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AERO INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS ANNOUNCE NEW INSPECTION SERVICE

The management of Aero Insurance Underwriters announced recently that, having maintained an efficient engineering department since 1924, they have considerably enlarged and extended this department in order to meet the requirements of modern aviation conditions. In addition to their already established countrywide staff of consulting engineers, they have now augmented this staff by the addition of a considerable number of competent aeronautical inspectors who will be conveniently available at all necessary locations, to inspect each aircraft insured by them at frequent intervals throughout the term of insurance.

Aero Insurance Underwriters very early began to utilize aeronautical engineers in the advancement of safety; and, during a period of twelve years, they have been able, not only to prevent losses to personnel and property of their assureds through the practical advice of their engineers, but they have fostered safety ideas in aircraft design, construction and operation which have been generally adopted and are now common practice in the manufacture of aircraft of all descriptions and in the operation of air transport lines. Their efforts in this direction have been put forth in cooperation with the United States Department of Commerce and with the aviation commissions of the various states, and the value of their work has been repeatedly recognized by the public authorities.

The new facilities will enable Aero Insurance Underwriters to provide an inspection service to all aircraft owners insured by them which will be comparable to the inspection service rendered by the fire companies in connection with fire, sprinkler-leakage, explosion, and other forms of coverage which fire companies assume, and with the elevator, boiler, machinery and automobile coverages which are written and the risks inspected by the casualty companies. In the future any assured under one of the policies issued by Aero Insurance Underwriters will have not only the financial protection afforded by this policy but also a careful and systematic survey of his aircraft and his flying operations.

Aero Insurance Underwriters represent the following groups of fire companies: Great American Insurance Company, North

British & Mercantile Insurance Co., Northern Assurance Company, Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd., Royal-Liverpool Insurance Company, Ltd.; and the following casualty companies: Eagle Indemnity Company, Globe Indemnity Company, Great American Indemnity Company, London Guarantee & Accident Co., Ltd., Phoenix Indemnity Company, Royal Indemnity Company. The organization is under the management of Major George L. Lloyd who has been an underwriter of aviation risks since 1919. The engineering department is headed by Mr. Jerome Lederer, one of the earliest qualified aeronautical engineers in the United States, whose contributions to safety in aircraft construction and operation have been recognized by his appointment as Secretary of the National Safety Council. The consulting engineers working under his direction are also outstanding men in the aeronautical field and all the inspectors who have been added to the staff have been selected because of their ability to give sound practical advice to aircraft operators in matters regarding the maintenance and operation of their equipment.