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Dallas and Ft. Worth Feuding Over Texas Airport Situation

FORT WORTH—Remember the historic feuding of the Hatfields and the McCoys?

That was small-time neighborhood wrangling compared to a multi-million dollar feud now going on down here.

The Texas Plains twin cities of Dallas and Ft. Worth are hopping mad at each other over the present airport situation.

Dallas folks are scarcely speaking to Ft. Worth folks. When they do speak, they're liable to yell.

It all started over Ft. Worth's new \$25 million airport, just opened.

For years there were efforts to have Dallas and Ft. Worth join

forces to establish a new airport, for both cities, midway between them.

Dallas wouldn't play. So Ft. Worth went ahead on its own. It was spurred considerably by Amon G. Carter, newspaper publisher and one of the nation's foremost boosters of aviation.

Dallas is snubbing the new air terminal as best it can. Some of the snubbing is substantial. Certain Dallas airline customers won't ship air freight out of the

new field, and won't board planes there.

Dallas also is getting ready to vastly enlarge its own airport, Love Field.

Dallas wouldn't take part in the official opening of the new Ft. Worth terminal.

It's worth seeing.

It has 6400-foot runways and room for lengthening them to 12,000 feet later. It has space at the terminal building for parking 17 four-engined planes at a time. It has an underground gasoline system, so that there are no fuel trucks racing about.

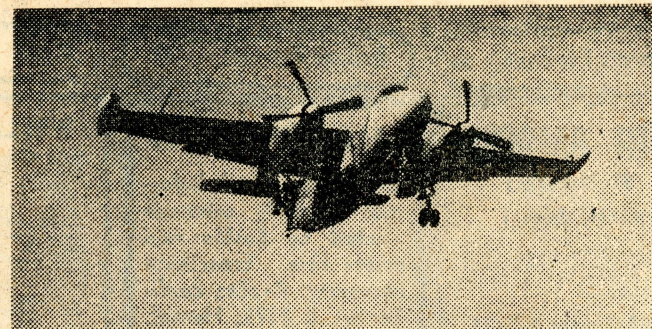
The building itself is one of the world's finest. It has a 180-

foot long, high ceilinged lobby. The furniture is custom built, and the place looks more like the interior of a luxury hotel than an airport building.

There are rest rooms, a ladies' and children's room with a hostess on duty; shower baths, beauty parlor, private dining rooms, barber shop, gift shop, drug store, coffee shop and other inviting facilities.

American Airlines has installed an Admirals Club for its patrons, plus an Amon Carter suite for VIPs. Carter is an American Airlines director.

Passengers using this airport



SEA-GOING BOMBER—This is the new North American AJ-2 Savage, making its first flight recently at Columbus, O. The Navy expects to use it as a carrier-based atom bomber.

will be made happy by one fancy innovation.

An air conditioning plant sends cold air through underground pipes to the plane parking apron. The cold air is squirted into air-

liners waiting under the broiling Texas sun.

Still lacking is an airport post-office. Dallas won that round. The postal department would not move its facility over to the new field from Dallas.