

Judge: Airport Must Clear Flying Farmer

The opening of the \$22 million Sacramento Metropolitan Airport was cleared today when Superior Court Judge William A. White ordered Sacramento's flying farmer, James T. Sopwith, to clear his takeoffs and landings with the airport control tower by radio.

The order on runway controls is expected to satisfy the Federal Aviation Agency, which threatened to withhold a license for the airport unless the county reduced the danger of an aerial collision between an airliner and a light plane piloted by Sopwith. The new airport is scheduled to open Oct. 29.

Sopwith's lawyer, Sherman Wilkie, said he does not know whether his client wants to appeal Judge White's preliminary injunction.

Flying Rights

Wilkie's basic contention is that any reduction of Sopwith's flying rights — including the mandatory installation of a two-way radio in his plane — must be paid for by the county in a condemnation suit.

The county, through deputy counsel Lee Elam, argued Sopwith can sue the county if he feels his aerial property rights have been impaired, but he

should not be allowed to keep a multimillion public project idle for months.

Zoning Violation

Judge White said he agreed with the county that Sopwith's flights are a nuisance to a prevailing public interest and that his landing strip, .6 of a mile from the north end of the main airport runway, violates the county zoning ordinance.

Sopwith, who flies over 1,000 acres of crops to check on their progress, contends his flights are purely agricultural pursuits.

Part of the dispute focused on who was there first.

Sopwith Argument

Sopwith said he took to the air in 1964 so, he argued, the coming of the big jets, props and turboprops endangers his private airstrip.

But the county noted its airport has been on the drawing boards since 1960 and Sopwith was aware of those plans when he made his investments in agricultural flight.

Vietnam Duty — Army Pfc. Thomas A. Douglas, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren E. Douglas of 168 Globe Ave., has been assigned to the 84th Engineer Battalion near An Khe, Vietnam. He is a construction machine operator.

Hearings Will Probe Water Project Deficit

Almost every side of the multi dimensioned State Water Project money shortage issue will be examined by state officials and water leaders in a hearing tomorrow and Wednesday in the Capitol.

The State Senate Water Committee will conduct the hearing jointly with the Assembly Water Committee in Room 4202 of the Capitol.

The hearing is open to the public, with the first session

scheduled for 10 a.m. and the Wednesday session for 9:30 a.m. Sen. Gordon Cologne, R-Riverside County, chairman of the Senate committee, said more than 15 persons have asked to be heard on the funding deficit.

New bonds, in addition to the \$1.75 billion issue voted in 1962, and extra tidelands oil and gas money have been proposed to meet the project capital shortage.

A special task force reported to Gov. Ronald Reagan last May a potential project short-term deficit of up to \$300 million and a long term one of up to \$600 million.

A Department of Water Resources committee reported to William R. Gianelli, state director of water resources, a possible short-term deficit of about \$78 million, and proposed alternatives for the construction and financing of the project.

Nonviolence Is, Says King, Still Best For Negro

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change within the legislative process.

Another myth in white society, King asserted, is its overreliance on the "bootstrap philosophy."

He said Negroes are constantly reminded that other ethnic groups have achieved equality by lifting themselves up by their own bootstraps.

No mention is made, he said, of the fact these other ethnic groups were not installed in the nation as slaves, did not suffer from a difference in skin color and that, actually, no ethnic group ever has lifted itself up by its own bootstraps.

He compared the plight of the Negro, freed after 244 years of slavery, with that of a prisoner being released without money, clothes or boots.

He added that in the West at the same time millions of acres of land were given away to members of white society, land grant colleges were established to teach them how to use the land, they were given low-interest rates on federal loans to farm and now are given federal subsidies not to farm.

"These are the very people who today are telling the Negro to lift himself up by his own bootstraps," King declared.

The long-hot summers caused by "winters of delayed justice," he said, will not be ended until white society shares its political power with the Negro.

He urged Negroes to take part in massive action programs to achieve this political equality.

He was introduced by State Sen. Mervyn Dymally of Los Angeles County. Professor Dean Dorn of the SSC cultural programs committee which sponsored King's speech was chairman of the event.

Willie Miller Murder Trial Is Reset Jan. 3

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Residents Will Host Musicians

The Tokyo Mandolin Orchestra, whose 45 members will present a concert at Luther Burbank High School tonight at 8:30 o'clock, will be guests of several Sacramentans during their visit here.

The Capital City families will provide lodging for orchestra members tonight. Tomorrow the orchestra will perform in Modesto. Their concerts are sponsored by The Bee, KFBK and KOVR.

Prior to tonight's concert, the visitors were to be taken on a sightseeing tour of the Sacramento area by their local hosts and hostesses. The latter will be guests of the orchestra at tonight's concert.

Tickets are available from the Civic Theater box office and suburban agencies.

T. I. Harding, Former Store Operator, Dies

T. Irving Harding, 69, a 33-year resident of Sacramento and former owner of the Harding Variety Store at 38th and J streets, died yesterday in a local hospital.

Harding, who retired from his business in 1960, resided at 633 San Miguel Way.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday in Land Park Chapel of Harry A. Numan & Son.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; a daughter, Nancy Harding of San Francisco; son, Thomas and two sisters, Lucille Thomas and Catherine Rogers.

Bloody Battle 100 Gunfight

WILLITS, Mendocino Co. (UPI) — One hundred years ago one of the West's bloodiest gunfights erupted on the treeless hills of this dusty hamlet. Today, Willits would just as soon get the whole thing.

Six men were killed in seconds — twice the number who died in the famous battle at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Ariz., when Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday opened up on the Clanton brothers.

But there was not a professional gunman among the participants of Willits' gun battle.

Tahoe Casino Is Closed By State In Dice Probe

CARSON CITY, Nev. (UPI) — Nevada gambling control authorities closed the second major Northern Nevada casino in a month last night on cheating charges.

Frank Johnson, chairman of the State Gaming Control Board, and Dallas County chief enforcement officer, accompanied by several Washoe County sheriff's deputies, closed the Lake Tahoe Hotel casino at Incline Village on the north shore at 8:30 p.m.

The casino in Reno's Silver Side Hotel was locked out, based on a virtually identical misbehavior allegation.

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