

UNITED GROUP ACQUIRES AVION

Los Angeles Air Company Taken by Boeing

Holding Concern to Build Plant at Burbank

Will Manufacture Metal Transport Plane

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (AP)—The United Aircraft and Transportation Corporation, holding company for several aviation enterprises, has acquired the Avion Corporation of Los Angeles, and has organized the Northrop Aviation Corporation to take over the assets of the Avion concern. The Northrop company will become a subsidiary of the United corporation.

The announcement said the United organization had acquired the Avion concern from its owners, John K. Northrop and W. K. Jay, in exchange for 2000 shares of United Aircraft and Transportation Corporation common stock. That stock closed on the New York Stock Exchange today at \$18 1/2 a share.

The Avion Corporation has developed a new type of all-metal plane of novel design and shape, and the United company, it was announced, plans to construct a factory for the Northrop Corporation at its Burbank field.

The United Aircraft and Transportation Corporation recently declared control of the Sikorsky Aviation Corporation of New York, manufacturers of amphibian planes, and the Shessman Company of Wichita, Kan., makers of commercial aircraft.

John K. Northrop, vice-president and chief engineer of the Avion Corporation, yesterday said that the future plans for the Northrop Aviation Corporation would probably be mapped out at a conference with United Aircraft executives in Seattle, for which there he and Mr. Jay expected to depart today. He said that the United Aircraft executives have realized the importance of establishing a commercial plane division in Southern California and that they had been watching the development of the Avion Corporation's experimental work for some time.

The factory for the new corporation will be established on the United Aircraft field at Burbank, Mr. Northrop understood. He added that the specifications for the plane have not been definitely decided but that they would probably provide for an all-metal transport type powered by a Pratt-Whitney Vamp or Herriot motor and designed for eight passengers.

The Northrop plane embodies many new departures from other designs now in use, according to Mr. Northrop, who said the details would be revealed later. The Avion Corporation, whose stock is closely held, was formed under the laws of Delaware last September to carry

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