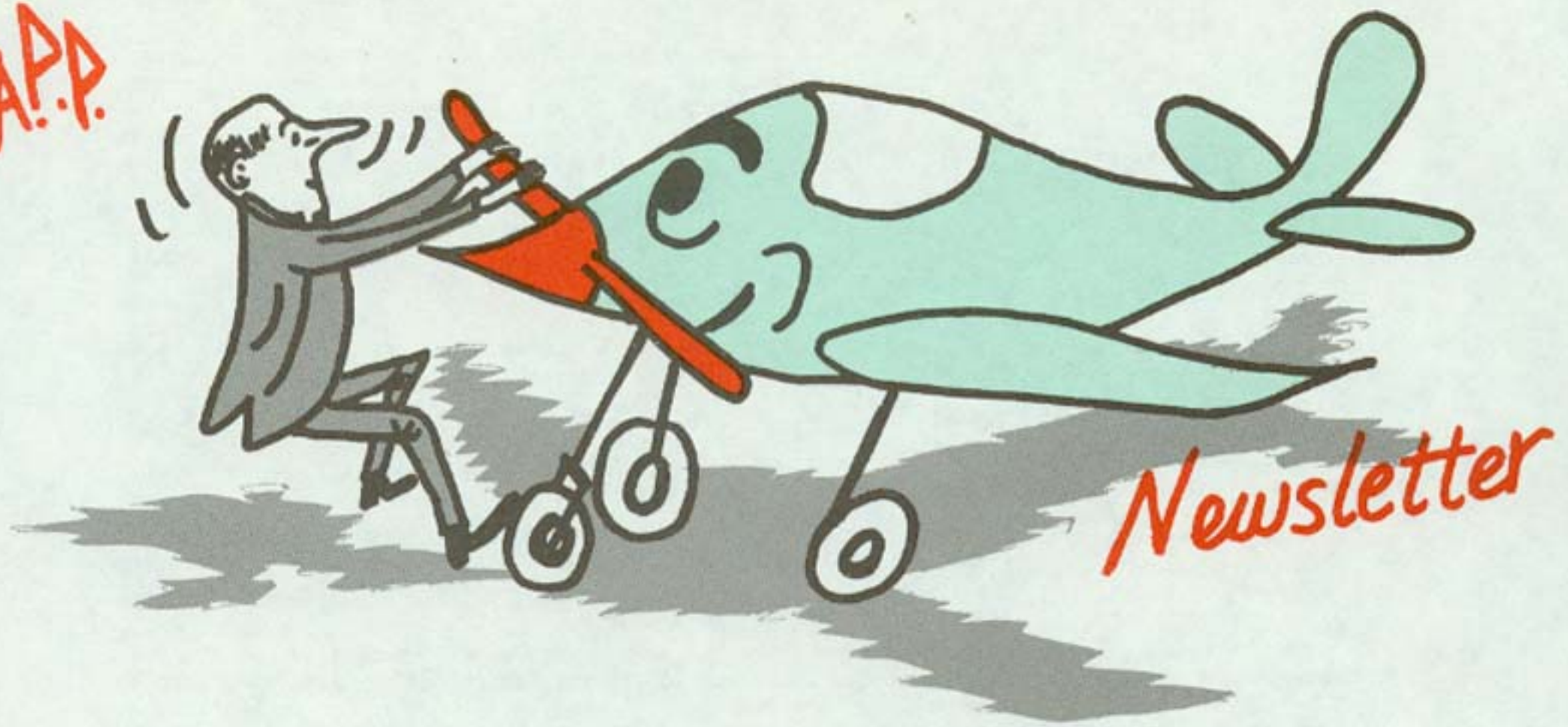


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YOUR PRESIDENT'S PROFUNDITIES

This issue of the newsletter will not have the usual message from the President as John Herzog has had to take an extended leave of absence due to ill health.

Those of you who were in Anchorage last summer recall that he was not up to par and was afflicted with a buzzing in his ears. Since that time he has been undergoing various tests to try and determine the nature of his illness. At the recommendation of his doctors he is taking a few months off to try and recuperate.

I talked with John just before he left his parish and he is anticipating a leave of around four months or so. Because of this he doubts if he'll be able to be at the convention in Colorado.

Remember him in your prayers that he might have a speedy recovery.



