

Wien Air, Northern Consolidated Merge

A merger of Northern Consolidated Airlines, Inc. and Wien Alaska Airlines, Inc. has been announced by Raymond I. Peterson and Sigurd Wien, presidents of the two airlines.

The merger will form the largest of the Alaska based air carriers, with an initial net worth of over \$7 million. Both companies were formed by pioneer bush pilots, who are now the presidents of the merging airlines.

The new airline will serve more Alaska points than any other airline—over 150 communities—with over 8500 route miles and cover a territory of about 500,000 square miles.

The routes of the two airlines in general do not compete with each other, and the combined service will include Juneau, Whitehorse, Barrow and the rest of the Arctic Slope, Nome, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Valleys, and Cook

Inlet.

The two presidents say the combined service will allow increased efficiency and will make possible improved service to improve the entire Alaska air transportation system.

They add that they anticipate no changes in staff or reductions in personnel.

The agreement is subject to approval by various interests, including the directors and stockholders of each airline and the Civil Aeronautics Board. This is expected within six months; until then, each company will operate as an individual airline.