

YOUTH SHALL FLY

APPROVAL OF THE SOARING SOCIETY'S determination to see that every young American has an opportunity to study and master flight is coming from many people including leaders in government, aviation, publication, education, and others. It is now up to the Soaring Society to come forward with the plan, *a realistic plan*, that will give the youngsters (and oldsters for that matter) an opportunity to get into the air.

It is recognized by all concerned that air education programs are fostered by most education and aviation groups of the country to acquaint teachers and instructors with aviation subjects. It is equally as well recognized that ground school work available to the student does not hold his interest. *He wants to get into the air!* To retain his interest in ground school courses and in a career in aviation he must be promised an opportunity to fly, *and the promise must be fulfilled.*

With these and other pertinent facts before it, the Board of Directors of the Soaring Society of America in session at New York City January 31, 1953 adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Existing conditions contributing to the dearth of interest in careers in aviation are attributable to a very extensive degree to the almost total impossibility of individuals becoming a part of aviation because of current high costs of aircraft, the total lack of economical facilities for getting into the air, and the almost non-existence of real encouragement from industry or other sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Soaring Society of America take immediate steps to develop an economical and realistic aviation education program that will include getting into the air, to be made available to American youth. It shall be designed to maintain his natural interest in aviation and to lead to a vocation or avocation in that field; and further, that support for such a program be sought from the aviation industry and others who are interested in American youth, aviation and education.

Further, with full recognition of the great contributions made throughout the years by American sailplane constructors in producing trainers highly suitable for many training programs, there remains a need for a design that can be easily, quickly and economically constructed as a classroom project.

WHEREAS, that while very practical training gliders are available there is need for a sailplane design especially suitable for construction under semi-skilled guidance by those interested in aviation careers, that can be constructed as a class or group project within a reasonable period of time and which can be flown by those who construct it as a continuation of their preparation for careers in aviation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to provide an aviation activity that can develop with sufficient rapidity to hold the interest of the youth and provide him with a craft that he can economically afford to own,—that the Soaring Society, through its Technical Committee develop rules and conditions for a "Sailplane Design Competition." These rules and conditions are to be so stated as to produce the desired design and at least one completed prototype; and further, that through a special committee, a financial sponsor shall be sought who will provide a very substantial cash award for the winning design and prototype.

These two resolutions provide those members of the Society who are and who have been interested in Youth Air Education with authority to proceed with not only definite planning and preparation but also with a national project that will truly provide *Every American Boy and Girl with the opportunity to fly.*

Now, the inauguration of the program and the degree of success achieved depends upon how we back up our conversation with action, and how much action. "We" does not mean "they;" in this case, it means "you and I."

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