

HUGE HALL PLANNED BY JAPANESE SECT

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TOKYO, April 2—Soka Gakkai has disclosed plans for the construction of a huge new hall of worship near the base of Mount Fuji.

The energetic Japanese Buddhist body says the structure will be the world's largest Buddhist temple and comparable with St. Peter's Basilica in Rome among the world's great religious buildings.

Soka Gakkai, its rapid growth apparently slowing, appears to be entering a cautious stage of self-examination and reorganization.

Curbing excesses in proselytizing, it seems to be seeking an appearance of greater respectability and stability.

Though Soka Gakkai leaders voice the conviction that their Nichiren Shoshu brand of Buddhism will spread throughout the world, and though their Clean Government party has probably become the third largest political force in the country, they are still following improvised middle-of-the-road policies that do not yet show what ideological direction their strong organization may take.