

Pictorial Biography of the Venerable Master Hsu Yun

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157. Going To Shanghai And Establishing The Buddhist Association

Because of a new regime, the Buddhist organizations in Shanghai met with conflict on all sides, and telegraphed the Master, asking him to come. He met and discussed the situation with Dharma Masters Chi Ch'an, Chih K'ai, P'u Ch'ang, T'ai Hsu, Jen Shan, and Ti Hsien. It was agreed and arranged that a Buddhist Association would be established with headquarters at Ching An (Quiet Peace) Monastery. In Nanking, the Master conferred with Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and discussed the revision of the Association's by-laws. Later, he went to Peking with Dharma Master Chi Ch'an and met with Yuan Shih-kai. Dharma Master Chi Ch'an became ill at Fa Yuan (Dharma Source) Monastery, and left the world while sitting up. The Master returned to Shanghai with the coffin, and later convened the opening ceremonies for the Buddhist Association.

The gatha says:

The Jungwo Buddhist Association was established headquartered at Ching An.

To Yunnan, and Kueichow and Tibet Provinces he brought the news in tibetan.

Li Yin Ch'uan gave the Master letters of introduction.

Telling General Ts'ai Sung P'o and others to protect the holy.



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