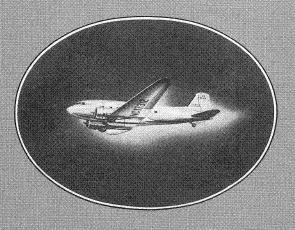


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TO THE NATIONAL AVIATION FORUM:

Civil Aviation is clearly recognized as the backlog of national defense in the Civil Aeronautics Act which set up the effective machinery for a comprehensive national policy with respect to the air.

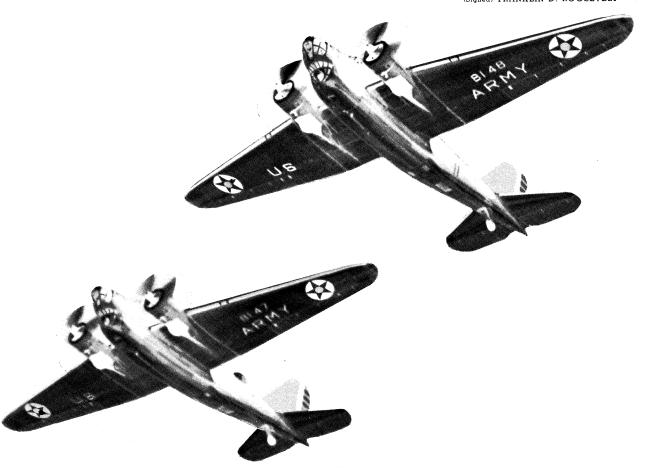
Underlying the statute is the principle that the country's welfare in time of peace and its safety in time of war rests upon the existence of a stabilized aircraft production—an economically and technically sound air transportation system, both domestic and overseas—an adequate supply of well trained civilian pilots and ground personnel.

This new national policy set up by the Congress views

American aviation as a special problem requiring special treatment. Aviation is the only form of transportation which operates in a medium which knows no frontiers but touches alike all countries of the earth. One fact which stands out is that hardly another civil activity of our people bears such a direct and intimate relation to the national security as does civil aviation. It supplies a reservoir of inestimable value to our military and naval forces in the form of men and machines, while at the same time it keeps an industry so geared that it can be instantly diverted to the production of fighting planes in the event of national emergency.

I hope the forthcoming National Aviation Forum will give serious thought to the many phases which enter into aeronautics as a national problem.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

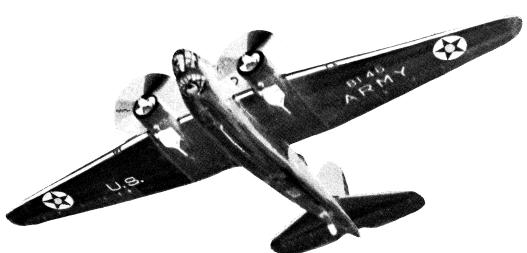


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"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"

Rt. Hon. WINSTON CHURCHILL

August 20, 1940



TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC:

In this third edition of Little Known Facts we offer you once again an up-to-date picture of a young and vital industry.

As our President said in January of 1939:

"One fact which stands out is that hardly another civil activity of our people bears such a direct and intimate relation to the national security as does civil aviation."

The fact noted by our President was, then, still little known. Today it is universally recognized, for every American is aware of the striking power gained by armed forces from an adequate merchant marine of the air. Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Danzig, Memel, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania and Bulgaria have felt that power and have bowed beneath it.

On August 9, 1940, Secretary of War Stimson said to Congress:

"Air power today has decided the fate of nations."

So, indeed, it has, and just as sea power is fatally vulnerable without a plentiful merchant marine, so air power can be sustained only with a strong civil air transport industry.

Forceful demonstration of the airlines import to the nation's power is found in Germany's energetic expansion of its commercial air lines while it is fighting its World War II.

In the pages of Little Known Facts we bring you our report on the progress of America's merchant marine of the air. Preëminently this is your industry—devoted to serve you and our common country—sustained by your patronage and patriotic support.

To you, the American public, is due all credit for America's expanding civil air transport fleet, second to none the world over.

For the nation's security, may that proud position of leadership never be relinquished!

Respectfully yours,

EDGAR S. GORRELL, President
AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



Before present hostilities broke out, Germany, Italy and Japan were striving valiantly but vainly to overcome this country's tremendous lead in domestic and transoceanic air-borne commerce.

