

# CAB Member Off to Mexico for Air Talks

Oswald Ryan, member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, was en route by air Friday from Fort Worth to Mexico for a series of conferences that may help to pave the way for great international development in aviation after the war.

With approval of the State Department, Ryan was making the trip to confer with officials of the Mexican government on regulatory problems arising from air traffic between the two Nations.

In the great advances in postwar aviation, both in the domestic and international fields, Ryan forecast here Thursday that Texas will play a leading part. He pointed out that the State occupies a strategic place in the field of international air travel, with four international air terminals already established.

"Texas stands to gain more from postwar aviation development," he commented, "than any other State, because of its vast domain, great distances, undeveloped resources, and areas capable of supporting a far greater population."

Ryan said one important new link in air transportation in Texas recently was forged by the CAB's action in authorizing Braniff Airways to establish service between Fort Worth and Denver. Another gap in the air network of the State will be closed, he said, by a forthcoming grant to Braniff Airways of a permit to operate air service from El Paso to San Antonio.

Ryan has spent several days inspecting present air facilities in Texas. Those he viewed here included American Airlines setup at the municipal airport, the regional Civil Aeronautics Administration offices, and the Marine Corps Air Station.

He flew over Arlington Midway Airport, but declined to be drawn into comment on the controversy involving that field. He likely will be called upon later to help decide the issues raised by Dallas, which has declined to join in development of the airport.