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CANNON BALL

Double Ten Issue

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Here we go again. I tried to give up but I find I have more friends than I anticipated. It was heartwarming to receive so many letters in response to the 25th anniversary issue of the Cannonball. Each of us is motivated differently. I'm not just sure what motivates me but one of the greatest rewards I think is being appreciated. I felt that for the first time since we began 25 years ago.

There are many things which fashion our lives. Some of these were at work before we went to India and China. We were already pilots mechanics doctors and all. For me especially, as for many others, that brief time influences and colored my life forever after. As those days recede into the past our lives have diversified. We have made new friends, climbed a few mountains, raised our kids, lived and died, but that interlude flashes in my memory; ever more remote but like a distant beacon.

We came together there and then scattered to the 4 corners of the globe. This time we had in common remains. Someone said common tradition is the strongest link that binds people together.

To everyone who wrote me, thank you so very much.

Now to pick up some odds and ends.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF C.N.A.C. ASSOCIATION

JULY 6, 1979
OJAI, CALIFORNIA

THE PRESIDENT, JULES WATSON, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY, ROBBIE ROBERTS TOOK THE NOTES.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY THE TREASURER, BOB RENGO. HE REPORTED A BALANCE OF \$6,800 IN THE TREASURY AT THIS TIME. A TAX FREE PROGRAM IS BEING WORKED ON FOR USE BY THE MEMBERS.

FLETCHER HANKS REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO MAINLAND CHINA. HE VISITED WITH EDDIE WOO, IN CHINA, AND REPORTED THAT HE IS DOING WELL.

LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION WERE READ FROM THE FOLLOWING:

WILLIAM BOND	VINCE BYRNE
JACK REID	CHARLIE ROUNDTREE
HANK LAMBERT	E.C. KIRKPATRICK
JIM MOORE	TOM SAILER
PETE GOITUERE	FLORENCE ALLISON

REPORTS WERE GIVEN ON BILL MCDONALD'S CONDITION.

JULES WATSON IS GOING TO MAIL A PROGRAM OF THIS REUNION TO ALL MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE KEEP THE "CANNON BALL" GOING OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERS ARE TO SEND REG FARRAR INFORMATION FOR THIS, SO HE CAN KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE. WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROMOTE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS COMING TO THE REUNIONS.

JIM DALBY REPORTED ON HIS WORK WITH THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE. HE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON OUR MEMBERS. HE, ALSO, NEEDS ANYTHING THE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO BE SET UP IN THE MUSEUM IN SAN DIEGO. WE HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR A C.N.A.C. DISPLAY.

A BEAUTIFUL LARGE OIL PAINTING OF BOB PRESCOTT, PAINTED BY CYNTHIA BOWLES, WAS ON DISPLAY. THIS PORTRAIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE SAN DIEGO MUSEUM. THE COST, INCLUDING FRAMING, WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$3,000.00. BILL MAHER MADE A MOTION THAT C.N.A.C. ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTE 1/3 OF THE COST OF THE PORTRAIT, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00. ART KININMONTH SECONDED THE MOTION. IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON PUBLISHING ANOTHER BOOK LIKE OUR "WINGS OVER ASIA". CHRISTY HANKS WAS APPOINTED EDITOR. HE REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS SEND IN STORIES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE BOOK.



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in China and India as _____

and is eligible for the CHINA WAR MEMORIAL MEDAL for meritorious aid given to the

Republic of China during World War II

date: _____

Reginald Farrar, Jr., Secretary



SEAN MACGREGOR WAS PRESENT AND DISCUSSED, WITH OUR GROUP, HIS NEW PROJECT. HE IS PRODUCING FOR TV A FEATURE FILM ON MAINLAND CHINA, FROM THE TIME THE GENERALISSIMO WAS BORN UP TO 1946. HE REQUESTED THAT WE GIVE HIM A LETTER OF MORAL SUPPORT AND THAT WE BACK THE PROJECT MORALLY. HE FELT THIS WOULD BE A WAY WE COULD EXPRESS, TO OUR GOVERNMENT, THE FEELING THAT THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE CUT OFF AND FORGOTTEN. IT WAS VOTED THAT THIS LETTER BE WRITTEN BY ROBBIE ROBERTS.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT - DICK ROSSI NOMINATED CHRISTY HANKS FOR PRESIDENT. IT WAS SECONDED BY JEFF WEINER. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED UPON.

PERMANENT VICE CHAIRMAN - BILL MAHER MADE THE MOTION THAT ROBBIE ROBERTS BE VOTED PERMANENT VICE CHAIRMAN. IT WAS SECONDED BY ROCKY RONCAGLIONE AND SO VOTED.

BILL MC DONALD IS THE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

SECRETARY - BOB RENGO NOMINATED ROCKY RONCAGLIONE AS SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION. SECONDED BY BOB SHERWOOD AND SO VOTED.

TREASURER - BOB RENGO WAS NOMINATED FOR TREASURER BY ERIC SHILLING. JIM DALBY SECONDED. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

VICE PRESIDENT - "DOC" RICHARDS NOMINATED BILL MAHER FOR VICE PRESIDENT. IT WAS SECONDED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

VICE PRESIDENT & COUNSELOR - BOB SHERWOOD WAS NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND COUNSELOR. IT WAS SECONDED AND SO VOTED.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE - JIM DALBY WAS RENOMINATED TO HEAD THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE. IT WAS SECONDED AND SO VOTED.

PERMANENT CHAIRMAN & EDITOR OF THE "CANNON BALL"
REG FARRAR WAS NOMINATED BY DICK ROSSI TO BE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR OF THE "CANNON BALL". THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ERIC SHILLING, AND SO VOTED.

VICE PRESIDENT - EAST COAST - JOE HARDIN WAS NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST COAST. IT WAS SECONDED AND SO VOTED.

THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP WAS ADJOURNED.

cc: WATSON
HANKS
RONCAGLIONE

Hi Jules
Robbie
ROBBIE ROBERTS
ACTING SECRETARY

*Don't give in to the
book.*
Robbie

WAR MEMORIAL MEDALS

About the time we were involved with them I moved from Jersey City to Loch Arbour, N.J. and the correspondence got packed away and lost (temporarily). I have just found it and am answering some of those letters, two years late but better late than never.

I sent some medals and certificates to the Ojai Reunion in 1977 I never heard what happened to them. I trust they were distributed to those who went to that reunion. I sent out some medals and some certificates from here. Now I have no idea who received a medal or a certificate.

I still have certificates and I received a few more medals from the Chinese Government in Taiwan. As for the certificates, to make sure everyone has one who wants one (or two as it may turn out) I have printed a certificate and included it in this issue. I do not know the dates of service of most so I have left some blank spaces. The ink is so you can make them match. If you do not have a medal let me know and I'll send it forthwith.

IN MEMORIAM

This is the first issue in which I have no new names to add.

In every enterprise there are men who stand out from all others. This was true even in such a group as CNAC where all stood out. Among these were Scoff and Fuzzy Ball. They await us in Hoky Taw. There are some who are still with us. I am not sure how they survived but happily they have contributed to this issue of the Cannonball. We all know them, for the stories about them are protean and their names come up whenever two or more CNAC assemble. They are George "Robby" Robertson, and Richard "Indian Jim" Moore. Some of us had a year or two of excitement but they have been luminous all their lives. We often hear the expression "I could write a book". Well these guys could and I wish they would. Following are excerpts from these future tomes.