



## *A Statement by the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board*

"I should like to remark here that the growth of the nation's only pick-up service has been very great. . . . In the calendar year 1941, the first full year of operation, an average load of 4.3 pounds of express had been developed, and the average mail load had grown 25.4 pounds. In the calendar year 1943, the average mail load had grown to 62.9 pounds and the express load had been more than quadrupled. In July 1944 the average mail load was 103.1 pounds. This average mail load was higher than that of six of the other domestic carriers, and the 11,339,000 pound miles of mail carried was higher than that of five of those six carriers. The percentage increase of mail pound miles for the pick-up operation in July 1944 over July 1943 was higher, with only one exception, than any of the domestic carriers.

"This is the service which was experimental in 1939. This is the sort of achievement which always makes me wary in setting limits on the growth of air transportation."

*— Excerpt from speech by L. Welch Pogue, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, before the National Aviation Trades Association in St. Louis, December 7, 1944.*



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