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Oswald Ryan was born in Anderson, Indiana, 66 years ago and, except for his school years and government service, has always lived there.

He is a life-long Republican.

Orphaned at the age of twelve, Ryan worked his way through high school, college and professional school. He is a graduate of Harvard College and received his professional education in the Harvard Law School.

While in college he received the Baldwin National Award for his published brochure on city government. He also organized the national forensic honor fraternity, Tau Kappa Alpha, today one of the largest of the college honor societies.

While still a young man he was active in municipal and state politics and in 1915 his book, "Municipal Freedom", with an introduction by Harvard's President Lowell, won widespread notice both among political leaders, including Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and Albert J. Beveridge, and among political scientists and government officials.

After World War I he was elected in 1921, to the National Executive Committee of the American Legion.

In 1923 he was appointed as one of five members of the Special European Immigration Commission, under the chairmanship of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, to work out a sound immigration policy with the nations of Europe.

In 1926 he published a book, "The Challenge of the Prophets", with an introduction by Senator Beveridge. In the same year he was the anti-Ku Klux Klan candidate in the Republican state primary for the U. S. Senate. Booth Tarkington headed his campaign committee. His leadership in the fight against the Klan led to the end of its political power in Indiana two years later.

Ryan came to Washington under President Hoover to be General Counsel to the Federal Power Commission where he had charge of many of the early cases in the higher courts that shaped federal public utility law. From his post with the Power Commission he was appointed to the original Civil Aeronautics Board, as a Republican member, where he has since served. On the Board he has served not only as Member but also as Vice Chairman, Acting Chairman and as Chairman.

During his tenure on the CAB Ryan has served in many special capacities. In 1939 he was chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Mechanic Training for the Aircraft Industry. He was chairman of the United States Division of the Permanent American Aeronautical Commission of the 21 republics (C.A.P.A.). Likewise he has served on the Air Coordinating Committee, as chairman and as a member. He is presently a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

He has been a member of the United States negotiating team for a number of important international aviation agreements and was one of the chief architects of the Bermuda Agreement with Great Britain in 1946 which has been the model bilateral agreement on which United States international

aviation relations have been based throughout the world, and through which subsidy and rate wars between governments have been prevented.

Marietta College (Ohio) and Salem College (West Virginia) have conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws. He has been listed in WHO'S WHO continuously since 1915.