

Alaska Air Carriers to hear Ernest Gann

"Accidents are No Accident" is the theme of the 1977 Annual Convention of the Alaska Air Carriers Association which gets under way February 24th in Anchorage at the Captain Cook Hotel. Highlights of the three days of seminars and meetings will be a day-long aviation safety program presented by Dr. Chaytor P. Mason, Associate Professor of Aerospace Safety at

the Safety Center of the University of Southern California, and a renowned safety psychologist; aircraft maintenance and technical seminars featuring presentations from several of the nation's aviation manufacturing companies and aviation component suppliers; and a day of discussions with federal and state aviation agencies about such things as satellite weather

reporting and communications; airport maintenance and certification; and federal regulations.

Keynote speaker of this year's meeting is A. Martin Macy Vice President of Operations for the Commuter Airline Association of America, who, along with Webster B. Todd, Jr., Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, will help Alaska's aviation industry zero in on loss prevention during the three-day meeting. Macy's address will concern federal safety regulations of commuters and air taxi's, present and proposed, and will be during lunch Thursday, February 24th. Todd will be the main guest speaker of

the convention at a Friday luncheon, the 25th. Both the Thursday and Friday luncheons are open to the public.

In conjunction with this year's Convention, the 11th for the Air Carriers, an aviation trade show is scheduled, also at the Captain Cook. Manufacturers and suppliers to the aviation industry in Alaska will participate in this show and have booths explaining their services to aviation in the display area.

Members of the Alaska Air Carriers Association and other air operators in the state will be coming from all over Alaska to take part in the meetings. There are 212 certified air

carriers in the state. Activities start Thursday morning, the 24th, at 9:30, with a general membership session. Early registration is encouraged and the registration will be open Wednesday at 3:00 P.M., and each day from 8:30 A.M.

The Alaska Air Carriers Association was founded 11 years ago to promote aviation safety and professionalism in the air carrier industry in Alaska, to promote the air transportation system, educate those engaged in air transportation in Alaska on matters affecting operations, safety facilities and devices, and the laws governing aviation.

Members will hear reports from the 12-member Board of Directors and their Executive Director at business sessions Thursday and Saturday, about the activities of the Association over the past year. All interested in aviation in Alaska, both members and non-members of the Air Carriers Association, are invited to take part in the Convention. All activities are scheduled for the Captain Cook Hotel and will kick off with a reception Wednesday evening in the Trade Show display hall. The climax will come with the annual banquet Saturday evening, the 26th, at which noted aviation novelist and screen writer, Ernest K. Gann, will be a special guest.

Further information on the Convention and the seminar sessions may be had by calling the Air Carriers Association in Anchorage at 277-4886.