They realized what mighty sinews of wartime strength we were knitting in our networks of peacetime commercial airlines.

The civil air transport industry is vitally important to the military power of this nation. Those basic axioms of military strategy—surprise, mobility, and concentration—never have demanded closer attention. Never before in history has the principle of "getting there fustest with the mostest" been as dramatically demonstrated as in the past year. We have witnessed repeated and eloquent illustrations of how the transport plane has aided military tactics.

More than one hundred and fifty years ago, Benjamin Franklin foresaw the use of the air as a means for transporting armed forces with deadly striking power. Today one conquered nation after another on the dismal continent of Europe realizes that Franklin's

dream has become a grim reality. Neither cavalry nor tank has ever proved so apt for surprise, mobility and concentration as has the transport airplane within the last year.

As our country looks anew to its security and dras-



tically revises the strategy and the tactics to which it must resort to meet any aggressor's threat, the vital importance of transport airplanes becomes clearer every day.



The task of defending America, we are told, is in reality one of defending a hemisphere. We must be ever on guard and ready to act at any one of a thousand vital points extending from pole to pole. This task can be discharged only if we have at hand, ready upon the instant, transport aircraft which can swiftly and surely surmount every barrier of mountain, jungle, and ocean.

The cost of providing the necessary aircraft would be staggering were the full burden to fall upon our military budget. Maintenance alone, quite without regard for original cost, would mount from year to year to literally astronomical heights.

It is only natural, therefore, that American military strategists should count on the fact that in a defense emergency, America's scheduled airliners could carry a division of men thousands of miles in a very few hours.

In this sense, our commercial airlines are every bit as vital a part of our defense program as fighting military and naval planes. We have only a few hundred such airliners today. We should have many more!

With the spur of enterprising competition and the indispensable cooperation of the government, our scheduled airlines are maintained night and day at a peak of efficiency unexcelled anywhere in the world, or in any other branch of aviation!

Let an aggressor threaten any part of these United States or Pan-America, and there will come the answering, ready roar from motors of our airline fleet.

An eye to the Future

will succeed. And our nation may enter upon a decline that will spell economic and political subservience.

In the task of assuring to our children a new, stronger, more secure place in the family of nations, we must rely heavily upon air transportation.

For years, South America has pointed out to us the need, from the standpoint of our own self-interest, for improved and greater air services linking the two continents of the Western Hemisphere. This requires increased airline services, both international and domestic. .

Our industries located far inland must have avail-



Regardless of the outcome of World War II, the status quo ante will never be restored. Whether a final peace comes swiftly, or whether military hostilities are simply suspended, to break out sporadically in a war of years or even of decades, we definitely will have entered upon a new era. And this new era will test to the utmost the strength and vigor of our economic life.

It will demand of us new attention to our economic and political relations with our sister nations of Central and South America. It will require knitting together yet more closely a whole hemisphere and important segments of continents beyond the seas.

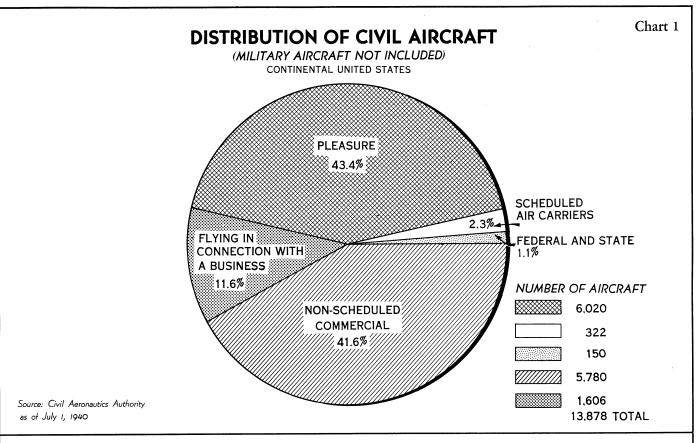
If we fail, others, perhaps hostile to our way of life,

