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Supervisors Urge Air Safety Job Be Given to Five-Man Commission

On motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the County Board of Supervisors has instructed County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy to draft a resolution urging Congress to establish a five-man commission to administer and operate the Federal Aviation Agency.

Supervisor Hahn emphasized that the growing importance of air travel demands that stronger action be taken for air safety and the safety of persons on the ground.

At present, the Federal Aviation Agency is administered by one man, E. R. Quesada, a retired Air Force general, who is responsible only to the President.

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"I THINK that the job is too big for any one person to handle, whether he is a retired general or any other person," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He pointed out that the recent collision between two commercial airliners over New York City emphasized the need for stronger, more effective air safety regulations, both for people flying and those on the ground. The crash killed 10 persons on the ground as well as 126 on the two airplanes.

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"THE HUGE number of persons flying in aircraft every day makes it imperative that every step possible be taken for their safety," Supervisor Hahn continued.

He said that he believes a five-man commission, assigned full time to the problem of air safety, is needed to strengthen the effeciveness of the FAA — which is responsible for all of the operational aspects of flying, including take-offs, landings, flight patterns, communications, assignment of courses, and all other details involved in air traffic.

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"THE COMMISSION should meet at least once a week to develop new ideas and new procedures for air safety. Meetings should be open to the public and any citizen with ideas for improvement in safety or operational features should be welcomed and given full hearings. The commission should personally visit all major airports in the nation and learn first-hand the many problems involved at each airport — and of the effects of airports on people living nearby," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He suggested that commission members be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Budgetary control of the Federal Aviation Agency and the commission would be exercised by the House of Representatives.

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COPIES OF the resolution as drafted by the County's legal counsel are to be sent to President Eisenhower, President-elect John F. Kennedy, each Congressman from California, and Senators Clair Engle and Thomas Kuchel.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that originally the Civil Aeronuatic Board, whose five members are appointed by the President, had responsibility for issuing safety rules and investigating aircraft accidents.

However, primary responsibility for aircraft operation was assigned to the FAA when it was created by Congress in 1958.

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AT THE present time, the primary duty of the CAB is the regulation of aircraft fares, tariffs, and schedules. The CAB does investigate aircraft accidents and recommends new safety rules to the FAA.

Supervisor Hahn explained that while the primary purpose of the five-man FAA commission would be air safety, it could also exercise control over auxiliary problems such as excessive noise from jets and air pollution coming from aircraft

Officer's Son Home For Holiday Season

Lance Corporal Tommy Holmes, son of Torrance Police Officer Maxine Holmes, has arrived home to spend the holiday season with his mother. Corporal Holmes, a jet headquarter specialist on Hawaii, has been serving in the Islands for 18 months. He will return to his post in Hawaii in January.