

CNAC Cannon Ball

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Harold Chinn, President

It is appropriate as President to have a President's message. However, since I ascended to the position under such sad circumstances, I find it only fitting and proper to make this a tribute to "Sol" Soldinski, President CNAC 1973-1975 - that every effort will be made to carry out his wishes to try and get more members into the association and to attend our meetings and Reunions. Harold T. Chinn, President

Do you remember the ride from Dum Dum into town, up Chitranjan Ave. to Chauringhe, crossing Dharumtala, the maidan on the right, all the street cars converging past the Grand Hotel on the left. Firpo's down Park Street, Khnarni Mansions, Park Mansions to lower Circular Road to Ballygunge Circular Road, to Store Road or Rainey Park. Or perhaps by the Victoria Memorial, past the race course on the right, turning left to Alipore Rd. and on to a fine glass of beer or nimbu-pani and a grilled cheese sandwich under the punka. A nice cool bath, another drink, and then a trip back to town for dinner at the B-A Club (now the site of an office building), possibly at the officers club in Khnarni Estates, or chinese chow at the Nanking in Chinatown. After a few more drinks a stop at the Hawaiian Club and after listening to the closing strains of Aloha and Drifting and Dreaming, a quick stop at the Puerto Rican Club and home. Remember the 500 Club, the Saturday Club, and the Swim Club? Those, my friends, were the days. It's too bad we didn't know that then. I wonder where they are now?

Start planning for the next Reunion - Ojai July 1975. We want this to be the best and largest ever.

IN MEMORIUM

Charles "Chuck" Sharp, Jan. 14, 1974
Sygmund "Sol" Soldinski
King Clouse, winter 1973
V. Edward Smith, May 31, 1970
H. R. "Pete" Lucas

For CNAC this is a year of sorrow. The gang in Hoky Taw has increased. We have lost Chuck Sharp, the man who guided us through the war years, the man who flew the 1st Hump flight, and the pioneer aviator who came to China to work for a struggling Asian Airline.

We have most recently lost our President Zygmund (Sol) Soldinski, architect of the DC 2 1/2, master mechanic who pioneered in aviation mechanics, who kept CNAC flying.

No less important, we have heard of the death of King Clouse last year. This man took over after Sol went home and carried CNAC through the war.

These were the men who were there when it really counted.

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We are preparing a Directory of former CNAC Employees for eventual publication, possibly in "Wings Over China." Since no list appears to exist it must be slowly and painfully put together. To help in this we hope you will complete the questionnaire and return it to us.

**Stay active -Attend your local meetings. There will be one
in New York, Miami, and Los Angeles**