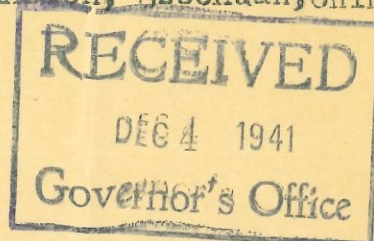


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Hon. Mr. H.F. Stricker
Governor of Indiana.
Indianapolis, Indiana.
U.S.A.



Honorable Sir:-

Some time ago, I read that you, a member of our Lutheran church, are Governor of Indiana, my home state. I immediately made a note of it, and decided to write you a few lines.

First I wish to congratulate you on the high and responsible position that are holding. May the Lord grant you much success, and through your services bless our State of Indiana.

I was not born in Indiana, but in Altenburg Missouri, the cradle of our synod, yet I spent many years in Indiana, studying at our Fort Wayne Concordia, and while there my parents also moved to Indiana, namely to New Albany. They are still living there, my father's address being, H.F. Mueller, 220 West Tenth St. New Albany, IND.

Should you grant me an answer amidst your innumerable tasks, you may reach me quickly through my precious wife, who is living in Texas with our daughter, anxiously waiting for the word from Washington D.C. that she can return to China. Her address is given below. She writes to me often by fast mail, and any letters sent to her, she can forward to me.

I have little Texas, Lone-Star flag hanging in my room, near a large Stars and Stripes, but I have no Indiana flag, in fact, I am ashamed to say it, I do not even know what the Indiana flag looks like. I have no books here that give it. I just looked in a big 32 vol. Encyclopedia Britannica of 1900, which I have here, but it does not give the Indiana flag under Indiana. I have also written to my sister in New Albany for one, but she seems to have the same trouble. So if you could tell me through my wife what the Indiana flag looks like, or perhaps send a small picture of one, I would much appreciate it. But indeed this is nothing important, just a little hobby about flags. I will try to send you a small Chinese flag painted by our students in the Seminary.

We just celebrated the Chinese July 4th, Independence Day, which is on October tenth, called the Double Tenth. It was a very special celebration, ~~because~~ it was the 30th anniversary, because the Chinese just gained a great victory at Changsha Hunan, where the Japanese were shamefully defeated, and they just on the very Tenth of Oct. gained another big victory when retook the city of Ichang, Yangtze River port about 200 miles south from here. We have a missionary there with his family, the Rev. & Mrs. E. Thode. He also is from Ind., namely from La Porte. We have not established communications with him as yet, but hope to do so very soon. We are not definitely sure that he is still there, as there was a rumour once that he had gone to Hankow, but we did not believe it.

I enjoy immensely my All wave radio, with which I daily hear KGEI San Francisco, and even get news from my wife thru it, in the KGEI mail-bag. This mail bag is on the air this very moment as I am writing

this. I just listened to some of the letters under the M's, (they read according to alphabeth) and I heard a letter read to our Missionary, the Rev. Paul Martens of Pittsburg, who now is at Enshih Hupeh, the place where I spent the happiest days of my life with my dear wife, for eight years. It was a Birthday greeting. Through this Frisco station I hear all kinds of American programs, yes also about Indianapolis, usually during the auto races. Hear programs from Chicago and Radio City New York, and others that come over the National Broadcasting Corporation. It is indeed thrilling to hear American programs direct from the U.S. here on the other side of the world, 1000 miles West of Shanghai, between the firing lines and Chungking. Steamers that carry soldiers and supplies for the front pass us on the Yangtze here all the time. The front is a little further away now, since Ichang has been recaptured.

It may interest you to know that we hear our Lutheran hour, even direct from the U.S.A., also through KGEI. Have not heard it from there this year yet, e.g. this season, but heard it regularly last Spring. The last three weeks heard it from Manila, station KZRM. Today Dr. Maier preached on "The Cleansing Touch of Jesus", do not know if it is a sermon of last season or this new season already. Manila gets the discs from St. Louis by Clipper I hear. Of course KGEI also has to give ~~it~~ it to us by transcription, because they have to broadcast on early Sunday morning so we hear it at 8 P.M. Sunday night.

We have another Indiana missionary out here, namely Rev. L. Buuck (Fort Wayne) of Hongkong. He is our General Treasurer, and sends us what is necessary to keep going. He sends checks in U.S. dollars to Chungking as a rule, and there it is exchanged to Mex, Chinese currency. Lately he exchanged some of it at Hongkong. The exchange just now is 25.48 Mex for U.S.\$1.00. So 100.00 your money is \$2548.00 now.

Now I hope this will not take too much of your precious time. However I felt I want to make it worth while to send such an air mail letter, e.g. by air from here to the coast of the Pacific.

May the Lord be with you always in your manifold tasks

Respectfully yburs

R. J. Mueller



My wife's address:

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To
The Governor of
Indiana

'The Red White and Blue'
of China. = 中國

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R. J. MUELLER
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