



**CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION
ASSOCIATION**

*****REUNION - 2000*****

OCT 12, 13 & 14

HANAIE HOTEL

SAN DIEGO



PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCT 12

- 1:00PM REGISTRATION-HOSPITALITY SUITE
6th FLOOR ROOM 1603
- 5:00PM COCKTAILS-HOSPITALITY SUITE
DINNER-ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY OCT 13

- 8:30AM SAN DIEGO AEROSPACE MUSEUM
CBI TROLLEY BUS FROM HOTEL
CONTACT CBI HOSPITALITY SUITE 1647
- 10:00AM-~~5:00PM~~ COCKTAILS-HOSPITALITY SUITE
- 6:00PM LUAU-LAHAINA ROOM-CASUAL
- 8:30PM CNAC DOCUMENTARY-THE DRAGONS WINGS

SATURDAY OCT 14

- 10:30AM BUSINESS MEETING-OHANA ROOM
- 1:30PM-4:00PM VIDEOS-OHANA ROOM
- 6:00PM COCKTAILS-PARADISE ROOM-CASH BAR
- 7:00PM DINNER-PARADISE ROOM
- 8:30PM HUGH CRUMPLER-CBI WAR CORRESPONDENT

SUNDAY OCT 15

- 10:00AM BREAKFAST-FAREWELLS

We are invited to the CBI Hospitality Suite 1647.
They in turn are invited to visit the CNAC Hospitality Suite.

Hotel provides shuttle service to Fashion Valley (shopping).

Check the events board in the lobby for any changes.

**REGISTRATION FORM
CBIVA CALIFORNIA DEPT. 2000 REUNION
HANALEI HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CA 92108
(1-800-700-3328)(1-619-293-73020)**

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Spouse/ Name
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Date: _____ By Car: _____ By Air: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00 X Number
Attending.....\$ _____ (Includes 3 continental breakfasts, 1 Sat.
night Luau + Hospitality)

TOUR SELECTION: (All by air-conditioned buses)
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Park + Picnic Lunch, \$30.00 X Number Attending\$ _____
Friday p.m. (5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) Old Town, Mexican Dinner
with Margarita, and Musical Comedy, "Forever Plaid":
\$59.00 X Number Attending.....\$ _____
Sat. a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - San Diego Zoo, Bus in Zoo + Baby Panda,
\$32.00 X Number Attending.....\$ _____
Sat. a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Tijuana Tour,
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Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

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Fax to BILL MAHER 517-787-787. from Hugh Crumpler 858-674-4116

Bill. Here is the bio material you requested. The press release follows. Hugh.

Former War Correspondent Hugh Crumpler, who covered World War II in Asia and the Pacific, will speak on some unusual war events at the annual reunion of the China National Aviation Corporation Association. .

Crumpler's talk is titled "War Is Hell -- So Were Some of the War Stories I Did NOT Write."

Crumpler was a war correspondent for United Press in China, Burma, India, Ceylon, the Philippines, Okinawa, Ie Shima, Japan, and Korea. He covered some naval operations in the Indian Ocean and the Southwest Pacific. Before joining United Press, he served with the American Field Service motor ambulance corps on the Central Burma front with the British-Indian Army. During that time he was a special correspondent of the *New York Herald Tribune*, where he had worked as a general assignment reporter.

He covered the first B-29 raids from China, and reported the surrender of Japan aboard the battleship *USS Missouri* on Sep. 2, 1945. He also covered the surrender of the Japanese Army in Korea, and had been named a member of the United Press team to cover the scheduled invasion of Japan in November 1945. That invasion was made unnecessary by the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in August 1945, and Japan's subsequent surrender.

As a foreign correspondent after the war, in 1945, Crumpler established the United Press bureau in Seoul, Korea, the first western news agency to operate in "the Hermit Kingdom." The Japanese government's *Domei* agency had been the only source of news in Korea since Japan had annexed Korea in 1910 and re-named it "Chosen."

