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with E. J.

Seems I keep hearing something that sounds like CALIFORNIA OR BUST!!!

This indicates to me that from all over the U.S. and Canada, all roads for soaring pilots will lead to Elsinore, California, along about the spent end of July. For there in Southern California's beautiful Elsinore Valley will gather probably the greatest aggregation of soaring people ever to come together for a National Contest. It will be the occasion of the running of the 21st American National from July 27th through August 5th.

It will be the first time in the nearly thirty year history (We missed a few during the war years) of the National, that this, the greatest of the world's motorless flight tournaments, will have been conducted on the West Coast. This will be the third State to entertain our National. Heretofore only New York and Texas have claimed that honor and privilege. How very fitting it must be therefore, that our splendid State of California now comes in to share that signal honor. She can after all you know, almost if not certainly claim herself as the cradle of aviation in America.

I go unhesitatingly on record here, predicting great things for the 21st. The sons and daughters of California alone, who are fully active in soaring, will fill an entry list long as my leg — and 'Shorty' is not my nickname. Since the day the Pilgram Fathers landed on that rock in Massachusetts, folks have had a yen to 'go west.' And then you recall the direction old Horace Greely admonished all young men to go. Well — that is why I can safely say that I doubt if a single soaring man can be found running loose anywhere during the last week in July and the first week in August — save and except the environs of Elsinore, California.

It is well known that this locale produces a wide variety of soaring conditions. It will be most interesting therefore to see how America's top pilots of other regions deal with the varied conditions of weather and terrain that may be encountered on distance flights from the Elsinore site. They must be looking forward in eager anticipation to this newer and greater challenge in the far west. I dare say some of these 'outlanders' may very well show the local boys how best to deal with this array of possibilities.

While I am sure the many California clubs have in plenty, personnel to aid the sponsoring organization at Elsinore, they would all the same I imagine, welcome assistance and ideas that other groups might give. I am told that my own TSA group expects to descend upon Elsinore Valley like a cloud of locusts. The one and only current drawback seems to stem from their being told that they can not enter California with their own personal supply of Texas oranges. I feel confident however that this will not prove to be an insurmountable obstacle and that the problem will be possible of a satisfactory solution. Texans have, after all, been known to take drink stronger than their 'nectar of the gods' type orange juice.

Where's my old record titled "California Here I come" — I like that tune.