is completed. Honzon enshrining ceremony is conducted by Bishop Iwo Iwamoto for the dedication of the Harbor Koyasan Church and the Japanese Language School.

1961

- The stone Kannon statue is donated in commemoration of the 100th Japan-US Friendship Agreement.



1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961

Meeting with Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron - 1950's



Reverend Ryosho Sogabe and members of the Cabinet meet with Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron. In all likelihood, the purpose of the meeting is to receive permission from the Mayor to hold some sort of public event at the Temple.

Visit by Crown Prince Akihito - September 1953



Crown Prince Akihito attends a memorial service at Evergreen Cemetary. Sachiko Furusawa (foreground) pays her respect to the Crown Prince.

Prince Mikasa at LAX - July 8, 1958



Satoko Kazahaya (former Fujin-kai President), Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, and Fujin-kai President Hiro Nishi greet Prince Mikasa, a member of the Imperial House of Japan, and his wife, Yuriko, at Los Angeles International Airport.

Fujin-kai with Miss Japan/Fess Parker - 1958



Fujin-kai members meet Fess Parker, the star of the television show, "Daniel Boone," and Kyoko Otani, Miss Japan of 1957.

Fujin-kai - 1950's



Members of the Fujin-kai in the mid 1950's.

Oseibo Taikai - 1956



The Sunday School children put on a program of performances: Skits about the birth of Sakaymuni Buddha, the Buddhist songs such as Iroha Uta and When We See the Golden Sun; and the recitation of the Golden Chain.

Visit of Abbot Wada and Bishop Nakagawa - September 21, 1952



Abbot Shokai Wada (sitting top center) and Bishop Zenkyo Nakagawa of Shinnoin Temple in Wakayama Prefecture participate in the fall Ohigan Service.

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Eagle Scout Award - 1953

Edward Takahashi earns the Eagle Scout award, the highest achievement in scouting.

Goeika Taikai - October 25, 1959



Reverend Taisen Miyata sits to the left. The participants chant "Namu Daishi Henjo Kongo" before they begin the Goeika Taikai held for the first time in 1959. Although the format has changed, the Goeika Taikai continues to be held every year, presently in the month of November. November 2012 will mark the Taikai's 53rd year.

Goeika Taikai - October 29, 1961



From left, Kuichiro Nishi, Nobuyuki Moriguchi, Tomokichi Wada, Katsuichi Kazahaya, Tsuruhiko Abe, Shigeko Kariyama, Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, Reverend Ryosho Sogabe, Reverend Taisen Miyata, Reverend Shozui Togano, Reverend Shunyu Asahi, Reverend Shunshin Iseki, Reverend Suen Tanjo, Reverend Keiryo Mizuno.



Goeika group from Sacramento.



San Jose Daishiko Goeika group.

Goeika Taikai - October 29, 1961



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Pictured here are members of the Long Beach Daishiko group. Through the years, the groups from Sawtelle Daishiko, Harbor City Daishiko, Los Angeles Daishiko, San Jose Daishiko and Sacramento perform at the Goeika Taikai.



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Once all of the performances are completed, a closing ceremony takes place on the stage where each group is recognized by receiving certificates and trophies. Seen here are members of the Sawtelle Daishiko group.



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The Harbor City Daishiko Goeika group.



COURTESY OF TOYO MIYATAKE STUDIO

The Sawtelle Daishiko Goeika group.



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The San Jose Daishiko Goeika group.



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The Goeika group from Sacramento.

YBA Installation - 1956



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Both gentlemen and ladies of the YBA are installed as officers of the large group. By the time of the 50th Anniversary in 1962, this YBA group becomes known as the Sonen-kai (Young Adult Association).

Ministers - 1955 and 1961



1955 - From left, Reverend Shunsho Terakawa, Reverend Seisho Hakeda, Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, Reverend Ryosho Sogabe, Reverend Shinsho Hasu, Reverend Shoun Ishikawa.



1961 - From left, Reverend Shunshin Iseki, Reverend Suen Tanjo, Reverend Shinsho Hasu, Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, Reverend Shunsho Terakawa, Reverend Chisei Uragami, Reverend Taisen Miyata.

Koyasan Ministers - 1958



From left, Reverend Shoun Ishikawa, Reverend Shunsho Terakawa, Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, Reverend Ryosho Sogabe, Reverend Shinsho Hasu, Reverend Shozui Togano.



From left, Reverend Suen Tanjo, Reverend Kendo Kimura, Reverend Shunsho Terakawa, Reverend Ryosho Sogabe, Bishop Seytsu Takahashi, Reverend Shinsho Hasu, Reverend Shozui Togano, Reverend Taisen Miyata.

Koyasan Ministers - 1954 through 1958



Bishop Seytsu Takahashi and Bishop Ryosho Sogabe.



Reverend Shunsho Terakawa (far right) at San Juan Capistrano.



Wedding photo of Reverend Shunsho Hasu and Cecilia Akaeda, 1958.



Reverend Seisho Hakeda.