

# THE NATIONAL AIR COUNCIL



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SPECIAL MEMORANDUM: All Members

SUBJECT: Election of Officers  
Report on Affiliated Organizations

## C. S. (CASEY) JONES ELECTED PRESIDENT

Charles S. (Casey) Jones, president of the Academy of Aeronautics and one of the best-known figures in aviation since World War I, was elected president of the National Air Council at a meeting of the Council's Executive Board of Managers on Friday, March 9th.

The Board also elected E. R. Boots, of the U. S. Steel Corporation, to the post of treasurer of the Council and member of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Jones, an honor graduate of Middlebury College, enlisted in the Air Corps in June 1917, took flying instruction at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, went to France in October 1917, graduated from the Pursuit School at Issoudan and was an instructor until July 1918, when he was ordered to the front. He served with the French Escadrille, SPAD 96 until November, when he returned to the United States to be discharged two months later.

Mr. Jones then became associated with the Curtiss Corporation and eventually became vice president of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, remaining with that organization until 1931. During the 1920s, he was extremely active in racing and for a period of eight years competed in all the National Air Races, winning events in Kansas City, Omaha, Detroit, St. Louis, Dayton, Philadelphia and Chicago.

In 1931, Mr. Jones organized the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, specialising in the training of airplane mechanics and aeronautical engineers.

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Later he became president of the Academy of Aeronautics, a similar school. During World War II, these two schools trained more than 17,000 U. S. Army Air Force students.

Mr. Jones has been identified with numerous aviation organizations throughout his career and has for the past year been president of the Wings Club in New York. He was one of the original organizers of the National Air Council, which was formerly the Air Power League, and has until his election to the presidency served it as a manager and treasurer.

TEN AVIATION GROUPS NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE COUNCIL

It was reported to the Board of Managers at the meeting on March 9th by Charles D. Frazer, executive vice president, that ten leading aviation associations are now affiliate members of the Council, eight of them having joined within the past four months. These groups represent a total of more than 15,000 individual members throughout the country who are interested in the advancement of civil and military aviation.

The associations who are thus cooperating in the formulation and support of national air policy are:

Aeronautical Training Society  
Air Freight Association  
Air Transport Association of America  
Aviation Distributors & Manufacturers Association  
Corporation Aircraft Owners Association  
National Aeronautic Association  
National Association of State Aviation Officials  
National Aviation Trades Association  
National Flying Farmers Association  
University Aviation Association

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