

LEE TO REPRESENT C. A. A. AS AIRPORT EXECUTIVES MEET

F. B. Lee, deputy administrator of the CAA, will replace CAA Administrator Charles Horne on the program of the American Association of Airport Executives convention opening Sunday at Hotel Texas. Lee will arrive at Meacham Field Sunday night from Washington.

Horne is a member of the three-man presidential airport commission headed by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle which is in-

vestigating airport safety. He was at Grand Prairie Naval Air Station Saturday with the commission hearing Fort Worth and Dallas officials on the airport safety situation in this area.

Lee will be accompanied on his flight from Washington by G. R. Gaillard, director of the Office of Aviation Defense Requirements.

Other CAA Sunday arrivals will be Phillips Moore, director of the Office of Airports; Paul Morris, chief of the operation division, Office of Airports, and G. H. Borsari, Morris' deputy, all of Washington.

Directors Meet.

Directors of the airport executives group, largest aviation body in the nation, met Saturday in close session to complete arrangements for the 25th annual meeting, which will run through Thursday.

Most of the more than 300 airport managers, executives, civic and federal officials, and aviation leaders, both civilian and military, expected to attend the sessions are due to register Sunday. Registration booths will open in the Hotel Texas lobby at 3 p. m. Sunday. First business session is at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

The problem of airport safety, keynoted by the shutting down of the Newark Airport, will be one of the major considerations of the meeting.

Other important matters which will come under scrutiny will be military activation of civil airports, plans for future airport development, the role of civil aviation in a war economy and airport security in these times of international tension.

A resolution on airport safety, requested by General Doolittle will come out of the convention here, Walter E. Betsworth of Waterloo, Iowa, president of the association, announced.

Among Speakers.

Speakers include Donald W. Nyrop, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board; Moore, Paul Butler, administrator of Defense Air Transportation Administration; Gaillard and Morris,

Also Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, commanding general of the Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Brig. Gen. Harold R. Maddox, director of the Office of Air Bases, U. S. Air Force, Washington; Jerome Lederer, director of Flight Safety Foundation, New York City; Capt. M. T. Gonzaulas, retired Texas

Ranger; Gil Robb Wilson, editor of Flying Magazine, New York City, W. J. McGraw, Dallas; George Haddaway, Dallas, editor and publisher, Southern Flight Magazine; Joseph K. McLaughlin, director of aeronautics for the State of Illinois; Emory Cox, commissioner of parks, Wichita, Kan.; R. W. F. Schmidt, manager, Tucson Airport Authority, and Amon Garter.

Holden to Make Report.

A report on the history and development of Fort Worth Greater International Airport will be made Wednesday morning by William Holden, executive vice president and general manager of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Convention visitors will tour the Bell Aircraft plant and the Greater Fort Worth International Airport later Wednesday morning and a luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday in the dining room of the airport's terminal building.

Carter will be presented at the luncheon and will introduce the speaker, McGraw, former Texas attorney general. Wilson will speak at a banquet Wednesday night.

The convention will close with a morning session Thursday.

Gruenther Gets Buildup By Connally

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP). Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther Saturday got the indorsement of veteran Senator Connally of Texas as commander of the North Atlantic army in Western Europe if General Eisenhower leaves the post.

"I favor him," Connally told a reporter when asked about Gruenther. "He's a very capable man, most able to carry out Eisenhower's plans. He knows more about the situation than any other man."

Gruenther, who is Eisenhower's chief of staff, left by plane Friday to return to Paris after a whirlwind week of testifying before four congressional committees on the foreign aid program.

(In Paris Gruenther said Saturday he had had "no serious discussion" with congressmen about his possible succession to Eisenhower's job.

"They asked me just a few joking questions about when Ike was coming home but there was no serious discussion of the subject," the general said.)

Connally is chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee—one of the groups working on the administration's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid bill for the fiscal year starting July

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