

Mayor Sees Snares in Airport Deal

Municipal officials sensed a new effort to by-pass the City of Dallas in Midway Airport operations Tuesday as they prepared to thresh out the question of co-operation in the project at a special meeting of the Master Plan Airport Committee at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mayor Woodall Rodgers brought up the latest question about Midway Airport policies Tuesday when he learned of plans to have a representative from the Dallas Chamber of Commerce on the board of management for the airport corporation—new development in the controversial question as far as the City of Dallas is concerned.

T. E. Braniff, newly elected president of the Midway Airport Corporation, Tuesday invited B. F. McLain, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, to select one appointee to serve on the board of management.

Other members of the board of management for the airport are to be an appointee of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce president, one from the City of Arlington and four appointees of the Midway Airport Corporation.

Dallas Appears Left Out.

"This is all new to us," Mayor Rodgers said. "The contract was never submitted to us and this latest plan as we learn it now is not municipal representation as we had expected when we were in negotiations on the project.

"I hope this is not an effort to by-pass the City of Dallas on representation by the municipal government, but it certainly is something new that we have never heard of before," Mayor Rodgers said.

As soon as Nathan Adams, chairman of the Master Plan Airport Committee, returned to Dallas Tuesday he called a special meeting at Mayor Rodgers' request to be held in the directors' room of the First National Bank Friday morning.

"City Councilmen will meet jointly with the airport committee to review the situation and try to decide whether Dallas will be interested in co-operating with the Midway Airport development on any basis and, if so, on what kind," Mayor Rodgers said.

Officials also want to reply as soon as possible to the proposal that the Midway Airport Administration Building be placed on the northwest corner of the field, a suggestion made by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

City Officials Cool.

So far city officials have been cool to the idea and have not shown an inclination to rescind their previous decision to follow a hands-off policy on Midway Airport

since their early offers to co-operate were rebuffed.

In addition to Braniff as president, other officers of the Midway Airport Corporation elected this week at the annual meeting of stockholders are: Vice-president, Amos Culbert, vice-president of American Airlines of New York; secretary, Raymond Buck, American Airlines attorney of Fort Worth; treasurer, C. G. Adams, Braniff Airways treasurer, Dallas.

Directors are Braniff, Adams, Culbert and Buck.

Braniff wrote McLain, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, that Midway Airport is now completed as far as the government's work is concerned on grading, draining and runway construction, but no permanent buildings have been erected.

Runways are being used for military training purposes, however, and the field is being used temporarily for commercial activities because eMacham Field, Fort Worth municipal airport, is now undergoing extensive repairs.

Managing Board Needed.

American Airlines has signified a desire to use Midway Airport on a temporary basis, Braniff said; Delta Airlines has made inquiries of the possibility, and Braniff Airways may likewise find it necessary to do so. For that reason officers and directors of the corporation felt that the board of management should be organized and started functioning.