After the war, Crumpler taught at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy and the Journalism Department of the University of Minnesota. He became a reserve officer in the Foreign Service in 1950-'60 and served at American diplomatic posts in Karachi, Ankara, Istanbul, and Amman.

He returned to Washington and was co-editor and writer for the government manual, *Communist Propaganda, A Fact Book*, a classified book used by the

government as a resource in fighting the "Cold War" that followed the end of hostilities in 1945.

Crumpler writes about the deserts and mountains of California in the column "Lost Trails" for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. His best-selling book, *On the Trail of the Desert Wildflower* has become a classic account of the five major American deserts. A desert writer, Crumpler has traveled in the Sind and Thal deserts of India and Pakistan, the Arabian and Jordanian deserts, and the Sahara of Africa. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

For the past twenty years, Crumpler has written a column for the magazine, *Ex-CBI Roundup*, a magazine featuring accounts of the American China-Burma-India Theater of World War II.

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CHINA "HUMP" PILOTS TO MEET IN SAN DIEGO

Pilots who pioneered the World War II airlift between India and China "in the world's worst weather" will meet in San Diego on Oct. 12-14 at the annual reunion of the China National Aviation Corporation Association at the Hanalei Hotel.

The China National Aviation Corporation was the domestic and international airline for the Chinese Nationalist government before, during and after the war. The airline was known by the popular acronym "C.N.A.C." and the alliterative "See-nack." It was jointly owned by Pan American World Airways and the Chinese government, and its cargo operations were under the command of the U.S. Air Transport Command during World War II.

C.N.A.C. made an enduring contribution to Allied victory in World War II by pioneering the hazardous airlift route across "the Himalayan Hump" between "tea patch" air bases in Assam, India, and hand-built American airstrips in the Kunming, China, area.

As China's domestic passenger and cargo airline, C.N.A.C. gained an international reputation for moving its operations across China "one day ahead of the Japanese bombers." A C.N.A.C. aircraft was the first civilian airlines aircraft shot down by the Japanese during the war. C.N.A.C. flew C-47's and C-46's on passenger and cargo flights.

Association President William "Bill" Maher of Jackson, Michigan, has announced that the C.N.A.C. Association's documentary video, titled "Wings of the Dragon" will be previewed on Saturday at the reunion.

Most C.N.A.C. pilots, though not all, were Americans. They were hired to man a Chinese national airlines system at a time when the country did not even have enough aviators to start a pilot-training program. One of the few Chinese pilots was Capt. Moon Chen, legendary for his close escapes from Japanese fighters and for flying Gen. Jimmie Doolittle from China to Calcutta after Doolittle's 1942 "Tokyo" raid. Chen established a record for number of passengers on a C-47 on the Doolittle flight. His C-47 carried Doolittle and 70 other men and women.

Another noted C.N.A.C. pilot was Capt. John R. "Dick" Rossi of Fallbrook,

CA. Rossi, who held the record of 735 cargo flights across the "Hump" between 1942 and 1945, had been an "ace" fighter pilot with the American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers." He signed on with C.N.A.C. after the "Flying Tigers" mercenary group was disbanded. Rossi was credited with 6 1/4 aerial victories against the Japanese.

Capt. James M. "Jim" Dalby, a former chairman of the board of the San Diego Aerospace Museum, was a survivor of the "Great Hump Storm" of Jan. 6-7-8, 1945. It was the most disastrous weather event for United States cargo aircraft in World War II. Casualties included the deaths of 40 crewmen and the destruction of 12 airborne aircraft. Dalby logged 418 "Hump" flights for C.N.A.C. His account of the the great "Hump" storm is one of the few written records of the event.

Ericksen "Erick" Shilling of Pomona, CA, was another AVG "Flying Tiger" who later flew for C.N.A.C.

