

**New Jenny—**

# **Wien-Consolidated Buys 737-200C**

Northern Consolidated Airlines and Wien Air Alaska purchased another 737-200C.

The purchase of a third 727-200C twin jet airliner was announced jointly yesterday by Northern Consolidated Airlines President Ray I. Petersen and Wien Air Alaska President Sigurd Wien.

The two carriers now in process of merging will take delivery of the third twin jet in July 1969 at a cost of over 4 million dollars.

In the planned configuration the aircraft will carry up to 113 passengers or when used for cargo service will transport more than 31,500 pounds.

The 111,000 pound jet airliner is powered by two Pratt and Whitney JT8D-9 turbo fan engines, each with 14,500 pounds of thrust and will cruise at 580 miles per hour.

The merging of the two veteran Alaskan airlines when approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board will create a single airline providing complete domestic service to the 155 points within Alaska now being served by the two carriers.

The 737-200C will make this service even more

modern, efficient and economical. Planned improvements, to cost about 20 million dollars including the Boeing jets, will give the merged airlines a total fleet of approximately 30 aircraft all based in Alaska.

Wien has also filed with the C.A.B. for an Alaska Midwest route. Wien Alaska Airlines was organized in 1924 when Noel and Ralph purchased an old Jenny.

Northern Consolidated was the result of a 1946 amalgamation of six certified bush operators including Bristol Bay Air Service, Dodson Air Service, Gillam Airways, Ray Petersen Flying Service, Northern Airways, and Walatka Air Service in operation since the early thirties.

"The acquisition of another Boeing 737-200C will allow the merged company to provide an even higher level of service and to do it more economically," said Petersen.

Wien added, "Three such aircraft will not only insure better Intra-Alaska route coverage in the near future, they will give us the expansion capability we need for long term increased operations."