

Monday Did 4 shrines. Golden Pavilion - rather gaudy
but lovely garden. Gintory, Ninkaku-ji, Ryogan-ji
Temple with famous rock garden. Very beautiful & impressive.
One is asked to silently contemplate & communicate with
nature. Then a tour leader blast forth in Japanese -
no silence. Ninnaji temple with tallest pagoda in Kyoto.
Daikoku-ji Temple.

Last was where a flower arrangement display
was in process. All the lovely ladies in beautiful
kimonos. On a large lake 2 flat bottom boats
with awning were being pulled, each by a
man. At the prow of the boat was a colorful
dragon. Tea was being served.

A hot sultry day - over cast.

Mr Oba had left a message for me to come
at 3 o'clock. Which I did, with flowers for
Mrs Oba; and he was not there, only a few
of the boys & as no one spoke English. I did
not understand what they were saying & returned
to room & got into a cool kimono & mat-covers
& rested until cocktail hour.

We went to dinner at a very nice restaurant but were
over charged but Dolly fought it out. They wanted
to charge us 2 1/2 times the full dinner for one extra serving
for beef "Mizutaki".

Coming down with a sore throat & cold!

Tuesday

Oolly. I did the Craft Center - too many fascinating things to see + tempt one. Then to Takashimaya a big department where we had lunch on the 7th floor. Bought a kimono and harness to carry baby. Feeling very stuffed up, he decided to see Cherry Dance our last night in Kyoto. It starts at 5 o'clock + finishes at 6 P.M. 48 girls in chous 12 each side as musicians + about 12 major chous very colorful. Shared a taxi to the show with S.F. Mrs. Paul Bissinger.

On return to hotel found a message from Mr Oka to call him. So I did. Mr Sogawa his son-in-law spoke to me. Thanking me for flowers + asking if I could go to his (Oka) place next day as they were to start on a very old scroll. Also that he had a book for me or would send me some parts. I was to let him know if I could go at 9:30. We had planned to leave at 10:30 or 11:00 + I thought I could squeeze in an hour. But it started to rain - my cold got worse so did not go out for dinner. ~~We~~ decided during night that it was impossible to see much in an hour + besides I was holding up the others. And my cold!

Wednesday

we left in the rain in taxi for Nara on K/N/L train arrived in rain. Left our luggage in bus station + went to Deer Park + to see the biggen Buddha! Raining + Cold. My eye started to cry + swell - Pink eye! Puss! Sylvia had some medication, Cold!!! At three we took a taxi to our hotel which was on top of a Mountain. Must be beautiful when its clear but with winds blowing + windows rattling. Now Dolly has a sore throat so all four have colds now. So to bed early after a Japanese dinner + a glass of gin rammy with Erre. A Japanese exchange student who had been to Amer. + her mother came to see Dolly. She had a book for the girl as gift from her teacher in Oakland.

Thursday

Over cast + cold. Western breakfast + 10:30 bus + checked our light luggage bought train tickets + went to an other shrine. Cold + over cast.

Light lunch, I had curry beef + rice. The sample in front window had lots of meat. Mine had 1 single little pc. of meat, half of that was fat. When I tried to explain that I wanted more meat, they brought another plate of rice + curry - again with 1 tiny pc. Didn't have time to fight it out as the train ^{was} 2:50 PM and we only had 10 minutes to pick up luggage + get to train. From Nara + two train changes we arrived in Kobe at 3:30 PM.

Taxi to New Port Hotel. A big difference from Ryokans we had been staying at. Good plumbing tho. I was rather tired so took a bath and washed clothes got in to Pajamas and rested until cocktail hr. Then out to dinner at good restaurant "Ironiya" Sukiyoshi with Kobe beef. To bed early as we leave at 8 A.M. Eye much better and cold clearing up.

Eye Tetracycline 5/10%
ophthalmic

Friday On board ship "Sumire Maru" We have a cabin with four bunks, table & two seats at window with a wash basin. Only way to see the Islands in comfort. Sun shining but hazy can't see much yet. Got into the bunk - had a snooze as there wasn't much to see. Then up on deck. There is a group of Australians on a tour. Mostly elderly little old ladies but they are only doing one or two days in Hk etc & eating western food & staying in Western type hotels. Lunch at ship. Warm enough to sit in sun but got colder as we approached land at 5:15. Took the local bus to Matsumata then a taxi to Rogen spa, Hotel New Makino. Very new hotel with private bath. ~~Dinner~~ Food very good and abundant. Part of the hotel faces a tennis club. Dozens of young players were on the courts when we arrived. My cold & eye are a little better.

