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To All AVG'ers:

To bring you up to date on the latest news, some good and some sad, we've the following:

On December 15, at Dayton, Ohio, formal ceremonies will be held to recognize General Chennault and his career and achievements in aviation. Rode has checked accommodations and will get out a flier later with all details. But this is to alert all of you to put the date on your calendar. We'd like as good a representation there as we can muster. Rode will ask for reservations in the next flier.

Malcolm Rucker, who was associated with Paul Frillmann, called to say that Paul passed away August 18 while mowing his lawn. Memorial services will be held at a date to be announced. Paul had been working on a fund raising project for two colleges and if desired, donations can be made to the Paul W. Frillmann Memorial Fund For Needy Students at either college. The schools are Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga., and Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Both are predominately black medical schools. Paul is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise Frillmann-186 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10024.

Here's another date for your calendars -- the next reunion -- July 5-6-7 at Ojai. Rode says that anyone who wants to arrive early, like July 3-4, should notify him this fall since the Ojai Inn will be heavily booked before the actual reunion dates, and you'll need to get your name in early to get in early.

Pappy Paxton has had an operation due to cancer of the voice box and would appreciate hearing from the gang.

We've got a set of slides of the good old days we were
going to show at San Diego but they got sidetracked by those long speeches. So we showed them at Rode's one night and everyone seemed to get a charge out of them. There are scenes of men and airplanes, men and girls, men and men, men sitting on hot rocks, laying on the street, playing games and all the exciting things we used to do. Some of the viewers asked for sets. Now we've got them if you want 'em. They are 35mm slides in black and white of pictures gathered by various of us in our wanderings in China. Let Rode know. The cost is $15 a set, which may seem like a lot for a lot of old memories, but who else would buy 'em!

Dick Rossi and
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