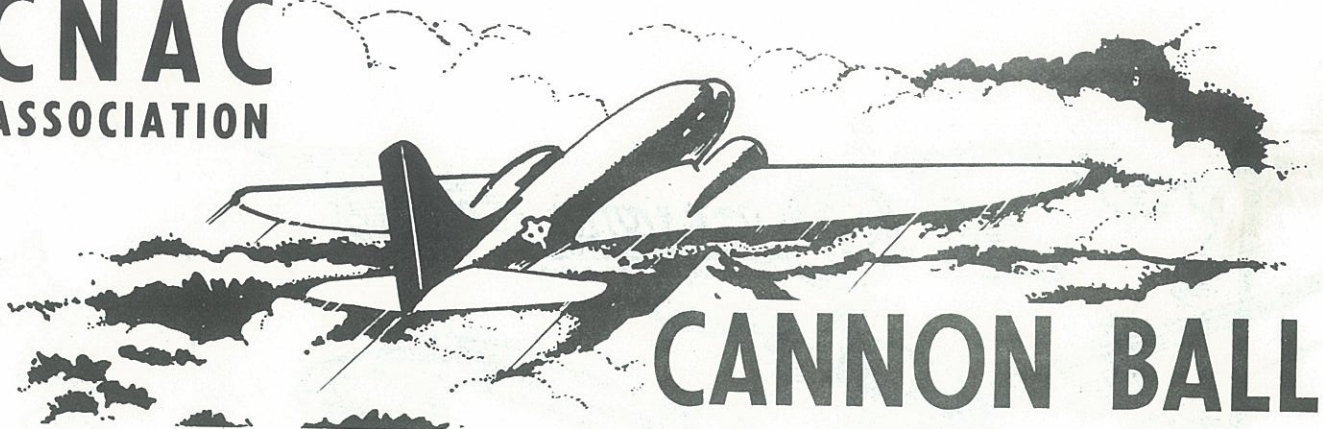


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At the Ojai Reunion

Arthur N. Young was the speaker last July at the Ojai joint reunion of CNAC and the Flying Tigers. His subject: "Behind the Scenes in China Aviation".

Besides being Financial Adviser to China Mr. Young had a long connection with aviation in China and with both organizations. In 1932 as desired by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Finance Minister T. V. Soong he negotiated the arrangements for the coming to China of the civilian group headed by retired Colonel Jack Jouett to train military flyers.

During the war he was a director of CNAC and active in its affairs. At the time of Pearl Harbor he negotiated with India arrangements for the Hump route. Also he drafted the agreements for the Flying Tigers and helped to procure their planes and equipment and facilities in Burma.

His Ojai speech told of incidents not generally known in the course of these activities, while working closely with W. L. Bond, the Pan-American organization and General Claire Chennault. He lived for some time in the house with both men in Chungking.

