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Bomber Assembly Plant Started At Fort Worth Today

FORT WORTH, April 18 (AP)—In a patriotic setting, Fort Worth was to break ground this afternoon for the \$10,000,000 Consolidated Aircraft bomber assembly plant at Lake Worth that will give the city a major role in the production of bomber planes for national defense.

A bunting-draped platform near the center line of the site of the plant's biggest building, and just west of the field office set up for army engineers who will supervise the construction project, will be the scene of the groundbreaking ceremonies at 3 p. m.

High-ranking army, navy, air corps, and aviation officials were arriving this morning to join Fort Worth citizens in launching the project.

Among the early arrivals were Col. George E. Lovell of Fort Sam Houston, representing the 8th corps area, and Col. William B. Wright, commander of the Meridian, Miss., air base. Colonel Wright was here as representative of Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of general headquarters of the army air corps.

One of the leading aviation representatives due for the program was T. E. Braniff of Oklahoma City, president of Braniff Airways, Inc.

The visiting officials were guests of chamber of commerce directors at an informal luncheon at noon.

With A. A. Lund, chamber of commerce president, opening the program and Amon Carter acting as master of ceremonies, the nine speakers will step from the platform and turn a shovelful of earth to mark the beginning of the project.