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It was about 2:50 p.m. A very simple but great end for a great leader.

He died literally on his job, faithful to duties devoted to ICU, working to the last moment for this great international Christian adventure. He was a great administrator, a dynamic leader, a statesman-like mission secretary and a loyal friend of Japan.

This is a great loss for us all. However there will not be much change or loss for our Campaign. Fortunately the reorganization was effected and the new Campaign director has been found. Dr. Stuber will carry on.

Troyer tells me that the ceremony of degree-granting at Syracuse on last Sunday (29th) was a great success and a personal triumph of Mr. Ichimada. He stole the whole show with his short response. Troyer told him the slow state of Campaign straightforwardly. He understood. We are looking forward to Feb. 5.

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP AND SEAL.  
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED.

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