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FT. WORTH TO BREAK GROUND FOR NEW PLANT

PATRIOTIC SETTING MARKS BEGINNING OF PLANE FAC- TORY PROJECT

Fort Worth, April 18. (AP).—In a patriotic setting, Fort Worth was to break ground this afternoon for the \$10,000,000 Consolidated Aircraft bomber assembly plant at Lake Worth that will give the city a major role in the production of bomber planes for national defense.

A bunting-draped platform near the center line of the site of the plant's biggest building, and just west of the field office set up for army engineers who will supervise the construction project, was the scene of the ground-breaking ceremonies at 3 p. m.

High-ranking army, navy, air corps and aviation officials were arriving this morning to join Fort Worth citizens in launching the project.

Notables on Hand.

Among the early arrivals were Col. George E. Lovell of Fort Sam Houston, representing the Eighth Corps Area, and Col. William B. Wright, commander of the Merid-

ian, Miss., air base. Colonel Wright was here as representative of Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of general headquarters of the Army Air Corps.

A bombing plane from Randolph Field was to land at the municipal airport during the morning with Brig. Gen. G. C. Brent, commander of the gulf coast air corps training center, and members of his staff. The officers accompanying him will include Lieut. Col. R. K. Simpson, medical officer; Lieut. Col. H. W. Holden, executive officer; Maj. J. R. Morgan, director of training, and Maj. C. R. Storrie, assistant director of training.

Most of the group were here earlier in the week to inspect prospective sites for an air corps pilot training base here.

Guests Entertained.

On his way here from Corpus Christi as naval representative at the ceremonies was Capt. Alva D. Barnhard, commandant of the Corpus Christi naval air station.

One of the leading aviation representatives due for the program was T. E. Braniff of Oklahoma City, president of Braniff Airways, Inc.

The visiting officials were guests of Chamber of Commerce directors at an informal luncheon at noon. They were afterwards to be escorted in a body to the scene of the ground-breaking.

With A. A. Lund, Chamber of Commerce president, opening the program and Amos Carter acting as master of ceremonies, the nine speakers will step from the platform and turn a shovelful of earth to mark the beginning of the project.