

*The Echols & Sea Act  
of Hudson*

Government will probably ask Consolidated Aircraft Corporation to build an inland plant occupying approximately 1,600,000 square feet and employing 15,000 employes to make land planes for the Army.

*Pratt* This location must be approved by General Arnold, General Brett, Acting Chief of the Air Corps, and General Eckols of Washington. Inasmuch as the Consolidated will be delivering planes to Great Britian, from San Diego to Halifax, for the next two years, it will be a great convenience to have the Consolidated plant located on the site at Lake Worth, where they are now landing these planes for an overnight stop enrout from San Diego to Halifax. The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Consolidated, has built landing docks and supplied refueling facilities and everything necessary to give full cooperation to the Consolidated. Two of these planes have already flown through Fort Worth.

In the strictest confidence, my information is to the effect that the point recommended by the Army will be either Tulsa, Oklahoma City or Kansas City and considerable pressure has been brought, almost to a demand, that they locate at Tulsa which already has one ~~small~~ airplane plant.

Van Dusen of the Consolidated has an office in Washington - Telephone: Republic 1588 - and will probably arrive in Fort Worth from Los Angeles Sunday morning enrout to Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Kansas City, to investigate these sits, and will 'phone regarding his arrival in Fort Worth so I can meet him Sunday morning. Van Dusen says they will need between three and four hundred acres and like the site they had figured on before. I told him that the Amry Air Corporation was figuring on a field on this site. He stated " have to be ~~an~~ directly on the airport if they

had access to it with a sufficient runway.

Major Fleet is at the Waldorf-Asforia in New York City - Apartment 17-F - and will be there until Friday, going by way of Chicago to San Diego.