As mentioned on the first page, John Herzog is not able to carry on at the present time as president of NAPP. Our former president is only about 20 miles from John Herzog's place and so he has received a lot of the things from the president's file.

In the past few days I have also talked with our treasurer, Charlie Teufel, and 1st Vice President Bob Kirsch. Between us we are going to get things organized regarding the convention in July.

Our host, Erv Weber, stopped by about two weeks ago so we had a chance to go over things first hand. It's all looking good.

I have written to the Springs Motor Inn and instructed them to forward any communication that was to go to John Herzog. That will enable me to get it in the next issues of the newsletter.

On a more personal note, I have finally gotten back into the air. About two weeks ago I was able to join a group that purchased a '78 Archer II. I am in the process now of finishing two of them for their private tickets.

In addition to this I've also gotten all checked out at the local airport to do some Part 135 flying for the FBO. Like everything in our society today that's been very slow but I'm sure with better weather things will improve.

Here is the proposed schedule of events for the July Convention. The official meeting dates are July 13 and 14. Our residence will be THE SPRINGS MOTOR INN, 2867 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

Erv Weber, St. Joseph's Church, Box 447, Benkelman, NE 69021 is the NAPP man in charge of reservations. Erv has been working with some of the Colorado priests and they've arranged the following

events for us.

Presumably most will arrive on Monday, July 12.

Tuesday, July 13. Two choices for the group are available during the day.

1. Ride the cog train up Pike's Peak
2. Bus to Cripple Creek. This is old mining territory and a historical town.

In the evening we will all gather for an outdoor Bar B Q and stage show at Flying W Ranch. Back at the Springs Motor Inn a 45 minute slide show on Pike's Peak area will be shown for all who are interested.

Wednesday, July 14.

9:30 AM - annual business meeting.

11:00 AM - bus leaves for the Air Force Academy. Lunch will be served upon our arrival. After this a tour of the academy.

5:00 PM - Concelebrated Mass with the cadets in attendance.

The annual banquet will follow the Mass.

NAPP has reserved 20 rooms for Tuesday and Wednesday night. Be sure to mark on your reservation sheet whether you will be arriving earlier or staying later. It is important that information be gotten to Erv so that he can make the reservations for you.

Quite a number of you have returned your dues envelopes to Charlie Teufel. However, we are certain that others have forgotten or misplaced theirs. Not wanting to deprive anyone of the privilege of being a member of NAPP we are enclosing a new envelope for those who are tardy. Please get this one in as soon as possible.

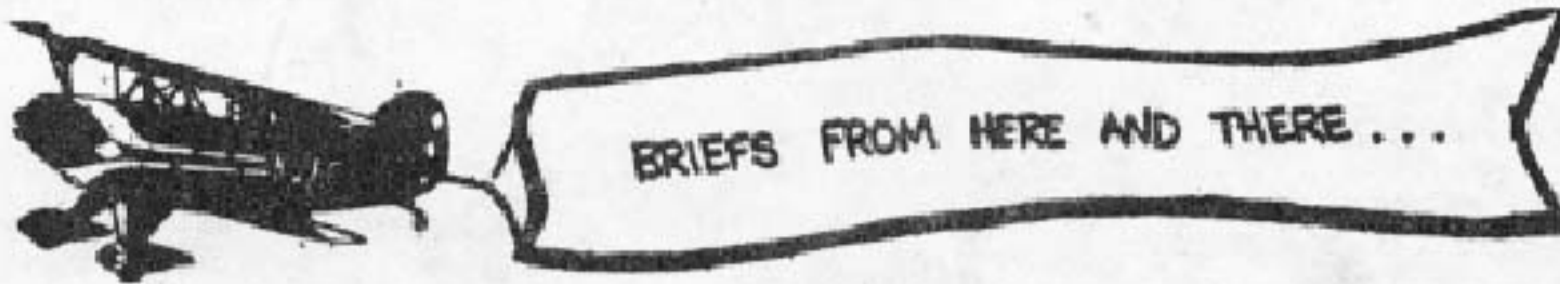
Nancy and I put out our first issue of this newsletter in August of 1969. In those 13 years we've never gotten a reaction to anything like we did to the President's message of last October. The remainder of this newsletter will be taken up for the most part with some letters that came in since the December issue. I think there'll be some left over for next issue too. With the exception of one, all are from military personnel. Do any civilian padres have any thoughts???

