

New Washington Airport

Some time ago I suggested that there is a story in the new Washington airport, which compares with the world's best in capacity, modernity, importance, etc. Within a few days I will do a short memo on it, accompanying it with Army Air Corps photos which are available in abundance. There is a fascinating but simple story of how, in the construction of the airport, the borrow of the river was sucked up and dried out, the remains, silt and gravel, forming the airport today. As a matter of fact, this has worked out so well that the customary settling of the ground has not happened here. When I got in touch with Mr. Ottenstein to get copies of the June book he also suggested this story, and he says to say he thinks it is "wonderful". Evidently Mr. O. must have driven past the airport while it was being constructed. It will open in the near future.

The CAA and Army Air Corps will both cooperate and if you are interested in any pictures they don't have (and I don't think there can be any pictures you might want that they don't have) they'll cooperate either by taking them or giving permission to take them and helping in any other way.

This is some airport. It is also important in the nat def program today. Another importance is that it serves to insure the lives of Cong. and govt people, etc., who have to use airplanes and whose lives are jeopardized everytime they use the present, unsafe one.