

## 佛 教 新 聞

**Buddhist News in Free China***Translated by Mr. H. Y. Li***Preach Given by Ven. Ananda, a French Bhikkhu, in Ilan**

Ilan—Ven. Potel Ananda, a French Bhikkhu, came to Ilan to preach the Dharma for three days accompanied by Ven. Hsingyuen. The Preaching Party of the Buddha Repeating Society of Ilan together with the Singing Party and Children Party, about one thousand people, met at the railway station. Beside Ven. Ananda, the yellow robe monk Ven. Changcheng, English interpreter Ven. Yin Hai and the photographer Mr. C. C. Chen came together. Miss Hsinlan, Miss Chihlien and Miss Chihhuei presented flowers to the Ven. Ananda. Then the welcome procession began.

The first day preaching of Ven. Ananda was "Buddhism is a Religion Leading to Peace and Freedom." That of the second day was "Tips on Buddhism." That of the third day was "Reverance to the Buddha Repeating Practicers."

The speech was interpreted into the Chinese national language (Mandarin) by Mr. Y. C. Yue of the Ilan Middle School and into Taiwanese (local dialect) by Miss Chihhuei.

Ven. Ananda was much pleased on his first preaching in Free China at the hall of the Buddha Repeating Society of Ilan with more than one thousand attendants.

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**Hutukotu Changchia Returned to Good Health and Flew Back Taipei****President Chiang Sent His Chief Secretary C. Chang to See Him**

Taipei—Hutukotu Changchia, the president of the Chinese Buddhist Association, went to Japan to operate on his stomach cancer. He had returned to good health and flew back Taipei.

President Chiang sent his chief secretary C. Chang to see him at his residence. Many officials went to see him also.

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**Ven. Nanting Went to Taoyuan Again to Preach on the Dharma Many Soldiers Converted**

Taoyuan—The Lotus Club of Taoyuan invited Ven. Nanting to preach again for two days. The subjects were "The Relation of Buddhism to the Nation and the People" and "The Meaning of Taking Refuge to the Three Jewels." About three hundred people attended every night. Afterwards sixty-four soldiers converted to Buddhists.

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**Buddhist Rites Held in the Chinsio Vihare**

Putze—Buddhist rites was held in the Chinsio Vihara of Putze twice a month together with the Dharma preaching.

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**Ven. Chuyuen Explained Sutra in Chiayi**

Chiayi—Ven. Chuyuen explained the Pumen Chapter for fifteen days in Chiayi. Many young people attended every night, among them there was an American.

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**The Lotus Club of Taichung Re-elected Their Executive Committee**

Taichung—The Lotus Club of Taichung held a great meeting of all members. They reported the work done last year such as that they got their due position in the law court, they performed many things on the preaching of the Dharma, they had donated a big sum to the poor, etc. They re-elected their executive committee. They have a regulate meeting every Saturday. Now the program is the explanation of the Sutra of the Maid on the Moon by Mr. P. T. Chou.

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**Lotus Club Established**

The Buddhists in Hsinchu and in Keelung established Lotus Clubs to practice the Buddha Dharma together for quicker improvements.

## 佛 學 論 文

**TOPICS ON BUDDHISM****BUDDHISM a RELIGION for PEACE and FREEDOM.**

BHIKKHU ANANDA

Buddhism is really a religion of reason as compared with religion of revelation and dogma as Christianity. His humanism crossed