

# Mayor Wins Backing For Gloves-Off Fight Against Airport Grab

## Thirty Civic Leaders Seek to Form Master Aviation Plan for Section

By Felix R. McKnight.

Thirty civic leaders of Dallas vowed by a unanimous standing vote Thursday afternoon to stand behind Mayor Woodall Rodgers and the City Council in a gloves-off fight for a fair break on the Midway Airport construction.

Gathered in the office of Nathan Adams, chairman of the special committee recently appointed to carry to Washington the Dallas demand for an equitable settlement of the matter, the committee took up a rough challenge flung by the Mayor.

"Now is the time," said Mayor Rodgers, "for Dallas to unite on this matter. Time is precious. We can't let this thing happen to Dallas. Are you with me?"

The answer was briefly given by Ernest Tennant, president of the Dallas National Bank, and the entire gathering gave standing approval.

Mayor Rodgers carefully traced the course of events that have led to Dallas' protest against switching the terminal building from the north side of the Midway Airport site to the west, quoting records that extended back into 1940.

### Master Plan Needed.

"Great aerial development is certain to come after the war," said Rodgers. "We should unite at this time to mold a master aviation plan for Dallas and North Texas. It is something that will vitally affect the life of this community and of the Southwest.

"We feel that an injustice has been done in negotiations on Midway Airport. We feel that planned development at the airport definitely tends to take it westward, away from Dallas and closer to Fort Worth.

"Personalities should not enter into this just fight of ours, but Dallas, as a city, can't take this thing without fighting back."

Time and again Mayor Rodgers stressed that Midway Airport was just a link in a master plan that should be a major concern of Dallas for the next quarter of a century. If Dallas loses on the midway deal, it will be hampered in the future, he emphasized.

### CAA Promises Hearing.

He told the gathering that the special committee headed by Adams and including Karl Hoblitzelle, B. F. McLain, John W. Carpenter, R. L. Thornton, Tom C. Gooch and Ted Dealey had been assured by officials of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Civil Aeronautics Board and the Department of Commerce that it would grant Washington hearings in the immediate future.

"But we don't want to go to Washington or continue this fight unless all of Dallas is behind us,"

said Mayor Rodgers, "and we feel they are."

The representative group present adjourned and went to the offices of Braniff Airways at Love Field for a conference with T. E. Braniff, president of the airline of that name which is based in Dallas.

In answer to a question by Mayor Rodgers, Braniff stated that his company had always favored the original north site for the administration building, but urged the committee to study intensely certain physical factors concerning the entire Midway Airport setup before arriving at definite conclusions.

The committee boarded a Braniff plane and flew over the Midway Airport site, studying it from the air.

Again Mayor Rodgers told Braniff of Dallas' intention to sponsor broad development of aviation in the coming years and asked his co-operation and advice.

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## Pay Roll Theft Bag Found

The pay roll bag which has been identified as the one taken in the last November Sanger Bros. pay roll robbery was found a few days ago on a farm near Frisco, Collin County.

The name of the farmer who found the bag was not disclosed by Detective Inspector Will Fritz. The bag contained none of the \$4,000 taken in the robbery. Both the Dallas detective department and Sheriff Smoot Schmid are investigating the finding of the bag.