

LETTERS

Agricultural Aviation Under Chemical Industry's Wing

DEAR SIR:

We feel you have rendered a distinct service to the industry by informing your readers as to the status of agricultural aviation (AG AND FOOD, May 26, page 546). Fred Weick is a personal friend of ours and we have appeared on more than one agricultural aviation "short course" sponsored by institutions such as Texas A&EM, Oregon State College, and the University of Arizona. We feel Mr. Weick is an outstanding authority on his particular subject.

We have long felt that agricultural aviation can play a most vital role in the destiny of the American people as well as the destiny of the whole world.

It is also our opinion that agricultural aviation can become "big business" when and if it is placed upon a truly professional level that contemplates the operator being, in fact, a doctor of the soil prescribing not just pesticides, but more important, fertilizers and trace elements.

It is in this field that we feel the chemical industry has one of its greatest challenges, and we are as certain as we are of our own name that in the very near future all agricultural aviation will be under the wing of the chemical business.

We already have insured at least one chemical manufacturer who is now delivering chemicals directly to the soil from aircraft. This manufacturer, of course, has had to incorporate within his own organization a good aerial applicator.

You are undoubtedly aware of the 5th Annual Regional Fertilizer Conference of the Pacific Northwest which is to be held in Klamath Falls, Ore., July 20 to 22 inclusive. B. R. Bertramson, chairman of the Department of Agronomy at Washington State College, has strongly urged that the aviation industry attend that conference for the specific purpose of getting better acquainted with the chemical industry.

We are going to attend this conference and are making every effort to interest one of our finest assured, Marsh Avia-

tion (owner and operator of the aircraft appearing on the cover of your May 26 issue), to join us at this conference in order that we may bring together that type of high class operation and the chemical industry with a view to arriving at this objective.

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Constructive and Informative

DEAR SIR:

I think the article on aircraft spraying and dusting (May 26) is highly constructive and most informative. I would certainly find it hard to criticize anything about the article except favorably. The applicator industry and its manufacturers should indeed appreciate your efforts.

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