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The Greater Fort Worth International Airport -- with facilities to serve more than 1,000,000 people -- was dedicated Monday morning.

And while spectators applauded enthusiastically under gray and threatening skies, Amon Carter and John W. Carpenter, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, together turned the first spadeful of dirt in ground-breaking ceremonies for the Amon Carter Administration Building and Airfield.

As Mayor Deen presented Carter with the silver-plated spade to be used ^{ground-breaking} ~~in the~~ ceremony held on a grassy plot of ground just south of Highway 183, a mile east of Euless, Carter turned to Carpenter and invited him to join him.

"We're going to dig some dirt," Carter said, "not throw any."

Monday morning's rain caused the dedication ceremonies to be moved from the airport site to the concrete on the south side of the highway, where a temporary speakers' platform was placed. Overlooking the scene was the large airport sign with a drawing of the three-story administration building.

The crowd, including numerous municipal, state and national notables, was unable to reach the original site for the dedication because of mud. ^(of spectators,) Automobiles ^A strung out on the highway for more than a mile, caused police to detour eastbound traffic. The huge airport will be located ~~at~~ south of the highway.

In his dedication remarks, Delos W. Rentzel of Washington, D. C., administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, "This will be one of the top 20 airports in the world.

"Maybe it will be one of the top 10 airports by the time Mr. Carter gets through with it," he added. "Mr. Carter is not only a citizen of Fort Worth -- he belongs to everybody."

The CAA chief continued, "I hope we dedicate this ^{great} airport to the cause of peace. In the light of certain international events, I am sorry to say, it ^{might possibly} ~~may~~ have to be used for war.

"It's a ^{real} ~~great~~ privilege and a pleasure to me," Rentzel then declared, "to dedicate this airport ^{as} ~~the Amcon (G.) Carter Airfield.~~"
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Rogers, Carter recalled, predicted that the time would come when a man could fly from Chicago to the Pacific Ocean in 30 days. Rogers ^{when he tried,} ~~he~~ didn't quite make it, cracking up his plane at Pasadena, Cal., on the 29th day.

Carter then mentioned the round-the-world flight from Fort Worth to Fort Worth of the B-50 Lucky Lady II last year in "something more than 56 hours."

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He called these aviation milestones "evidence of the air-mindedness of Fort Worth," and citing the city's 56 per cent gain in population in the 1950 census, declared, "We can attribute much of our growth to aviation. We are indebted to aviation."

Fort Worth and Dallas "are growing together," Carter continued, "and it will be one day," he said, "when you won't know you're leaving one before you are in the other."

Carter also paid tribute to R. E. Harding, president of the Fort Worth National Bank; Marshall A. Fuller, president of the First National Bank, and George Thompson Jr., president, and Ed H. Winton, chairman of the board, of the Continental National Bank, "for their good faith in furnishing ^{the Fort Worth Air Terminal, Inc.} us with \$750,000, without which we couldn't have done this."

The dedication ceremonies were opened by ^{Terminal Director, and General Counsel} Raymond Buck, ^{Chief} master of ceremonies. The Carswell Air Force Base Band, directed by ~~Chief~~ Warrant Officer Henry H. Gowers, played the Star-Spangled Banner and City Councilman J. R. Edwards gave the invocation.

"In a critical hour of our nation," Buck said in his opening remarks, "this ceremony marks the fulfillment of a great purpose. This great facility will serve the safety and convenience of all who fly and swell the ~~us~~ pride of the Fort Worth citizens who are gathered here as well as those who could not attend and the unborn generations who are to follow.

"This is more than just the start of a new building," Buck continued, "or the opening of a new place of travel. It is the attainment of a high goal through the teamwork of city, county and federal officials, the Chamber of Commerce, our citizens, Congress and

the Civil Aeronautics Administration."

Buck introduced Congressman Carl Hinshaw of California, an aviation leader in Congress and a member of the ^{House} atomic energy committee.

"I am delighted that the name of my good friend, Amon Carter, was selected for the airport," Hinshaw said. "I had a small part in the selection of this airport to receive federal aid. I didn't do it for Fort Worth. I did it for the rest of the people of the United States and the world who will come to Fort Worth and Dallas, and I thought that the airport should be located here."

