

Airport Committee Return Signal for Dallas to Open Real Battle for Its Rights

A Dallas citizenry, keenly alive to the necessity of keeping this city's lead as the aviation center of the Southwest, is ready to welcome Mayor Woodall Rodgers and the group back from Washington Thursday and prepared to go to bat quickly on the vital issue.

Whatever it takes let's do it, was the sentiment found up and down the streets as the people seemed more alive on the question and its possibilities than anything here in many years.

The consensus seemed definitely to be that Dallas is in no mood to accept a beating from Fort Worth on the Midway Airport or anyone else who won't give the city justice and that if necessary the people are ready to accept the challenge to go ahead and develop another super-airport.

Former Mayor Talks.

Sparking this sentiment Wednesday was former Mayor Joe E. Lawther who, although in ill health for some time, dictated a statement expressing what seems to be the universal Dallas sentiment.

"As a citizen, greatly interested in the future welfare of Dallas, I desire most heartily to congratulate our Mayor, Woodall Rodgers, and the committee of loyal citizens headed by Nathan Adams who

accompanied him to Washington in their stand for a fair deal on the Midway Airport," Lawther said.

"Dallas always has led the state in airway development. It took this lead at the time Love Field was constructed and has maintained it ever since.

"I feel that Dallas has done its full duty in agreeing to co-operate by the joint use of a Midway Airport between Dallas and Fort Worth with its administrative building fairly located to serve each city.

Sentiment is Strong.

"I further believe every loyal Dallasite should back our Mayor and committee in their efforts to secure justice in this respect or take whatever steps may be necessary to enlarge Love Field or if necessary construct an entirely new airport for Dallas, so as to allow our National Government use of Love Field in this national crisis."

Lawther long has been one of the leaders in helping Dallas reach its dominant position in aviation, by helping develop Love Field originally and by serving on Dallas Chamber of Commerce and other groups vitally interested in other

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moves to keep abreast of the times.

Sentiment seemed to be growing around the city hall and among citizens generally that Dallas should take steps immediately to develop an airport nearer the city instead of going further away than Love Field now is. Many said they believed a field should be developed for the future that can accommodate the largest types of passenger and commercial planes and still be within five or ten minutes of the downtown district, possibly leaving Love Field to be used after the war for local traffic and service facilities.

Mayor Rodgers and most of the committee will return at noon Thursday. Full reports on Washington developments will be made at the City Council meeting at 2 p.m. Friday and then Dallas is expected to shift into high gear with future aviation plans.