

The opposition to Ryan has two sources: (a) certain scheduled airlines who persist in the delusion that the airline route system should be further duplicated and triplicated, and that they will receive further route extensions if Ryan, whose conservative views are well known, is displaced; and (b) certain interests among the non-scheduled carriers of passengers who resent Ryan's conservatism and his insistence upon enforcement of the law.

This opposition has been built up gradually and in a very well disguised manner. It takes the form of rumors, and sometimes of published stories which usually are found in columns like that of Drew Pearson, to the effect that Ryan has consistently favored one particular international airline in his voting record, and even more snide insinuations as to the influence of that airline upon him. Such rumors and stories are palpably absurd when held up to the facts of Ryan's voting record and to the well known and thoroughly investigated facts of Ryan's personal and public life. Indeed, Ryan, because of his long period of public service, is the most thoroughly investigated man who ever served on the C.A.B. Nonetheless, malicious repetition of rumor inspired by the interests indicated above cannot be prevented.

And now that Ryan's term is coming to an end, these interests are working even more actively - though more quietly - than usual in their effort to discredit him.