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Buddhist News in Free China

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**The Circle of Buddhist Culture in China
Protested Against the Speech of
Ambassador Tung**

(Taipei) The circle of Buddhist culture in China represented by fourteen leading Buddhist Magazines protested against the speech of the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. H. K. Tung, delivered at a breakfast meeting of the Sunday International Cross Meeting in Washington with the title of Christianity in China. They protested against the validity of the following ideas: (1) Christian officials were ever increasing in the Chinese Government, (2) We shall give Christianity first position when we get back to the Chinese mainland, (3) Most of the leading officials shall be Christians, (4) Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism have all deteriorated and never will recover again. They had no contribution to mankind but the contribution of Christianity was great and won millions of followers in China, etc.

**Leading Buddhist Magazines Met in
Taipei**

(Taipei) Representatives of fourteen leading Buddhist magazines met in the Shantao Temple of Taipei. They passed the following suggestions: (1) all magazines should be well connected to the Buddhist Association, (2) protest against the speech of Ambassador Tung, (3) the Buddha Dharma should be enthusiastically propagated.

**Buddha Day Will Be Enthusiastically
Celebrated**

(Taipei) The celebration of Buddha Day will be held at the New Park following a procession.

(Taichung) The celebration will be held at the Chungshan Hall following a

procession.

(Kaohsiung) The celebration will be held at the gymnasium.

(Chaochou) The Temple of Huayan will celebrate Buddha Day.

**The Vice President of the Buddhist
Association of Honolulu Came to
Receive the Sariras of the Hutuktu**

(Taipei) Mr. H. Hu, the Vice President of the Buddhist Association of Honolulu, came to receive the Sariras of the late Hutuktu Changchia.

News on Sutra Explanation

(Taichung) In the Lotus Club, the Sutra of Yuyeh was finished and the Sutra of Ananda was begun.

In the Lingshan Temple, the Sutra of Forty-two Chapters was finished and the Sutra of the Amitabha was begun.

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Questions on Buddhism

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Q. Many fruits are offered on the table before the shrine. Does the Buddha eat them?

A. The Buddha has a very pure and magnificent life and does not need to eat worldly foods. The offerings are to represent our respect and we will get the good rewards of these good deeds. Formerly a poor woman offered a dirty carpet and a boy offered some sand to Lord Sakyamoni, who received them and gave blessings. Of course the Buddha did not receive them for necessity but for the good will represented by them.

Q. Why do we offer foods to the Buddha in the morning?

A. It is because the Buddha does not eat in the afternoon.