Sat

After breakfast we left hotel at 10 AM. with luggage which we checked & went to visit Ootake. Beautiful view. Took chair cab up but came down on chair lift. Great. Wandered about town then taxi to pier where we took a hydrofoil to Hiroshima topped to RR Station. Enr & Dally went to JTB to locate room on Miyajima. Took train & ferry & were met at station by car & a real Japanese Inn. IRAWASO no hot water only Japanese plumbing but beautiful scenery. From our window new maples in red, a little water fall & brook, stone lantern & the mountain all green for a back drop. The dinner was the best yet. Breakfast "soft boiled eggs" cold hard boiled. Walked around the shrine, the tide had come up, very beautiful - quite until the Sunday crowds arrived. No cars are allowed on the streets, as they are narrow & so many people come to pray, to pour water on hands & wrists & just to have fan. Outside the Torii gate & temple the natural scenery is the main attraction. Sun took 11:30 ferry boat & then train to Hiroshima. Dally & I continued on alone to Okayama. 2 hrs. on train, no reservations but able to get a room at Hotel Okayama across from station. Dinner & bed.

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Dolly coughed a good part of the night. So I didn't wake her up. Had breakfast alone in Restaurant. Good hot coffee. Hot scrambled eggs on toast. Dolly up & dressed when I got back. Sil & Eow just arrived so we all set off for the gardens. Nice garden & interesting fences but I could have skipped this part of it. It started to rain. Not many kimonoed people. No kimono on men or children. The park was soon empty, back to hotel, lunch & a bit of shopping. Bought a ~~flag~~ fish for next boy? To bed.

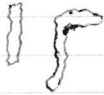
After breakfast off to Kurasibi to see Craft Museum. Rain has stopped. Kurasibi is a delightful place. Wish we had gone there instead of Okayama. Good Crafts from the world not only Japanese, but stressing the Japanese. Buildings are old, ~~trainers~~, white tiles, grey & black roofs. A canal lined with weeping willows. Charming, a toy museum & an archeology museum. Had tea at a unique tea shop El Dorado near Museums. Dolly fell in love with some of the pottery & we found where it was bought. Hotting hot, but made the train very crowded & dirty & hot. No clines. We had planned to eat on the train to Osaka where we changed to train for Kyoto. ~~Muggi~~ arrived in Kyoto - like coming home. Moved Helman and I'm to go there at 4 PM. So will have day to wander around alone. Sil & Eow are staying in Osaka to - night to see puppet show. Was anxious to return to call Mr Oba. Hot journey. Mr Oba was not to be there until 4:30.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	G/L ACCOUNT NUMBER
FEB 10, 1969	w/d4-975	1400.00 (cash)100.00	224

Went to department store & bought books for
Lark & Brad, Brushes, then to coffee house
& wrote postal cards. Bought lantern.
Returned to Hiragiya Ryokan & rested until
4. Bought flowers for Mrs Oba & went to

The Association for Conservation of National Treasures

Mr. Oba not in but his son-in-law was & he
brought me to Donald Kelman. Two of the
boys were trimming the makimono's. Another
& D.K. were working on a huge old silk hanging
very worn with pieces missing all over. It was
pasted on a pc of plexiglass. Silk had been dyed
to blend with the back ground & backed with paper
a light under the glass enabled them to make tracing
of missing parts. Just a hair's breath wider. Then
this silk-paper tracing is put on a pc of wood &
with a sharp scalpel is cut, not a running cut
but more a stab. No dragging. This is pasted in to
place & the paper removed by slightly dampening
with a brush. Too much water will leave a
water mark.

 This was the shape of most of the
pieces. The Japanese boy was doing
it without glasses but D.K. who wears glasses
was using magnifying glasses.

Sil. & Eve got it about 8:30 and so did Dolly
to bed early after packing - not so early!

12:18 Train to Tokyo. Was just sitting in the room waiting for taxi when Ann called from Japanese Travel that a "small" mistake had been made. I only had my seat reservation + no train ticket. But I had plenty of time, found a post who knew what I needed + put me on the train arrived at 3:20 - again found a post + a taxi who didn't know where this hotel was. But got here at last. He had to stop at a police station + ask.