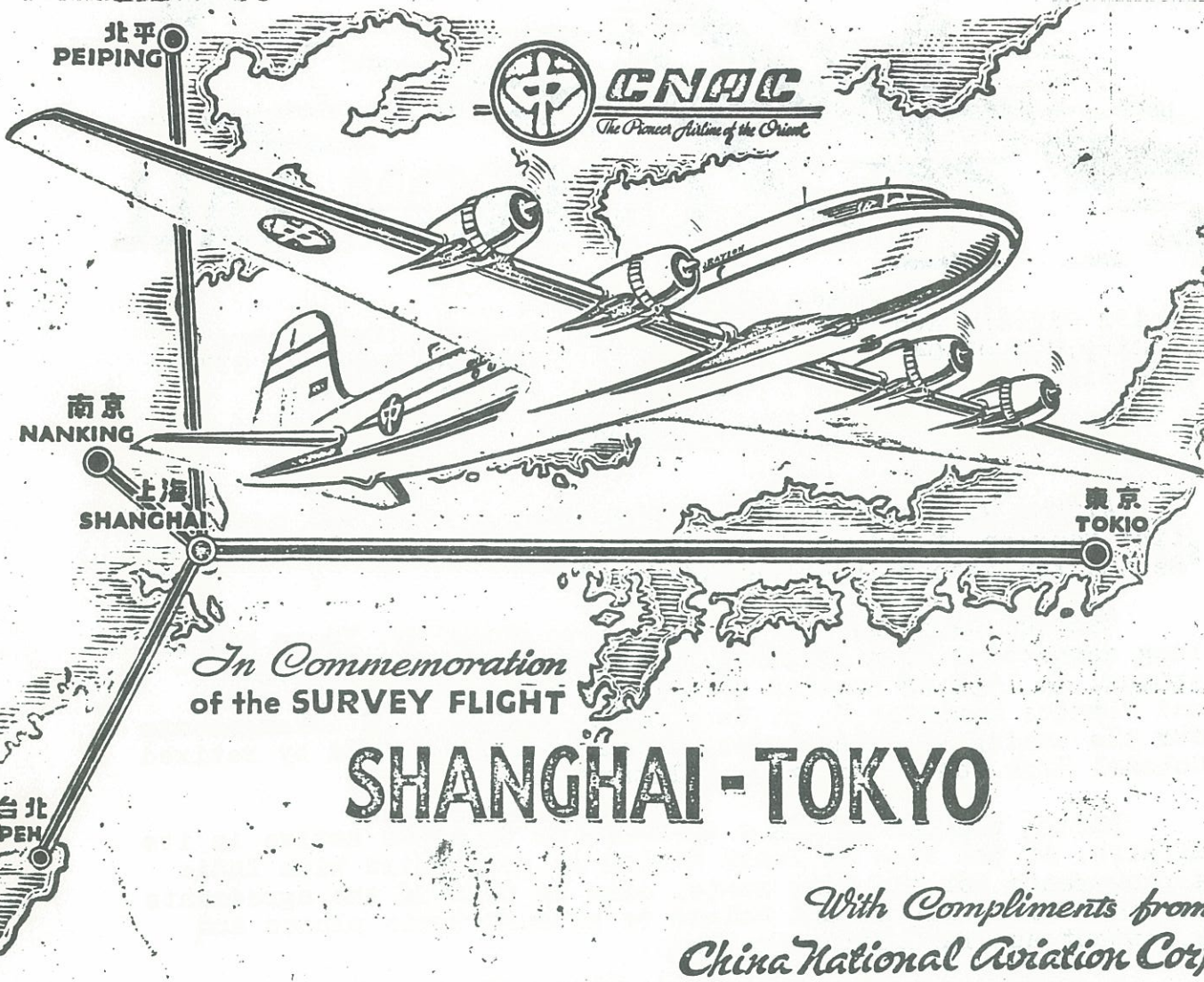
CNAC Elections

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Jules Watson
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Jim Dalby was appointed Chairman of a new historical committee



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I recieved a wonderful letter in January. It contains the best news I have recieved in a long time. If we were the arms and legs of CNAC The brain and especially the heart of CNAC was W.L. Bond. His letter speaks for itself. I have taken the liberty of reproducing it completely.

W. L. BOND
WARRENTON, VIRGINIA

Jan 2, 1978

Dear Reg:

It is always nice to hear from one of the old gang. They were a great and fine group. I am happy to hear that things are going well for you. I am now eighty-four years old and I have no complaints. I am in much better health than I was when we last were together. My heart has not bothered me in a number of years. One of my best memories of you is when I was stretched out on the floor of the bar in Columbia Country Club in Shanghai and you were working over me trying to get my heart back.

back to its normal rhythm. They did many peculiar things for that. I remember a heart specialist in Washington who used a highly starched napkin over his, so it would not slip and pulled the hell out of my tongue. Another specialist in Jacksonville pressed on the side of my neck. Rich pushed my stomach up under my rib cage.

I am also a garrulous old man

You pressed on my eyes. I remember Woody said, "Jesus Doctor, do you have to that?" They all seemed to work for one reason or another.

My health is really fine now. I am a little deaf I am not as strong as I was and I get tired more quickly. But who doesn't at 84.

Of course there are certain other infirmities. Both of my boys are doing alright. One is the head of J.H.H. and the other teaches at a good school, two grandsons and two granddaughters. My wife takes good care of me. That's all. W.L.B.

In Memorium
Ernest "Bus" Loane

Bus was born in Presque Isle, Maine, March 11, 1917. He entered the Airforce and was graduated from Kelly field. In 1940 he went out to the Orient as an instructor with the AVG. He successively went to CNAC, then CATC after the war. When CAT formed after defection he flew with them. He came back to the US to join the Flying Tyger Line. He retired a couple of years ago. In 1977 he became a member of the Silver Tiger Club.

Jeanne and he had 4 children, two born in Shanghai E.W. "Pete", and Bob. David and Stephen followed back in the US. We all knew Bus Loane. He was at every CNAC meeting from the first in 1954, including most of the meetings of the New York Regional meetings. No snow storm could keep him and Jeanne away. It is superfluous to say that we were always happy to see them. No One of us was as friendly and sincere. He participated. His presence "made" our local gettogethers in New York. We all loved him so.

Cyril Pinkava

On February 1, 1978, Cyril Pinkava, age 59, passed away in Hyannis on Cape Cod. He was a native of Bayonne, N.J. In World War II he was a Captain. He came with CNAC and then was employed by Air America in Tokyo - as a navigator until he retired 5 years ago. He was survived by his wife Adelaide.

ROBERT PRESCOTT

Bob Prescott started with Navy, and went to AVG. He then came to CNAC as a pilot until the end of the war. At that time he proposed a Freight Airline and was told it was not practical. Consequently he started the Flying Tiger Line which was eminently successful. At one time it might have been said he was the most unlikely to accomplish this, but this did not take into account the man behind the happy go lucky man we knew at the reunions.

He was a man of many facets, we were fortunate to know him intimately. Much of the success of the CNAC-AVG Reunions was due to his support. No one could have been a better friend. I do not know of any reunion he did not make even last July when he was so ill.

The Cornball

Someone called this a corney publication(in jest,I hope)I agree with this appellation.The Cannonball is a cornball.It is a catch as catch can collection of nostalgia and news put together between patients.It's fun and there is a feeling of fulfillment (or at least a relief when I get a copy finished) This year I didn't get my tape recorded to the Reunion so I need a little help.Your biographical sketches and stories are welcome.I still have material for a couple issues but if you have a storey write it out or dictate it onto a cassette. Cannonball....Cornball--Anyway it has been a ball.