



TWIN OTTER—Sig Wien, president of Wien Air Alaska, is holding open the cockpit door of the new Twin Otter aircraft the company acquired from the factory of the De Havilland aircraft company in Toronto, Canada. Sitting at the pilot seat is Bob

Shinn, chief pilot of the Wien Air, who flew the new aircraft from Canada this week. The Otter will service villages operating out of Nome and Kotzebue.

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Wien Air Twin Otter To Service Northwest

Northwest Alaska bush areas are now in the process of being served by a new aircraft—the Twin Otter of the Wien Air Alaska.

The new plane was delivered this week by the Wien Air chief pilot, Bob Shinn, who flew the aircraft from the factory of the De Havilland in Toronto, Canada.

"We are bringing about a new type of service for the bush areas of Alaska," said Sig Wien, president of Wien Air. "I wish we had these years ago when I was flying the bush. This is going to be a big improvement in servicing the rural areas."

The latest of the two Twin Otters Wien Air acquired will be operating out of Nome and Kotzebue. Out of Kotzebue, the plane will service such villages as Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Noorvik, Shungnak and other villages.

Out of Nome, it will go to St. Lawrence Island, south to Unalakleet area villages and west to Cape Prince of

Wales, Teller, Shishmaref and other rural stops.

The aircraft is powered by two TP 6 turbine engines. Its freighting capacity is 4,000 pounds. It can carry 19 passengers and has a cruising speed of 180 miles per hour.

The Twin Otter is well suited for bush operation because it can land on strips 1,000 feet or 1,500 feet in distance. It has an added safety factor of having more than one engine.

It is fully equipped with instruments. It can be equipped either with wheels or skis for landing in the Alaska bush.

Sig Wien also said that the company is planning to acquire a Skyvan for specialized service in the outlying areas. This aircraft will be able to handle things like jeeps and other unwieldy items.

The company hopes to put this aircraft in service around the early part of June.