Carpenter, called to the microphone by Buck, stated, "I am glad to express my appreciation to the people of Fort Worth for your wise and valuable leadership, not only for Fort Worth but for the interests of the whole nation.

"We in Dallas appreciate the Honorable Amon Carter," Carpenter continued, "and I am here to honor him, not only you." Applause interrupted his remarks.

"This great airport," Carpenter went on, "will through the

generations serve as an example to the world that when you chart a course and vigorously pursue it, your goal will be accomplished.

"Mr. Carter is one of the great Americans and great men of the world. As a citizen of Dallas, I honor him and think highly of his leadership," Carpenter said.

Thompson, president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that Mrs. ^{Amer} Carter, too, was being honored at the dedication.

"It must be a great satisfaction to her for our other municipal ~~field~~ ^{Merham Field} to be named for her father and for this new airport to be named for her husband," Thompson said.

Brig. Gen. C. S. Irvine, commanding general of Carswell Air Base and the 7th Bomb Wing, said "This will be a great airport, in a great city, in a great state, in the greatest country on earth."

Marvin Leonard, chairman of the board of the ^{Ft Worth} Air Terminal,

~~Inc.~~ Inc., introduced the other directors. They were:

Lionel W. Bevan, Buck, F. L. Carmichall, Carter, ^{president;} R. E. Cox,

William ^{Treasurer;} Fleming, Mx Fuller, Harding, J. Clyde Jones, John Porter King

Jr., O. P. Leonard, Web Maddox, J. C. Maxwell, R. J. Mayer, Otto W.

Monnig, Sid W. Richardson, Arch H. Rowan, W. L. Stewart, Will E. Stripling, ^{vice president;}

Stanley A. Thompson. R. F. Windfohr, and Winton. ^{vice president;}

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Buck introduced City Manager Jones, O. M. (Red) Mosier, American Airlines and American Overseas Airlines vice president; Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, president, Pioneer Airlines; Keith Kahle, president, Central Airlines; Walter Henschel, public relations director, Braniff International Airways; Marshall H. Kennady, Republican committeeman; George Haldeman, CAA chief of aircraft and early trans-Atlantic flier; Maury Huffman, terminal executive director; City Airport Manager William G. Fuller; Lt. Col. Kurt Schnellennbach, executive officer, Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot; Mrs. Carter; Mrs. J. Lee Johnson III; Amon Carter Jr.; ~~Sam~~ Richardson; William Holden, Chamber of Commerce executive vice president; J. Lee Johnson Jr., chairman of a citizens committee that went before Congress in the airport's interest, and Maddox.

Jones read telegrams from dignitaries unable to attend.

They included J. B. Adoue Jr., Dallas city councilman; Congressman Wingate Lucas, called back to Washington because of the press of the international situation; C. E. Woolman, Delta Airlines president; C. R. Smith, American Airlines president; Senators Tom Connally and Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

Mayor Deen read the ~~petition~~ ^{resolution of the} City Council

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~~the~~ the nearly \$2,000,000 ~~structure~~ administration building ~~and~~ and ~~dedicated~~ the airfield in Carter's honor. ^a ~~a~~ ^{seeking this name,} petition, signed by

civic leaders and business men, was adopted by the council.

The petition stated, "Amon Carter brought the first aviation to Fort Worth and for 40 years he has tirelessly devoted his boundless energy and his own money to the purpose of building here a great aviation center."

Deen then presented Carter with a framed copy of the ~~petition~~ ^{resolution}

After the dedication ceremonies, the principals crossed over of to the site ~~for~~ the groundbreaking. There, to the accompaniment of popping flashbulbs of newspaper cameras, ~~and~~ the whirring of WBAP-TV cameras and ~~with~~ ^{with a WBAP} transcription unit ~~recording~~ recording the proceedings, a number of people took turns at digging up a spadeful of dirt.

They included, in addition to Carter and Carpenter, Rentzel, Marvin Deen, /Leonard, Richardson, Irvine, Buck, George Thompson, Haldeman, Edwards, Mosier, Huffman, L. G. Elliott, regional CAA administrator; S. E. EA Travis, regional CAA airports chief; Thomas S. Byrne, contractor, and Joseph R. Pelich and Preston M. Geren, architects, for the project.

Mr. Carter -
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