

Love Field Expansion Planned by City as Reply to Midway Battle

Other Airports Also to Be Sought To Keep Dallas as Skyway Capital

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Vast and immediate plans to expand Love Field, survey sites for new airports and to create a master aviation plan for Dallas were announced by Mayor Woodall Rodgers Thursday on his return from Washington and the battle of Midway Airport.

Not much longer will Dallas wait on aviation, said Mayor Rodgers, emphasizing that Dallas is entitled to a definite decision without delay from Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones on the building plans for Midway Airport near Euless in Tarrant County.

"We were given an excellent hearing by Secretary Jones and the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Washington," said Mayor Rodgers, "but we think we are entitled to a speedy ruling so we can lay our own plans."

Survey of Love Field.

In the next few days a survey of Love Field by experts will be made with expansion in mind, said Mayor Rodgers. The aviation committee, headed by Nathan Adams, that presented Dallas' case to federal officials will be a continuing body and quick plans will be formulated for work that will cement Dallas as the air capital of the Southwest.

Further, aviation will be only a part of a great master plan for Dallas that will bring in many improvements, said Rodgers. While in St. Louis Wednesday, he talked with Mayor W. D. Becker regarding that city's air plans and also to gain other planning ideas.

It was learned that Rodgers had attempted to confer with Harland Bartholomew, one of the outstanding city planners of the nation, with an overall improvement program for Dallas in mind.

Meanwhile, Mayor Rodgers said surveys would be made soon on possible sites for one or more additional air fields for Dallas—all to be tied into aerial improvement plans in co-operation with CAA authorities.

To Seek Other Air Lines.

It was hinted, also, that efforts would be made to bring other air lines into Dallas, due to the heavy patronage.

"We must prepare now for any contingency on the decision to be rendered on Midway Airport by Secretary Jones and the CAA," said Rodgers. "If we don't get our request for neutral location of the building we shall go right ahead for the protection of our own patrons."

The Mayor said some sources in Washington and competent engineers also advised that Midway Airport, around which the Dallas-Fort Worth controversy has swirled, may

be entirely outmoded by the end of the war because of short runways and other structural features.

"That information was disappointing and discouraging to us,"

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Red Cross Slates Last Report Rally

Campaign forces of Dallas' American Red Cross 1943 War Fund appeal will gather for their last report rally Friday noon at the Athletic Club, bringing with them all returns collected up to that hour to make the last lap toward goal.

Thursday the fund stood at \$447,182, or 78.9 per cent of the \$566,500 figure Dallas has pledged to give. Teams were combing their territories to bring in all delinquent collections to cover the final 20 per cent needed to reach the top.

"This money is here and Dallas people want to see their Red Cross War Fund raised in full," General Chairman J. M. Moroney declared. "If all business houses which have undertaken their own collections had finished their reports by now, the goal would have already been reached. We recognize the shortage of manpower and busy office schedules that have delayed many from completing their tasks in the campaign, but we can't ask our men fighting this war to wait for the help they need from the home front. The job must be finished in full. Dallas cannot fail to reach her pledged objective while other towns around us are going over their goals. We urge all workers to be at the Friday meeting and to bring in their complete reports."

Dr. George W. Truett will deliver the invocation at the meeting. Chapter Chairman B. F. McLain will call for reports by sections.

Women volunteers took in hand Thursday the collection of gifts from people not reached through organized team solicitations. Booths set up in forty downtown buildings, including banks, department stores, hotel lobbies and other busy centers, were receiving gratifying amounts from passersby who had not been reached at office or home.

For all people who are saying "I haven't been asked yet to contribute," the booth collections provide their channel for giving, Moroney emphasized.

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said Mayor Rodgers, "for we had genuinely hoped for a super airport that would anticipate needs for the next twenty-five years."

No Compromise Wanted.

Such information further accelerated Dallas' thinking along lines of developing existing facilities," he said.

The City of Dallas owns property near Love Field extending back to Bachman's Lake and unofficial surveys have shown that present runways of 4,700 feet could be lengthened to 6,500 or 7,000 feet.

Meanwhile, sentiment grew that Dallas would not accept a compromise on locations of the building areas at Midway Airport, but would pitch into a development program of its own in the belief that Civil Aeronautics officials will permit retention of Love Field for commercial purposes.

No definite sites were mentioned as possibilities for other municipal airports in Dallas County, but progress of aviation would demand two, possibly three, airports in this county, members of the committee agreed.

The fifteen-man businessmen's committee returned in an aviation frame of mind and will continue to work with the city and county on any developments, said Chairman Adams.