CENTRAL REGION MEETING

REMINDER

The Central Region will have its Spring get together at St. Mary's Church, Dow City, Iowa. John Vakulskas will host the gathering on Monday, May 3, 1982. Denison, Iowa is the nearest airport.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. More details will follow as that date approaches.



From Jack Lawler, Pinehurst.

The latest mailing just arrived and thought I should send you something for the next one. On Oct. 15th I wiped out the twin. There was some salvage, the gas caps. I had been down to Philly International to visit some friends for dinner and left out at 10 pm. It was an easy flight back, dark but not a cloud. I was all set for the landing at Norwood, flaps and gear down, a little low but nothing of concern and I ran into a patch of ground fog caused by the marshy area off the end of the runway. It was the first time in dozens of night landings on the same runway and at the same hour, almost midnight, that I encountered fog. Of

course, once is enough. There was no way to anticipate it as I had the lights, no time to go to instruments. The nose gear wiped out the threshold bar and a pile of rocks the main gear and one engine. It came to rest 50' from the center line and I was surrounded by fire. Fortunately in a landing attitude nothing jammed and I was able to get out the door with only burns. I suppose one accident in 32 years is still a good record.

One strange aspect of the matter is that I had stated the previous day that I was planning to sell the twin and get a Bonanza as parts were very difficult to obtain and I had waited 7 months for a switch to the heater and still did not have it. Now I will have a V35A Bonanza next week and will be back into the swing of things. FAA said it was not senility. I am enclosing a negative of the plane and it will give a good idea of the luck involved in my escape.

I also enjoyed the letter from Bill Travers. We went into the service about the same time and I must admit that I could not believe what I had read in the previous letter re the relationship with the military. There must be an alarming amount of naivete on the part of some of the membership. Having spent 28 years in the Air Force it was cause of resentment and I tempted to write but did not have a piece of asbestos suitable for mailing.

I hear from Bob Kirsch, as a matter of fact I visited him last summer in ABQ. He briefed me on the events of Alaska so feel I am up to date. Am planning to be with you in Colorado in July. Hope all is well and wish you and Iowa fellows a happy and blessed New Year.

From Rev. Mr. Tom E. Jones, Albuquerque:

I owe you a letter to be printed in the news bulletin describing my landing short of the Ft. Nelson, British Columbia, Canada, runway.

However, I wanted to get this letter off as I do remember a statement in a previous bulletin and reading Father Bill Travers' letter, I am prompted to send this letter.

On July 3rd, 1982, without the benefit of having been promoted to full Colonel, I shall be retired from the United States Air Force Reserve after having been commissioned for 28 years and 30 days. (Your brother, John, can give me the raspberry for I am sure he will receive those coveted eagles in the Iowa National Guard.) Frankly, I would like to be allowed to continue on -- but the law does not permit it.

I echo the sentiments of Father Travers. In the many years that I have been associated with the military, I have yet to meet someone who really wants to go out and kill someone. Defend himself, defend his family, defend someone else, yes. However, I don't know of anyone who wanted to be frozen to death in Korea or who wanted to stand guard at night to kill cobra snakes as they crawled into the tents while his comrades in arms slept.

Some years ago, a popular singer gave the impression that all you would have to do with people who believe the way for them to achieve freedom is to take away the freedom of other people is to love those people would probably have a different statement to make after she, her family and friends were ravished and perhaps killed as a result of the definition of freedom in those other peoples' minds.

The bottom line is that if going to an Air Force base or other flying military installation to

admire flying machines -- which none of us can or are allowed to fly -- simply because we love flying means that we are warmongers, I disagree. In Anchorage, I spent most of my time at the air base in the chaplain's office trying to make arrangements for a hop back to the United States on military air. My recollection was that we viewed an F4 Phantom Fighter and an F4 simulator. I personally had quite a bit of familiarity with the F4 having been stationed here at Kirtland Air Force Base for so many years. The simulator I did not have the opportunity or shall I say take the opportunity to inspect before. At the simulator, I found that most of the people were intrigued with the fact that it was a sophisticated airplane to fly and I don't recall anyone indicating that they were simulating a bomb run or any type of warring sentiments.

