

Wien Air to Expand Facilities

As a result of the latest in a series of planning meetings for the anticipated needs of their forthcoming merger, Sigurd Wien, President of Wien Alaska Airlines, and Raymond L. Petersen, President of Northern Consolidated Airlines, this week announced a construction program for expanded hangar and cargo facilities in Fairbanks.

Approximately \$350,000 will be spent this summer in the construction of additions to the existing hangar facility in Fairbanks. The present hangar is not deep enough to accommodate the Boeing 737 arriving in the fall of this year.

There will also be the need for additional hangar space as Fairbanks will become the maintenance base for the eventual fleet of six twin turbine aircraft of the Skyvan and Twin Otter type.

Mr. Wien and Mr. Petersen both stated this bears out their original contention that the resulting merger will require an increase rather than a decrease in facilities and personnel in Fairbanks.

At present the Wien Alaska Airlines yearly gross payroll in the Fairbanks area is \$3,366,787 and its local purchases amount to \$2,255,000.

Although it is anticipated that there will be some shifting of personnel this will have no effect on the anticipated increases in the total staff in Fairbanks.

A program for expansion of cargo and hangar facilities is also planned for Juneau and Anchorage.

In order to meet the requirements of the forthcoming tourist season and other expanded activities on our system this summer, additional aircraft will be acquired until the arrival of the Boeing 737s.

Honest vulgarity is far preferable to phony sophistication.

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