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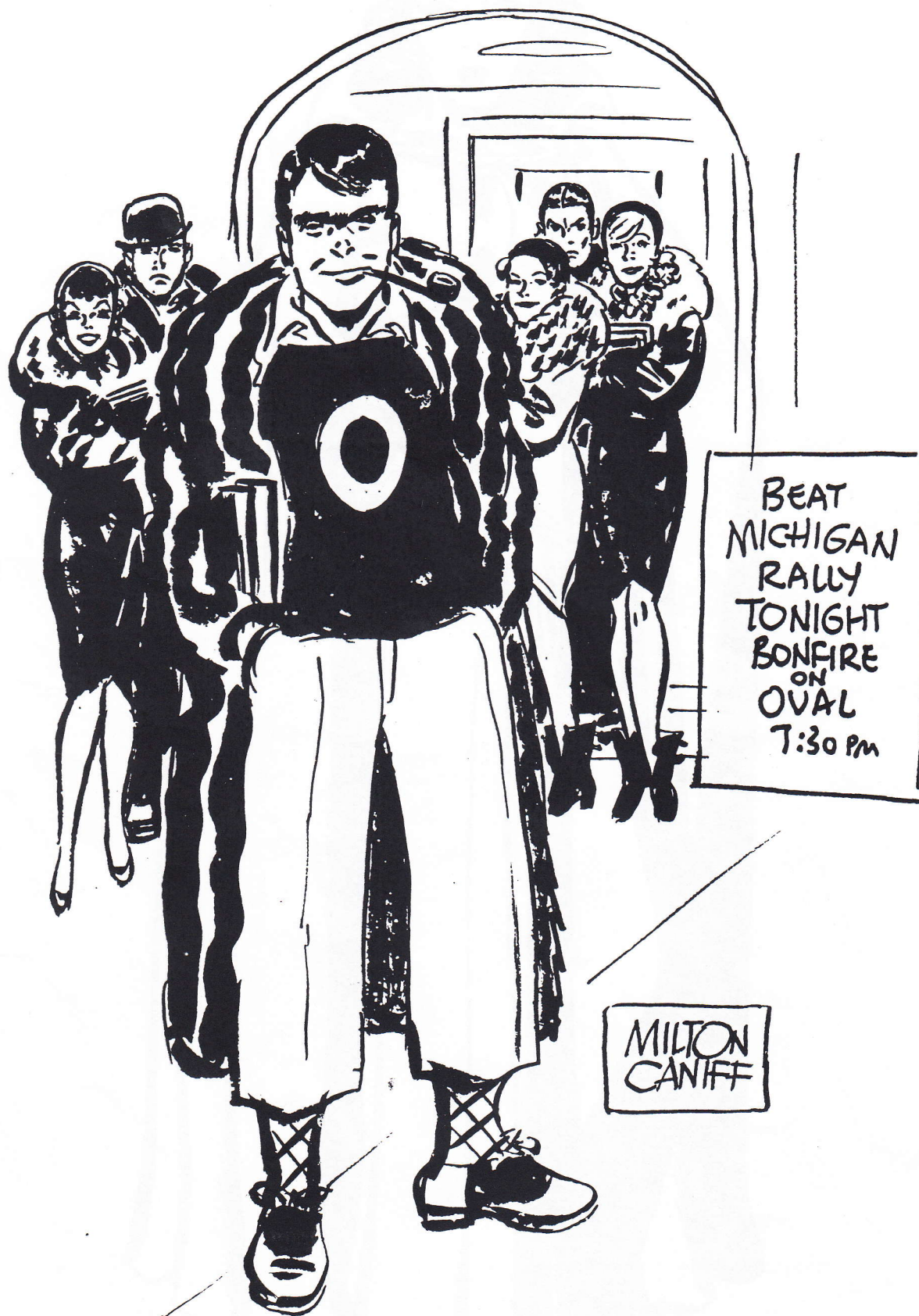
For information about reunion events, phone (858) 566-1939.

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Note to editors: Press release was written by Hugh Crumpler for the C.N.A.C. Association. But please contact Jim Dalby (858-566-1939) if you need further information. President William "Bill" Maher, Jackson, MI, of the C.N.A.C. Association can be reached at (517) 529-9686.

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