

COUNTY CURBS HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS NEAR PITTSBURGH AIRPORT

Commissioners of Allegheny County, Penn., this month adopted a zoning ordinance restricting the height of buildings within a three-mile radius of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. First plan was to limit the height of buildings, trees, and plants to a two-mile radius, but county aviation experts advised extending the area to minimize interference with flight of planes. The code also affects the use to which buildings more than 25 feet high are to be put.

Meanwhile, officials of nearby Moon Twp. contended that shops at the airport terminal were competing with township firms, thereby making the county liable for real estate taxes. The township solicitor asked in an appeal that the county-owned building and its land be shifted from the tax exempt to the taxable list since Allegheny County got \$633,000 income from the property last year.

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MICH. ASSN. HITS DISTRIBUTION OF AIRPORT FUNDS

The Michigan Association of Airport Managers is urging the state legislature to revise Michigan's system of allocating funds for airfield construction, contending that a dozen communities have indicated they will pledge matching funds if they can be assured equitable allocation of state monies.

Frank Pittenger, manager of the Muskegon airport and head of the association, said the present formula tends to "funnel" funds to "one or two favored locations at the whim of a partisan (state aeronautics) commission." Airport construction funds have come from a tax on aviation gas and from federal and state appropriations, but action of the federal government in withdrawing support from local airport projects makes it urgent that a new formula be found for distribution of state funds for airport work, Pittenger said.

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BIDS UNDER STUDY FOR HOTEL AT L.A. INTERNATIONAL

The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners has under study six proposals to construct and operate a hotel on a five-acre site at the entrance of the city's international airport. Final selection won't be made for several weeks yet, board advises. Construction of the hotel is to be at the expense of the hotel operator. The city will receive rental from the ground lease and a percentage of the gross income from the hotel operation.

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JERSEY DEPOT SET UP AS LINK WITH N.Y. AREA AIRPORTS

An airlines depot to serve north New Jersey air travelers went into operation earlier this month near Teterboro, N.J. (Rt. 17 adjacent to Teterboro Airport). Terminal provides limousine service to La Guardia, Idlewild, and Newark, sells airline tickets for delivery anywhere in northern part of state, and offers free parking to air passengers from time of departure to return. It is operated by Walter E. Lapp, who has been in the motor transport business in Bergen County for a number of years.

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CHICAGO FIRM LANDS CONCESSION AT S.F.'S NEW TERMINAL

A 15-year lease to operate the restaurant concession at San Francisco airport's new terminal, scheduled to open next summer, has been awarded to the Interstate Co., of Chicago, high bidder. The concession will include bars and catering of food for the airlines. The airport restaurant is expected to gross more than \$2 million a year.

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CAB TUESDAY AUTHORIZED Trans-Canada Air Lines to use Kinross Airport, Mich., in serving Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on otherwise wholly-Canadian operations. At same time necessary authorization was issued for carrier's use of Tampa, Fla., as a non-traffic stop on Montreal-Mexico City flights as of Jan. 2.

BILL CALLS FOR STATE OPERATION OF CITY AIRPORT

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has before it a bill to take over, maintain, and operate Richard F. Condon Airport, field owned by the city of Lawrence. The measure also calls for the state to sell at public or private sale bonds to an amount not exceeding \$250,000 for immediate development of the airstrip. Bill was filed by Rep. John C. Bresnahan of South Lawrence.

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AIRPORT NOTES

(Terminal building and areas)

Administration building under construction at McCook (Neb.) Municipal should be ready for use in February.

Airport building at McCarran Field, Nev., is being enlarged to provide more offices and baggage handling facilities. Job will cost \$65,000.

Work starts soon on \$320,000 project to expand administration building at Lovell Field, Tenn. Federal government is putting up half of cost with the state and Chattanooga splitting the balance.

New \$305,000 airport terminal building at Colorado Springs, Colo., already in operation, will be formally dedicated Jan. 15.

(Runways, taxiways, other paving)

The 10,015 foot runway at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal, made by extending an old runway 2200 feet, is now in operation.

Construction starts next week on a 900-foot runway extension for Hot Springs (Ark.) Memorial Field. Job is costing between \$50,000 and \$75,000 with city paying two thirds, county the balance.

The city of Vicksburg, Miss., rejected all bids for repaving and additions to municipal airport.

(Miscellaneous)

A new hangar is going up at Lancaster (Pa.) Municipal. Cost: \$31,000. It will house 10 aircraft.

At Oakland (Calif.) Municipal conversations of both pilots and controllers will soon be transcribed as a matter of routine--for reference in the event of accident investigation or dispute. Recorders are now being installed in the control tower and should be in operation in February.

A Minneapolis firm is building a hangar at Sioux City (Ia.) Airport. Cost is \$49,768.

Two new refueling pits are in operation at Austin Straubel Field, Green Bay, Wis., with the installation of two 5000-gallon capacity gasoline tanks giving the field a capacity of 20,000 gallons of storage.

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WILLIAM H. NICHOLS, mgr. of Orange County (Calif.) Airport and president of the California Association of Airport Executives, has been enrolled in the National Association of Airport Executives.

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