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# NON-STOP FLIERS HONORED AT FETE

## Globe Girdlers Are Paid Tribute

FORT WORTH, April 8. (AP)—A non-stop banquet for the non-stop fliers.

Fort Worth really put it on big last night for Capt. James G. Gallagher and his crewmen who girdled the globe in a single 94-hour and one minute hop.

For three hours the fliers—and air force officials—soaked up compliments and accepted gifts.

After the choice sirloins, mushrooms, remouladed shrimp, whipped cream and strawberries and other extras had gone down the hatch, Mr. Fort Worth took over.

Mr. Fort Worth is Amon G. Carter, fabled publisher, a big, strapping man, grey-headed and bright-eyed.

Carter was in rare form—even for Carter. His was a roaring, applauding, untiring audience of 500. He reminisced, rambled and never ran out of humor—but through it all he brought the sincere thanks of a warm, friendly city.

As he told the airmen:

"Your gallant flight has been written into time—and with it has been written the fact that the flight started in Fort Worth and ended in Fort Worth. Fort Worth will not forget that—nor will it let anyone else forget it."

It was a plushy, top-drawer affair, sponsored by Fort Worth's hard-hitting chamber of commerce. Menus cost a dollar each to produce. The swank hotel ballroom was full of flags, flowers and beautiful gowns and the soft music of a smooth orchestra tantalized the air. The young fliers lolled happily at the head table.