

Midway Set-Up Changes Up to Board, Says Braniff

Any change in the administrative set-up for Midway Airport arranged between the City of Arlington and the airport corporation will have to be submitted to the corporation's directors, T. E. Braniff, president of the Midway Airport Association, said Thursday in Washington.

Braniff declined other comment on the new proposals advanced by the Dallas City Council for making that city a co-sponsor of the project with conditional restrictions to assure the big airport's "neutrality."

Although Fort Worth had complied with the request of T. E. Braniff, president of the joint-stock Midway Airport Association, and Chamber of Commerce President R. Mayo Bowen had named

City Manager Bothwell to represent Fort Worth on the airport's governing board, Mayor Woodall Rodgers of Dallas objected vigorously to the method of representation outlined by Braniff.

"We don't see why the chamber of commerce of either city should be asked to name these representatives," he said, "because this airport was a municipal project in the beginning."

He said the contract between the City of Arlington as sponsor and the Midway Airport Association, owned by Braniff Airways and American Airlines, was never submitted to Dallas.

"I'm writing a letter today to Secretary of Commerce Jones, submitting the plan approved by the Dallas City Council," Mayor Rodgers added.

He explained that this proposal was for "neutralization" of the airport so neither Dallas nor Fort Worth would be favored; equal representation for Dallas County and Tarrant County on the board of managers; location of the administration building on the north side of the field, rather than on the west side, as advocated by Fort Worth, or at the northwest corner, as suggested by Secretary Jones.

Rodgers said he recognized that this would require revision of the present contract between the City of Arlington and the association.

Mayor W. F. Altman of Arlington said he was opposed to alteration of the contract and believed Fort Worth and Dallas should now "go along on the lines set up by Braniff and American Airlines, since they're the ones who put up the money with the Government to build the airport."

Braniff, in Washington, told The Star-Telegram correspondent there that he wouldn't care to express himself on the Dallas proposals.

"Any change in this matter would have to go before the Midway Airport Corporation," he said, "because it is a matter for the directors to consider."

Mayor McCrary said he thought the matter had "gone far enough" and he was "willing to carry out the procedure already approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Department of Commerce."