Three letters for me 2 which I should have received before leaving Tokyo - not important

Muggy weather. Mrs. Wagon not at Museum. So will try to-morrow. Called Mrs. Dobson who is long winded, + have a tentative date for Sat.

Dinner here + shower + bed.

A great let down from Kyoto + Ryokan

A good night's sleep. Was almost asleep when Masako called + then called again. So I am to meet her on Monday at Ueno Park as before.

In Morning Mr. Nemoto about things Tito had ordered so made a date to be there between 10-11. Mrs. Dobson called again. I called Ann. to get to Diet Library, giving Dr. Toishi's name as reference. Soon a call comes that an appointment for 10 - to-morrow morning was made for me.

So off to Mr. Nemoto for Tito's stuff. A long-winded Englishman with car + chauffeur - married to sister of Ambassador to Cambodia - big stuff - also a stuffed shirt. He knew I was waiting to talk to Mr. M. he kept up the small talk. They drove me to the Naga Museum. Small building with a charming garden. A band full of people in Museum, no one in garden - wonderful grey - over cast - once in a while a few drops but not enough for umbrella. Came back to Asia Center 24/25.

to unload. Masaka called just as I was about to leave. Names of Men Mrs. Widen had sent are in Kyoto - not Tokyo so I'm saved that. Besides Mr Oba is tops & I saw him! Left by subway for Mingei San, Had to change at a station. Arrived at town ok. but missed the road to the Museum. I stopped & ask a few girls & they directed me & so off I went. Then one came running after me & escorted me to the museum which was quite a ways. Very good museum of folk art. Only one map of paper making village which does not include the Kyoto area. Bought 2 one for Peter. Took the train going the opposite direction but managed to get back to Esia Center all in one piece & with out aid of taxi.

It was great to be alone -

Sil. Jov. & Dolly arrived about 8:30 PM.

Had appointment at 10 AM to be shown the National Library with a Mr. Yoshida - but he was in conference & a Mr. Kusabara did the honors. Big - some what like our Library of Congress but does not hold copyright. Showed me binding. Library style bindings, but also some fine western type books done & repairing some Japanese & Chinese books of minor value.

A young man does the Japanese binding. Mr. Kusabara said that the young man was rewarded aesthetically but not money wise. He also use method of drying on paper covered frames, like Mr. Oba for important but dries on lines as English do for minor works & then presses them. Mr. Yamazaki head of binding gave me all sorts of sample from the binding.

Did not get to see Mrs. Dobson, perhaps on Monday.

In Evening went to the Chinzan Sp for Barbecue dinner Mongolian style. Had time to go to the Catholic Cathedral across the road. Very impressive

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Sunday

By subway to Ueno Park. Saw the Music Hall - Beautiful - modern. Then to National Museum where a special exhibit from Leningrad mobs of people. Dolly left us & after 12 we tried to find Noh Play which was on. No one knew where so we went to Ginza inquiring about the "Noh" plays. So we were finally directed & when there. Engei Sil & I. After two plays we left, took taxi back to Hotel. Will have dinner at Korean barbecue near here. Joined Dolly at Music Festival Hall, I was late. Dolly finishes. Frederic the played. Very fine. Back to hotel about 10 PM. Very tired.

Monday Eve. Sil & Dolly are off to Nihon to-day.

Took taxi to Meet Masako at National Museum. Saw Dr. Taishi. Picked up Japanese case for books that Mr. Ikegami had made for me & Xerox copy of old Japanese books showing how Japanese books are made & sewn & bound. We then went to National Museum where Mrs. Robson works. Mr. Endo an art restorer asked if I would like to watch them mount a Kakekoma. I said I would return. We went to see Mr. Shinichi Takahashi a professor of mounting technique just returned from Taipei but we arrived too late & so we missed him. Had lunch at a Chinese restaurant with Masako then back to Museum & Mrs. Endo. I sat & watched them 2 men, one younger & one older, put the silk strips on a Kakekoma. Very exciting work. Beautifully done. From one to 5:30 o'clock Mr. Endo & his son drove me to Asia Center as they live in this neighborhood. We took a round about way so as to avoid the demonstration. Mrs. Robson had left about 3:30 to avoid crowds in train to Yokohama.

Upon arrival at Asia Center had message that Dolly & Sil would be back at 7:00 for dinner. We ate at Korean Barbecue.

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