

LETTERS TO... THE EDITOR

Editor Dear Sirs: There are lots of suckers in the world and I am the biggest. My business is aviation, not politics, and my life and interest for more than two decades have been devoted to the development of aviation and private flying. During the last war when flying over this Flight Strip, it occurred to me that there was an ideal, naturally situated spot that could bring to reality a dream for the private flyer. Ideas began to formulate and plans took shape in the way of drawings, photographs, maps, etc.

but things had to get started if the "dream" were to materialize. The first and most important job was to clear up the place and remove fire hazards from all over the place, and to establish order and organization from the then existing wild chaos. The results soon began to show as the class of tenants and airplanes improved steadily. That was a good response and very satisfying. I was very happy the day I was able to personally deliver the "quit-claim" deed into the hands of the City, as I felt that now development could really start. I completed drawing up the Master Plan which was approved by the CAA. I did not yet have a permanent contract but was led to believe it would be only a matter of a short time.

merce but it has ne been forthcoming. My prospect file for aviation operations on the airport would fatten and then thin out as time went on and nothing was done about the airport. This situation has existed for two years and the development of the airport has been retarded immeasurably. I would say, conservatively, that the City has lost \$100 a day in possible airport revenue due to this procrastination and lack of interest by the City. They did finally instruct the City Attorney to write and publish some airport ordinances. These were ridiculous and outdated some twenty years. Some of them were in direct contradiction to CAA rulings for this field and were not workable.

the advanced stages of this dreaded disease, I have during the 22 months of management, been able to turn in to the City, cash rentals totaling \$24,324.85, besides the inventory of equipment, which incidentally, has not received consideration enough from the City to provide shelter for it. The City after paying such expenses as insurance, etc. has more than \$2,500.00 with all expenses paid. The airport has never at any time required a cent of City funds. The airport revenue for 1948 showed an increase of 20% over 1947, and so far, this year has shown an increase of 25% over 1948. My commissions for the 22 months totaled \$15,804.61, out of which I paid airport maintenance.

the airport to ever be out of politics. It began to look more and more as if this thing were incurable and getting to the irrational stage, but I was being assured by Council Members that everything was going to work out all right. With full knowledge of what would be required to develop this airport properly according to the Master Plan, and with many years experience in airport operation and development, it was impossible for me to agree to some of the provisions set forth in this "joker" contract. With faint hope that some sane thinking might come out of this political delirium, I again submitted my CAA approved contract which had been pronounced fair and workable by many eminent aviation authorities. However, this disease was too far advanced now and had deviated two years of hard effort to getting the groundwork laid, drew up the Master Plan which has been copied by the City and kept the airport on a profitable basis under extremely adverse conditions, I was inter-

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