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TO: Chief Editor, Koyasan Jiho-Sha

1. In reply to your letter of 6 March 1948, religious and government activities are separate. There is freedom of worship. The church should not in any way control governmental functions. The churches should advise obedience to the laws of government. All persons may worship according to his own individual desires without compulsion.
2. There is no direct relation between any one religion and a democratic government, however, most Americans feel that the Christian religion more nearly coincides with the ideals of a democracy than any other religion. However, the people of Japan may feel differently and are free to choose the form of religion according to their own individual belief.
3. Religious education for children in the United States is mainly handled by the church; however, some private schools have religious instruction as part of the regular work. Many of the colleges throughout the United States are directed or sponsored by the churches. There are also many hospitals and welfare institutions of that type that train doctors, nurses, technicians, etc. operated by the church.
4. I believe that the Christian religion is the only religion in America of importance. Most Americans feel that the church is the backbone of the family, the home, and of good character. Some of the great leaders in America are ministers. An example of the way Christianity has become a part of all life in America is: Each day that Congress is in session, the session is begun by a prayer by a minister of the gospel.
5. Agricultural land owned by religious organizations in Japan is subject to the Land Reform laws.
6. As to your request for publication in your newspaper of matters in regard to the situation of Japanese people in Russia, I can only advise that "Freedom of Speech" and "Freedom of the Press" is now a part of the Japanese constitution and the law of the nation. It is advisable however, to always be certain of the facts in items used for press publication.

C. M. LYONS  
Lt Col, Inf  
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Tokoro Shōken  
 chief editor, Kōyōsin Jihōsha (The Koyosen news)  
 Mar. 6, 1948

To: W. M. D. T.

Thank you very much for your communication  
 you gave the other day.

Now may I ask your advice about the matters  
 described herewith?

1. What shall be the attitude of Religious organization  
 under the Democratic Government?
2. The relation of Democracy and the Religion.
3. The status of Religious education in America.
4. The status of the livelihood of American rel
5. "Land reform act must be enforced thoroughly"  
 This is our idea, but there are excessive land owned  
 by Buddhist temples who received as the donations from  
 believers. I wish to know your opinion about this  
 matter
6. May we state the situation of Japanese people  
 in Russia on our paper?

Mar 9 '48 E.M.

同様に民主主義は少数党に對して意見するの自由を保障する事へ多数党は少数党を考慮に入らねばならない。併し、米國では我々は多数党の意見と專制的なもの考へない。我々は学生自治會を大抵の場合直接本校管理に參與させない。これはよく訓練された経験あるエキスパートと考へる。高度の技術的な仕事であるからである。此等の人は適當なる教員の選擇、備品購入、課目の設定と授業、終日最小の教員及生徒の時間と教室の空費を考慮に入れた。毎日の教室使用の計劃の樹立と共に又校舎の維持、給支燃料照明に就て迄關係しなければならぬ。

例へば一年生或は大卒の三年生の学生は次の事を含んだ試験の計劃が樹てられる。

(1) 試験  
(2) 受験生の数とその時に使用し得る教室の廣さとマッチさせること。

(3) 監導を見つければ割当て俸給を支拂ふ事  
(4) 答案を集め戻をつけ、生徒に返す事

かゝることは實際的な本校経営者の仕事である。日本の学生の一部は学生管理委員會の意味と目的を誤解した。彼等は明らか民主主義は完全なる個人自由即ち無政府と考へたのである。民主主義とはかゝるものではない。

國民の爲に学生達に因税法を通過させるのを許すのは賢明なことではない。それは専問家に委ねらるべきである。同様に学校管理も生徒のレベルに相應した参加を伴ふ専問家の仕事である。初等本校に於てはかゝる参加は非常に軽微であるが中等或は大卒に於てはより多くの経営への参加が許されるので知識と判断力との増加に伴ひその参加も増加する。校長がうまく生徒の助を求め得る様な問題が多い試験の過程を含む上述の説明に於て試験監督に言及した。

(三)

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一、民主主義と宗教の使命

一、アメリカに於ける宗教々育

一、アメリカの宗教家の生活実態

一、農地改革の主旨は徹底せしめねばならぬが、日本の寺院等が所有する檀信徒の寄附により寺田となつた田畑買上  
に關しての御見解如何

一、ソ聯抑留生活者の実態報告等は誌上に發表しても危  
支なきや

次上

和歌山軍政府司令官

ライオンズ中佐殿

和歌山縣伊都郡高野町

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高野山時報社

主筆 所 祥 賢

謹呈 先般御連絡賜りました「インフオーメーション」提  
供の件については深く感謝致して居ります。お返事を  
はた記諸件につき何分の御意見を賜り度お願い申上  
ります。

記

一 「民主政治下に於ける宗教団体の在り方」又は「民主主  
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