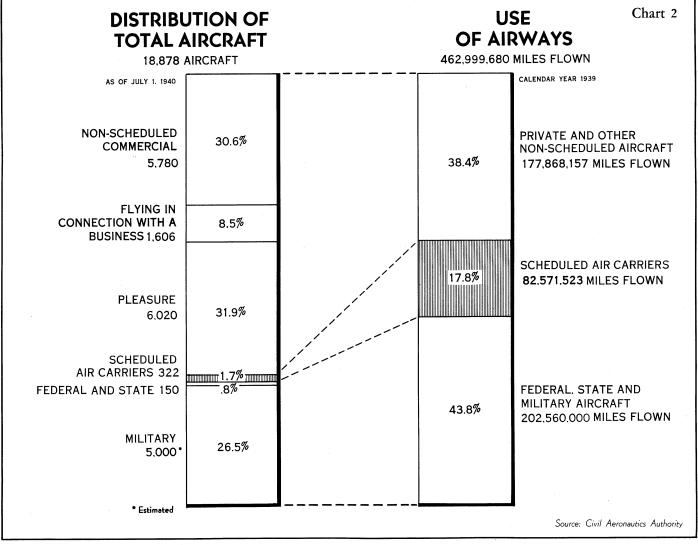
and communication to link them with nations abroad.

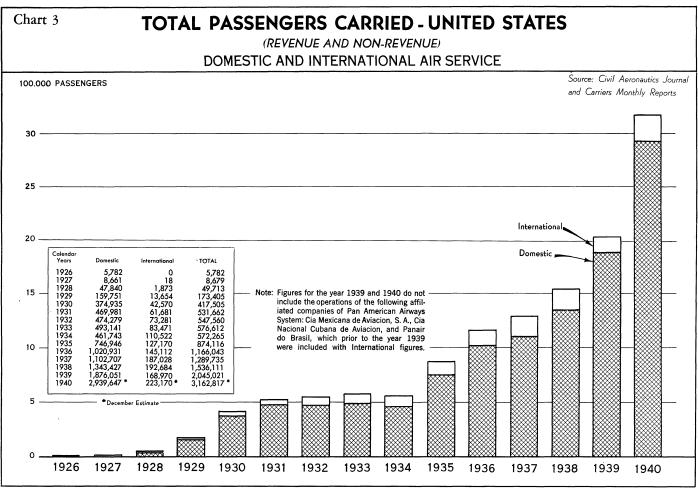
For the strength of our own internal economy, we must take every step to bind together the far reaches of our nation into a more cohesive economic unit.

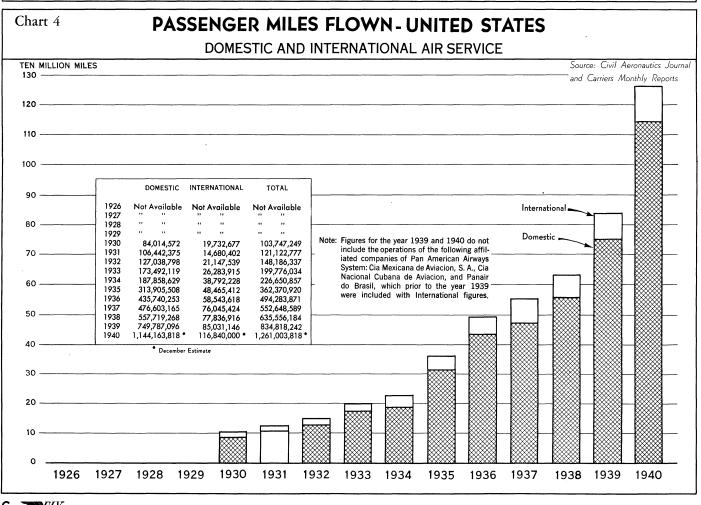
To this end, speed must be our watchword. Speed of transportation and communication which will merge north and south, east with west. The air must become the busy thoroughfare of our nation's commerce. Only in this way will we gain the strength which will preserve our democracy in a changing world.

