

# DC-3 Retired From Service In Ceremony

Flagship Fort Worth, a gleaming silver DC-3, joined the American Airlines mothball fleet at 9:37 p. m. Thursday.

The airlines' last DC-3, parked nose-to-nose with a lower-slung, bigger twin-engined Convair, was taken from service formally in a ceremony at Municipal Airport.

"It's a victim of service only," M. D. Miller, regional vice president in charge of sales, emphasized.

"It's only fitting that this historical event should take place in Texas," he added, "and that this DC-3 should end its service in Fort Worth where the DC-3 began service in 1936.

## Fort Worth Still Flies

"Although this DC-3 is leaving the fleet, I'm proud to say that the name of Fort Worth is still flying with the line." He pointed to the Convair.

"Hereafter Flagship Fort Worth will be this Convair."

The 18 passengers who came into Fort Worth from El Paso on the DC-3 posed for newspaper and television photographers, then watched as Miller made presentations to Amon Carter and William Holden, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Carter was given a letter of greeting from R. F. Momsen, chairman of the El Paso Aviation Committee, and a leather plaque with the retiring DC-3's nameplate on it.

## Receives Plaque

"We of American Airlines are proud to present you with this plaque which was placed in the ship when it came from the factory," Miller said.

"I'll cherish the plaque in appreciation of what the DC-3 has done for American Airlines," Carter replied. "The DC-3 is what helped make American Airlines the great line that it is."

Then Carter hauled down the triangular blue pennant above the cockpit with a cord. He called it "a fine souvenir that I'll cherish."

Aided by the stewardess, Miss Margaret Van Bibber of 1006 W. Bowie, Carter sealed the old plane's door with adhesive tape.

Holden received a scroll containing the names of the passengers and crew on the final flight.

## Board Convair

Passengers after the ceremony climbed aboard the gleaming Convair to continue their flight to Tulsa, Okla.

Art Fox of Eagle Mountain Lake, captain of the ship, looked at his plane, sighed wistfully and remarked: "It's a wonderful airplane."

Pretty, brown-haired Miss Van Bibber said the last flight was "a big thrill."

"I hate to see them gone," she said, "but I'm looking forward to some wonderful things in the '60s and Convairs."

First officer was Pat Preston of 3631 South Hills.

The letter from Momsen to Carter stated:

"Greetings from El Paso on an historic occasion.

"This letter is being flown from El Paso to Fort Worth on American Airlines Flight 794, the last DC-3 passenger flight on the company's far-flung system.

"The DC-3 is being retired only because it is a victim of progress, and will be replaced by the speedier Convair, which will bring our cities closer together in so far as air transportation is concerned.

"Our city is proud that the passing of the 'Workhorse of the Air' from service on American Airlines should take place between El Paso and Fort Worth."



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

**"WORKHORSE" RETIRED**—Flag on the American Airlines Flagship Fort Worth is lowered by Amon Carter as the DC-3, "workhorse" of the lines is officially taken out of service. Left to right, Capt. Art Fox, pilot; Stewardess Margaret Van Bibber, M. D. Miller, vice president of American; Carter and William Holden, Chamber of Commerce vice president.

## Mrs. Jeff Terrell, 76, Dies in Paris Home

Mrs. Jeff Terrell, 76, former house mother at Texas Christian University, died at her home in Paris, Thursday after a long illness.

Mrs. Terrell was a TCU house mother for seven years. She was a charter member of Joseph Ligon Chapter, DAR, in Paris.

Surviving are two sons, George I. Terrell of Houston and John J. Terrill of San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. I. H. Waggoner and Mrs. O. W. Boswell, both of Paris; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted in Paris Friday afternoon.

## ATLANTIC

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ference Thursday by a reporter. The newspaperman quoted a report that Taft is opposed to the pact and thinks a majority of the Senate will be also.

Truman replied that he had no way of telling what Taft thinks but believes he is wrong. The president predicted the Senate will ratify the treaty. He previously has declared he believes the alliance will discourage any potential aggressor.

Another question regarding arms aid to the European members was raised in the Senate Thursday.

Senator Jenner of Indianapolis contended American military supplies would be lost if they were sent to a country which later fell under Communist control.

"We always have to run that risk," Senator Lodge of Massachusetts replied. "The question is which is the best gamble—to supply our friends and allies or not to supply them at all."

## RIVER OAKS

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ticket, Ryno said, he was told in vulgar language that the officers would place him in jail.

Ryno said he asked that he be allowed to take his car to his home, a short distance away, and inform his wife of what had happened. The officers, he said, refused his request. When the trio reached City Hall, he added, he asked that he be allowed to see a lawyer and make bond.

Ryno quoted Dailey as saying: "See the chief."

Dailey testified that when Ryno refused to sign the ticket he was told it would be necessary for the officers to take him to headquarters. He quoted Ryno as saying: "Just take me down."

At City Hall, Dailey continued, Ryno was told he would have to make bond if he did not sign the ticket, and he refused to make bond, saying he did not have "that kind of money to spend" on a traffic ticket.

At no time did Ryno ask to see or call his wife, make bond or call a lawyer, said Dailey.

Dillard also has been indicted on the same charge. A similar indictment returned against River Oaks Police Chief Fred Heiser was dismissed by Judge McGee on motion of the district attorney.

## FLIER KILLED

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Worth and a Polytechnic High School graduate.

Surviving besides his wife, sons and parents are three sisters, Mrs. T. J. Benton Jr., Mrs. T. H. White-



The fox has been hunted in Eng-

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