

**THE NEW HUMAN REVOLUTION**  
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**In the conclusion of the 'Fresh Growth' chapter, Shin'ichi Yamamoto tells the New York members, as he departs for Europe, that 'there is nothing more foolish than contention and conflict among fellow human beings who inhabit the same tiny planet.'**

The next day, Jan. 15, was the day of Shin'ichi Yamamoto's departure for Europe. At 7:30 a.m., he was in Tomio Haruyama's car heading for the airport. Hiroshi Jujo and Nagayasu Masaki were accompanying Shin'ichi on the next leg of his overseas trip. The other leaders from Japan would split in two groups, traveling to different parts of the United States to encourage members.

Shin'ichi's party arrived at the airport shortly after 8:00, and Shin'ichi spent the time until boarding talking in the airport waiting area with the dozen or so members who had come to see him off.

Katsu Kiyohara exclaimed: "In Hawaii, we experienced summer heat; in Los Angeles, spring sunshine; and in New York, winter cold. It's only been about a week since we left Japan, but I feel like a whole year has passed!"

Smiling, Shin'ichi said: "Ms. Kiyohara, spring also came to New York. Haven't many fresh sprouts emerged from the earth, nourished by the sunlight of the Mystic Law?"

"The very fact that we could experience spring, summer and winter in a week," he added, "also goes to show you how small the world has become. Travel will continue to get faster and more convenient, and one day it'll be possible to travel anywhere in the world in a day. However, though we may be much closer in terms of time, unless we grow closer in terms of our understanding of other nations and social systems, we can't have true communication and exchange among the world's people. And this is nowhere more crucial than in the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

One of the women's division members asked, "Sensei, when will you come back to America again?"

"Very soon. In fact, I think I'll be meeting with President Kennedy in Washington next month," he answered. "Someone has relayed to me his request for a personal meeting. I want to meet with him, too, not wanting to see another situation arising like last year's Cuban Missile Crisis. Ultimately, the work of bridging the gulf among nations and social systems must start with bridging the gulf among people's hearts. I want to be such a bridge, spanning the spiritual gulf among people. There is nothing more foolish than contention and conflict among fellow human beings who inhabit the same tiny planet."

Shin'ichi's news that he would be meeting President Kennedy took the members by surprise. At that time, however, none of them could have guessed at the dreams for the future he cherished in his heart — a shining vision of a world linked by countless golden bridges of friendship and peace.

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