I'll take it a step further. It appears the next convention will be at Colorado Springs or in that vicinity. I presume that one of the highlights of the convention will be a tour of the Air Force Academy. If the tour of that academy is to be construed as our organization endorsing it, I disagree. I had always wanted to go to a military academy -- and if I'd had half a brain -- maybe I would have known how to have gone about making application to do so. I am trying to think right now of the number of attorneys in New Mexico who went to military academies, fulfilled the tour of duty, went on to law school, and then went on to practice law rather than making a career of the military. In short, they got an extremely good education at the expense of the government and at no cost to them.

I think you get my point. If you'll jog my memory, I'll try to write up something for the bulletin about providential care in protecting three clerics in route to Anchorage, Alaska.

Ora pro me, Thomas E. Jones.

From Joe Kleinstuber, Silver Spring, Maryland:

I have been a member of NAPP since its founding, 1963 I think, and although I no longer fly, I am still interested in aviation, work as a Chaplain & Counselor in the largest military high school in the U.S. (St. John's in Washington, D.C.) and spent 24 years as an Air Force officer (active and reserve).

It was with some dismay that I read of the idea that NAPP should not frequent military bases. Certainly the Church historically and the fathers of the Vat. II have not rejected the principle of a military force. Properly used, it is one of the foundations of peace and freedom.

Please let us continue to support our armed forces. Sincerely, (Rev.) Joe Kleinstuber

From Don Eder, Logansport State Hospital, Logansport, Indiana:

Now comes a voice out of the wilderness again. It is amazing how long it takes me to get around to responding to the stimuli that the newsletter generates in me. I want to register positive support, affirmative approval, and interest in a convention at Colorado Springs...I found it very refreshing to read Bill Travers' response to the earlier expressed thoughts that meeting at a military base might be problematic because of the symbolic communications such an august activity might generate in the minds of any who might be so inclined to fabricate such messages.

I fully intended to make the convention at Anchorage, but things just would not work out. I even put \$13,000 worth of new nav coms, an HSI, and had the plane all ready. I fly a V35 (1966 vintage), with a panel full of the usual junk that pilots know is absolutely necessary to satisfy the addiction to flying. With 4000 hours, a chunk of time in multi, and double I ticket, I'm as addicted as anyone.

Last October four of us flew from here to California for our fifth trip. On the other four we made the entire trip there and back without so much as filing one flight plan because the weather was so nice. This time it all caught up with us and I found myself on O2 in a V35 that is only fuel injected in the middle of a weather system and passing through flt level 195 going up. At that altitude one is able to read about 4" of manifold pressure. It was a very interesting trip.

I have no trouble at all with support of flying in a dozen ways. I'm director of staff development at this public hospital, as well as taking care of a parish. I manage to get in, even with the bad times on us, about 40-50 trips a year on business. I'm getting in about 250-300 hrs a year which isn't too bad I guess.

I keep thinking that I will come by one of the members in one or the other cities I find myself in and we can hangar-fly for a bit...so far it hasn't worked out but I'll keep tryin'.

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Dear Father Mel,

Mea culpa -- from two of us here. We made all the changes except the most important one. Consider it done now.

The day before your letter arrived I had located your October letter in which you said that Fr. Andrew Gottscholk would be next on the list for the Sanderson IFR materials, so I had just mailed them to him.

I put your letter on the Archbishop's desk so he could see your words about him. This past month has been interesting, with the Polish seamen. The first six gained asylum quickly, on New Year's Eve. A 7th one defected and came to Anchorage also, but he wanted to go to Canada rather than the U.S. because he had hopes that his wife and children were on the way there. To make a long story short he caused some problems, had to be taken from the Retreat House and placed in jail where he's been for the past 10 days. Today he also gained asylum, here in the U.S. Tonight Archbishop and an interpreter will try to reach his wife by phone in Vienna to tell her the good news about Anjy, her husband, and try to get them together.

Regarding the instrument rating, Archbishop Hurley passed his written last August. He said he'll work on getting the ticket this summer.

You people have been walloped with WINTER this year. We've had a cold one also -- 20 below for 2 weeks this month -- but not as much snow. What snow we have, about 12 inches, has been on the ground since November with little new since then.

March 2 we're off to Rome to sing for the Pope. Will remember you and all in the NAPP while we're there.

Sincerely,

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