

MINUTES OF THE AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION,
held on Thursday, June 12, 1930, in the
Director's Room, Young Building, Honolulu,
T. H., at 3:45 P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Brown
Mr. Damon
Dr. Hagood
Mr. Hinkley

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Hinkley

There being no changes in the minutes of the last meetin, they were approved as circulated.

Radio Communication, Mr. R. C. Gray:

This was a special meeting called by the Chairman to interview Mr. R. C. Gray, radio expert from the mainland, on the subject of radio communication between planes and ground stations. Mr. Gray told of experiments being made by the Western Electric and Radio Corporation of America and types of equipment now in vogue on the mainland. It is felt imperative that Inter-Island Airways planes be equipped with radio sets to communicate with shore stations at all times to obtain weather reports and especially to send messages to a ground station in case of being forced down at sea. Mr. Gray agreed to get information on the prices of equipment from the Western Electric Company and the R. C. A. to forward to the Commission but estimated that the cost of installing per ship would be between \$1800.00 and \$2000.00. He stated that a two way short wave set would probably prove more practical here than the long wave. Mr. Voorhees, U. S. Weather Bureau, is awaiting information from the Chief of the Weather Bureau as to whether the Weather Bureau will supply instruments to territorially owned airports. Information from the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., relative to types of apparatus for communication with commercial planes is expected at an early date.

The Chairman stated that he had been told by Mr. Armitage that permission has been granted Mr. Kennedy, Inter-Island Airways, from the home office to purchase any radio equipment he considers suitable. It was brought out by Mr. Gray that over-water planes cannot be forced to carry radio equipment.

Ward Airport:

The Chairman reported that an opinion had been received from the Attorney General with regard to the situation at Ward Airport. The Attorney General suggested that the Commission make regulations of a general character to rule out the use of Ward Airport and any similar places and have these approved by the Governor. ✓

Dr. Hagood is working on the revision of the Territory of Hawaii Rules and Regulations and will present his suggested changes at the next meeting.

Maalaea, Maui, and Hoolehua, Molokai:

With further regard to Maalaea Airport, Mr. Peacock reported that after discussing the matter of a drainage system for the field with Mr. Elliott he stated it is absolutely imperative that action be taken before ✓

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the wet weather sets in, to take the drainage water from the upper end of the field. Mr. Peacock also stated it is necessary that fences be installed at both Maalaea and Hoolehua to keep persons from the fields during the arrival and departure of planes.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon, and unanimously carried that Mr. Peacock make a trip to Maalaea Airport to go into the proposition of a drainage system and find out from the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company the estimated cost for which they would do the work; also to go into the matter of fencing Maalaea and Hoolehua Airports.

Night Flying at John Rodgers Airport:

In connection with night flying with electric signs at John Rodgers Airport as reported by Mr. Peacock, Dr. Hagood stated that if the party in question would make a formal application for such a request the Commission would then act upon the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Charrn.