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SANTA MONICA, Calif., Aug. 26--Plans to construct a new commercial jet training and publications center were announced today by Douglas Aircraft company.

The new location, a facility of the Santa Monica Division, will be established on a 39-acre site purchased by the company at Compton and Aviation Blvds., an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

First of the two buildings planned for the center will be a 126,000 square foot reinforced concrete structure to be used primarily as a publications building. It will consolidate into one location the hundreds of writers, illustrators and other specialists who prepare instruction and maintenance manuals, handbooks and parts catalogs for Douglas commercial and military aircraft and missiles.

The publications staff is now preparing the text and illustrations to be used as a guide for training and subsequent operations of the DC-8.

Some 10,000 square feet of the publications building and a separate 30,000 square foot structure will be devoted entirely to the commercial jet training program.

Training of flight crews, maintenance supervisors, chief inspectors, service engineers and other airline personnel of the 14 airlines which have purchased 123 DC-8 jet transports will be a continuation and extension of the long-established Douglas service to commercial operators.

In addition to classroom instruction on maintenance and operation of the swift new jetliners, the company plans an innovation in pre-flight training for pilots and other air crew personnel.

Instructor crews from the airlines will learn DC-8 flight procedures in a Douglas-designed electronic flight simulator being produced by Link Aviation, Inc.

This realistic experience, gained before actual flight, will prepare airline personnel more thoroughly for the normal jet transition training, which will be given to airline instructors by Douglas pilots.

Architect-engineer for both the new buildings is Holmes and Narver, Inc. The C. L. Peck Co. will begin construction work on the first building early in September and it will be ready for occupancy in April, 1958.