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American Airlines was the most economical operator in the nation's scheduled air transport industry, it was pointed out in the Annual Report mailed yesterday to Company stockholders. The operating expense per revenue ton mile in 1949 was 46.7 cents.

Comparison with the other major airlines' operating costs are available only for the first nine months of 1949. However, American's figures for the nine months and the entire year are substantially the same. The nine-month figures for American and the other major companies in domestic operation were: (1) American 46.47, cost per revenue ton mile; United 49.81; TWA 52.61; Eastern 53.51. The industry's nine-month average was 53.33.

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