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# CITY TO SEEK FAIR DEAL ON AIRPORT DEPOT

Determined to rectify the so-called "dirty deal" pulled by Fort Worth on the location of the Midway Airport terminal building, Dallas' special Chamber of Commerce committee prepared Friday to go to Washington to demand "justice for both cities" from high federal officials and commercial air lines.

Sparked by Mayor Woodall Rodgers, the committee will fight to change location of the building from the west side of the airport—near Fort Worth—back to the originally-approved site on the north side, where it will serve both cities fairly.

"Dallas has been the victim of a dirty steal," Mayor Rodgers told thirty civic leaders, who approved his stand at a meeting in the First National Bank Thursday afternoon.

"We must fight for our rights now or never.

"When we went to New York recently to demand justice from American Air Lines officials, we discovered from plans for the field that the airport wasn't even called Midway Airport. It was called Arlington Airport. And if the terminal building is left on the west side, it might as well be called "Fort Worth Airport."

## Must Act Quickly.

"Construction of the airport hasn't advanced to the point that the building site can't be changed. But we must act quickly, and be prepared to fight Amon Carter. The site was changed from the north to the west side to appease Mr. Carter of Fort Worth. And since Mr. Carter is one of its directors, American Air Lines hasn't seen fit yet to play fair with Dallas."

Headed by Nathan Adams, the committee will lay its demands before two Houstonians, Jesse Jones, who is secretary of commerce, and Will Clayton, Jones' right-hand man who heads the commerce department's aeronautical division. In addition to these men, who know well the story of rivalry between Dallas and Fort Worth, the committee will go before officials of American Air Lines. It hopes American Air Lines will force its director, Mr. Carter, who demanded the west side site, to agree to the change and to a policy of "justice for both cities."

The committee also will insist upon cancellation of plans which place all shops and hangars on the west side of the airport—near Fort Worth.

## To Safeguard Future.

In addition, it will take steps to safeguard the future development of Dallas as an aviation center. It will fit Love Field, the Midway Airport and Hensley Field into a master airport plan. And it will consider the acquisition of one or two other big Dallas County airports, which may be needed to serve freight and passenger planes after the war.

The committee will accompany Mayor Rodgers to Washington within ten days to two weeks. Besides Chairman Adams, its members include R. L. Thornton, vice-chairman; B. F. McLain, Karl Hoblitzelle, John W. Carpenter, Ted Dealey and Tom C. Gooch.

At the Thursday afternoon meeting, the thirty civic leaders heard Mayor Rodgers' appeal for action and gave him a rising vote of support on motion of Ernest Tennant.