

## BEYOND THE SORROW

I visited Cambodia this April. Recently this country, reported everyday by the press, has become the center of the world's attention.

Osamu Sibui, the priest of the Zenkoji Scholarship for studying abroad, has stayed and fought alone in Cambodia since two years ago.

In Cambodia, under the strict national isolation, the infamous Pol Pot suppressed religious and cultural activities, massacred three million people. Shibui went to the scene and held a memorial service. Today, he gives Cambodian education of Japanese. Buddhism in Cambodia has been gradually revived in spite of destruction by the Pol Pot, so Shibui's activity will be important more and more. Also Japanese authority Ishizawa, as an adviser, sets about on restoration of the remains of Angkor in Cambodia. The Zenkoji Scholarship Foundation for Buddhist Study Abroad

want to do much for the ties of friendship between Japanese and Cambodian Buddhism as far as we can.

Next topics, my mother left this world this January. We feel very sorry when someone dies. This is because of not only the sorrow of forever parting, but also of the remorse for the deceased which we couldn't do best. This is exactly what I think.

When Rev. Mokuren gained supernatural power, he thought about his deceased parents before everything and decided to repay his mother for bringing up him. This is the origin of Urabon, and now I am filled with deep emotion about my mother's First-Bon.

St. Shinran said that he couldn't chant a Buddhist prayer for his parents even once. I also don't think to get the prayer for only myself, but for all the people. I will do my best for the world peace, though my ability is limited. I ask that you kindly support me.