

Jackson Lauds Aviation Division For Quick Terminal Construction

Barry Jackson, Democratic candidate for state representative, commended the State Division of Aviation for its recognition of the need for quick construction of the new terminal at Fairbanks International Airport.

In remarks delivered at the Democratic Luncheon Club today, Jackson gave approval to the Republican administration's plan to begin construction in May of a two-story terminal and urged that completion be scheduled for December 1969, and in any event prior to the 1970 tourist season.

Jackson said, "I have asked the Director, Harry Wakefield, to make single season construction a design requirement, and he is considering this, although he is concerned that a crash program might be too expensive. Also, Mr. Wakefield has suggested making an early completion date an alternate on the bid."

Jackson said that the tentative time-table, assuming President Johnson approves a Fairbanks Great Circle Route for Pan American, calls for immediate selection of architects, advertisement of the project in early spring, a bid award and sale of revenue bonds in early May, and groundbreaking before the end of May, 1969.

Jackson added, "I have urged as have others, that the architects maintain close liaison with the airlines and other users during all stages of the design. We must have a building that is relatively inexpensive, economical to operate and maintain, which can be expanded alter, and which meets the needs of the airlines and users.

"The Division of Aviation recognizes this need for liaison,

so I am hopeful we may be able to avoid designing mistakes into the plans."

"President Johnson," Jackson continues, "is expected to announce the Trans-Pacific Route Case decision either during the next thirty days or, as is more likely, in early January. Pan American has prepared its schedules and will be able to begin service soon after the case is decided. We must be prepared to handle the flights this winter."

"Our prospects," concluded Jackson, "look very good, as in 1960. I hope we will not again be disappointed, as we were when President Eisenhower disapproved Pan American award in January 1961 upon leaving office."