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This issue contains several items that are at least unusual. Maybe I should not have included some of them but after much thought I included them. The letter entitled "This will Explain" was written by Dick Sweetman about the last hours of Diana. Many of us knew her as the wife of Higgs who crashed in China. Diana later remarried to Dick Sweetman. His description of her last hours is so poignant that I felt that Dick would not mind my publishing it. We loved her too.

Al Mah's contribution is long delayed. Such a guy deserves to be included. I have been waiting for his description of his trip into China during the Japanese occupation. Maybe he will send it now.

The article taken from The China Letter of April 1980 seemed very expressive. In spite of the marked changes in China (Communist) and their apparent change toward western ways. Communism has not changed as much as they would like us to believe. The China Letter is worth receiving. Write them.

Jerry Sounebliek - Legality of love

There is a projected volume of Wings over China. As you know this is sort of our official history. The past issues have featured the exploits of some of our more colorful members. Most of us, you and I, didn't do enough to merit inclusion in their adventures and yet, we were there. In some way we were a part of the adventure. A few made history before CNAC and a few after. We were all there and helped make CNAC go.

In an issue of wings over Asia, I am going to list everyone I know that was a part of it. I hope to have a biographical sketch after everyone's name. Of those who have gone to the Hogy Taw I will record what I can find out. It may not be much. If I find nothing more than a name that will be it. I would like something about everyone. 200 words would be about right. Would everyone write me an autobiographical sketch telling me where you came from, how you got into CNAC, something about what you did there, and what you did after. Include your wife and children.

Many of our members seem to have little interest in our association and maybe indifferent to what we did then. Maybe they feel their part was insignificant and maybe it was. We all didn't make "Who's Who" although some of us did (not me!) Wouldn't it be nice to have your name written down somewhere. It won't get you much but some of us will be glad to see it.

There is a sheet in this new letter which I wish you would fill out and return to me. There is no charge although the volume maybe sold at cost. at least extra volumes will be.

I used to address all the mailings by hand as I did the last cannonball. As I did, faces came out of the past. Faces I have not seen or heard from for 35 years. I can even remember some of the addresses. Occasionally one of these names is on a letter to me. I may never answer but it is a thrill to receive them. If it is a request I try to fulfill it. If it is publishable or has some general interest I publish them. Some of the requests are answered in the pages of the Cannonball. Most of all it lets me know that the time and effort is meaningful. Kitty Hauser, is a doll, Robby with his his interests writes, so does Al Oldenberg (occasionally) and Christie and Bob Rengo and Paul, Laube, Mac.

I read them all. Sometimes you may wonder. See in this issue Al Mah and Geo. Van Cleves' letters. I've only had them 10 years.

Now I am asking of each of you to return the "big" sheet. Do that one small favor for me.