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KENDO forum

by Musashi of the
Shinto Ryu

Hatsugeiko—1965

January 17th was an important day to the Kendokai in England. This year for the first time nearly all the Kendo community attended the New Year's Practice held in either Lancaster and Morecambe Kendo Dojo or the Shinto Ryu Dojo in London. Messages of good will from Japan, America and Europe were exchanged with our own and an outline of the coming year's plans were announced.

At the Shinto-Ryu Kendoka from the Southern half of England had a hectic hour's practice followed by a short goodwill *shiai* with all the top *yudansha* taking part. Following Japanese tradition, a glass of sherry and biscuits were taken after the practice to welcome the new Kendo year by the *kendoka* and their guests. We were particularly pleased to have three Japanese guests, Mr. Nakajima, 3rd Dan, who fenced, Mr. Ono and Mr. Mikado.

The Middlesbrough and Liverpool Kendoka were the guests of the Lancaster and Morecambe Kendo Dojo at the *Hatsugeiko* held in Morecambe. Despite very bad weather the Middlesbrough contingent managed the journey. Mr. Victor C. Cook, 1st Dan, of Liverpool, represented the British *yudansha* and took the lead in the day's events.

2nd Anniversary Shiai, Portsmouth

Kendoka from all over England will be attending the 2nd Anniversary Shiai and *Shodan Shinsa ken*

to be held at the Bushi Budokai Kendo Dojo, Portsmouth, on Saturday, 13th March. A silver trophy will be presented to the winner of the open tournament, which will be open to all ranks up to and including *shodan*. At the same time an assessment of rank will be made by the examiners of the Eikoku Kendo Renmei.

This meeting will take place at the Southsea Youth and Community Centre, St. Paul's Square, Southsea, and information is available from the Dojo Secretary, Mr. Roger Kemp, 206, Stubbington Avenue, North End, Portsmouth, or from the Secretary of the British Kendo Association, 29, Egremont Place, Brighton, 7, Sussex.

New Dojo for the Shinto Ryu

Several reasons have necessitated the move to new premises of the Shinto Ryu Kendo Dojo in January. The address of the dojo is now the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham, S.W.9.

These are the premises of the famous Italia Conti Stage School and we have secured the use of a ballroom for Kendo on three evenings a week. The arrangements are made in conjunction with the Eikoku Karate Renmei, whose master is Mr. Suzuki, 6th *dan* Karate, now resident at this address.

Times of practice are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6.45 p.m.-9.30 p.m. For special events the

dojo will be available at other times if required.

The Secretary of the Shinto-Ryu is now Mr. Keith Feltham, 2nd *dan*, 116, Salcott Road, Battersea, S.W.11.

Mr. Jock Hopson, 2nd Dan

Mr. Hopson has now arrived in Japan, landing at Kobe and travel-

ling down to Fukuoka, Kyushu. We look forward to his first letters with the greatest interest. Mr. Hopson made the journey by a Messageries-Maritimes ship which made many interesting calls on the way. Apart from three or four days of bad weather the voyage was comfortable. A fellow traveller was a Japanese gentleman who passed the time by helping Mr. Hopson with his language studies.

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George Kerr 4th Dan, now resident in Edinburgh, where he is opening his new club, found time to take an interest in other things apart from Judo. Amateur wrestling proved exciting and stimulating and he won the above certificate at his first competition attempt, subsequently however he won the East of Scotland Championship against all comers, which proves that George has found another field in which he can excel.

THE BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION

Official Notes

**Annual General Meeting,
Sunday, 17th January, 1965**

Delegates attending the British Kendo Association A.G.M. held on the morning of 17th January gave full approval to the policies of the Executive Committee. The Secretary, Mr. Roald Knutsen, outlined the present development of Kendo in the United Kingdom and the results of Koshikawa *Hanshi's* reports to the Osaka and the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei. It was resolved to take every possible step to firmly consolidate this Renmei during the coming year.

The Executive Committee is now composed of the following:

Mr. J. I. Somers, Mr. J. W. A. Self, Dr. P. Parsons, Mr. K. G. Feltham, Mr. V. C. Cook.

Mr. R. A. Lidstone remains as Chairman and Mr. R. M. Knutsen as Secretary.

The Executive Committee of this Kendo Association wish to make it known as widely as possible to all the Kendo communities in this country that it is the belief of this Association that Kendo instruction should be FREE. The *yudansha* of this Association *have never made any charge for teaching and never intend to do so.* We believe that it is a privilege to be asked to teach, just as it is a privilege to be taught by a more advanced *Kendoka*.

We apply the principle that in return for teaching the master should receive essentials in the form of his board and sleeping quarters, and sometimes his travelling expenses—but *only* the minimum. The *yudansha*, when invited to teach, are quite willing to give instruction for as long as their hosts wish, up to eight hours a day if necessary.

The *dojo* of this Association form a close-knit network of Kendo communities with a common aim. We always welcome new groups and give them the fullest integration as soon as contact is made.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The new official address of the British Kendo Association is that of the *Secretary*, 29, Egremont Place, Kemp Town, Brighton, 7. Telephone: Brighton 682786. All correspondence should be addressed to the above and not to St. Oswald's Place. We regret any inconvenience caused by this move which has been imposed on Mr. Knutsen for personal reasons.

Shodan Shinsa Ken (Promotional Examination)

This will take place on Saturday, 13th March, at the Bushi Budokai Kendo Dojo, Portsmouth, starting at 2.30 p.m. Enquiries concerning arrangements should be addressed to this Renmei.