

# Airport Solution

## —Work Together

At last an intelligent voice is heard above these years of contention over two adjacent airports. In Saturday's evening edition Amon Carter Jr. is quoted as saying these commendable things:

(1) That the two cities should not regard their aviation problems "in terms of a squabble" (which is what we have foolishly been doing); (2) that we should lift our sights and see that "the important thing is to get a regional airport to serve both cities"; (3) that he is "agreeable to having another airport built" if Dallas is unwilling to use Carter Field for its jet air service; (4) with fine magnanimity, he is willing to change the name of Carter Field if that stands in the way of Dallas' co-operation; and (5), his most strategic suggestion, that "if Dallas and Fort Worth got together" and worked out their future airport needs with factual intelligence, "they could compete successfully with Houston as a center of air operations."

It should not take much statistical evidence to show that both Dallas and Fort Worth will be losers in the jet air transportation age now on our doorstep if something like Mr. Carter's suggestions are not carried out. The potential volume of overseas air travel in this North Texas area is sufficient, if concentrated at one convenient central airport, to attract non-stop jet air service from this airport to the main centers of Western Europe. And as for changing the name of such an airport why not call it the Carter-Dealey International Airport. Each of these two late gentlemen, who were newspaper publishers and civic builders in their respective cities, are worthy of this dual honor.

Let's bury the hatchet and get out the compressed-air hammers.

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