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# Second Southwest Airplane Factory Will Be Started

## Ft. Worth Ceremony Friday Will Start Construction Work

Fort Worth, Tex., April 17. (UP) A gilded hand-spade tomorrow will break ground and construction of the Southwest's second large airplane factory will get under way.

Scores of notables—both military and civilian—will be here to attend the ceremonies signaling the opening of work on the \$10,000,000 Consolidated Aircraft bomber assembly plant.

On the 1400-acre site close to the shores of Lake Worth, two field offices already stand. Actual construction will begin early next week.

Scheduled to speak and turn over a scoop of dirt each were Brig. Gen. G. C. Brant, commander of the gulf coast air corps training center, Randolph Field; Col. George E. Lovell of Fort Sam Houston; Capt. Alva D. Bernhard, commandant at the new naval air station, Corpus Christi.

Col. Lawrence Westbrook, assistant WPA commissioner; Col. S. O. Scott, Dallas, division engineer, United States corps of engineers; A. M. Hall, vice president, Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, who will head the plant here; Albert S. Low, vice president and chief engineer of the Austin Co., the Cleveland, Ohio, concern to build the plant, and Amon Carter, prominent Fort Worth publisher.

Consolidated's factory here starts a few weeks after opening of the huge North American aviation plant near Dallas and the award of another Consolidated assembly plant to Tulsa. The plant here and in Tulsa will manufacture large bombers of the B-24 type. It was estimated that the plant here will employ 15,000 men at the peak of operation with a monthly pay roll of more than \$1,000,000.

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