

Kerr's Musings

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An OK Corollary

The Japanese have difficulty with the letters L and R so the following would be a real tongue twister: Philosophically, that was an incorrigibly frivolous corollary.

The American bishops and others tend to be very pro-immigration both legal and illegal. They are hostile to such initiatives as that in Arizona aimed at identifying illegals for the purpose of deportation. This raises the question: Who was the great American military leader who smoked a corncob pipe, said he would return and did return?

The answer is of course Little Wolf, War Chief of the Northern Cheyenne, who led them home from exile through great odds in 1878. Hence the Northern Cheyenne have their reservation in Montana, won for them by the gallantry of their ancestors. Interestingly, one who ministered to Catholic Northern Cheyenne was Father Carl Pulvermacher R.I.P., who subsequently rendered great service to traditional Catholicism, not least by his work with 'The Angelus Press'.

Now if a lot of outsiders wanted to settle on the reservation, the Northern Cheyenne would not only be entitled but surely obliged to refuse out of loyalty to the Northern Cheyenne both of the past and of the future. We should not of course make distinctions among the tribes. That which is true of the Northern Cheyenne is no less true of the Navaho of Arizona. If we take that train of thought a couple of stops further, we'll see the Japanese are not the only ones to have great difficulty with the word corollary.

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