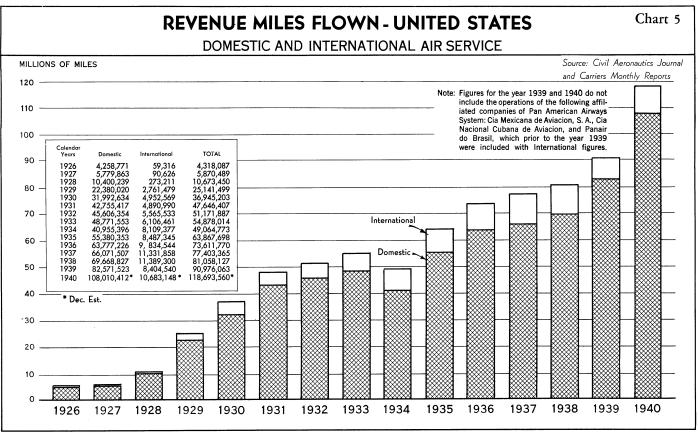
The following pages show air transport's progress in the recent past. But their real significance is their hint of what is to come, in pages yet unwritten!

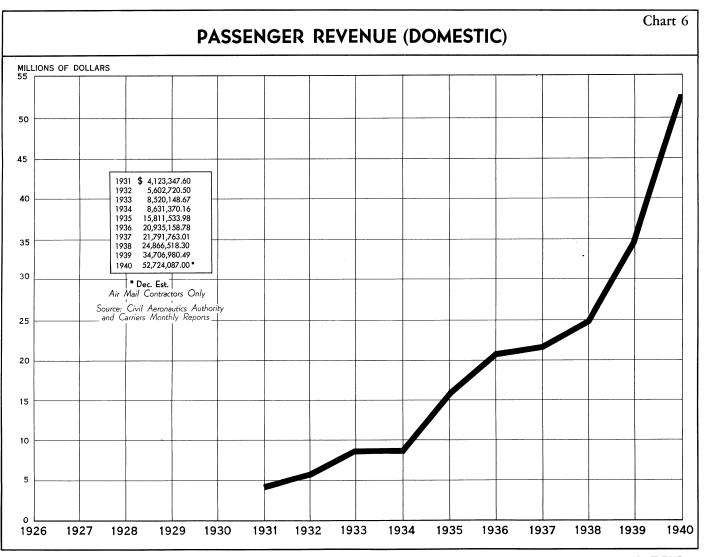


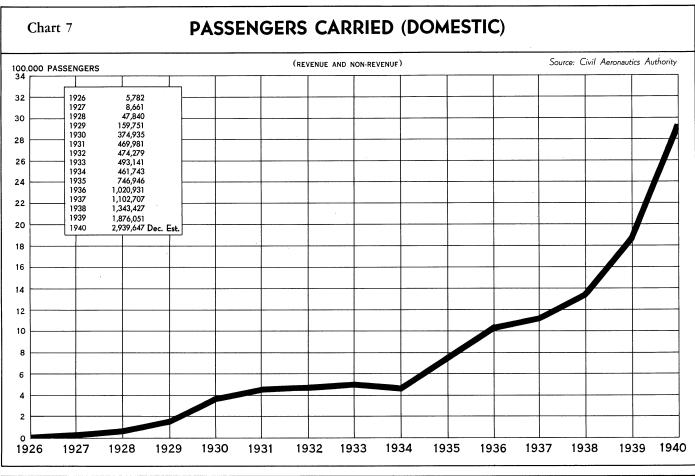


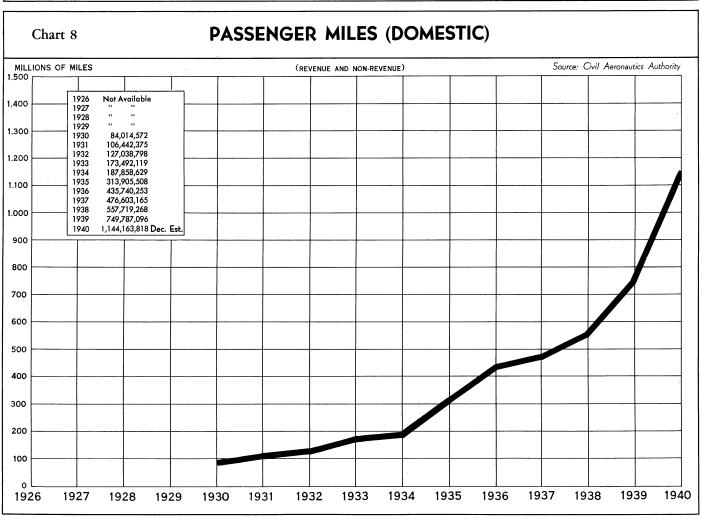


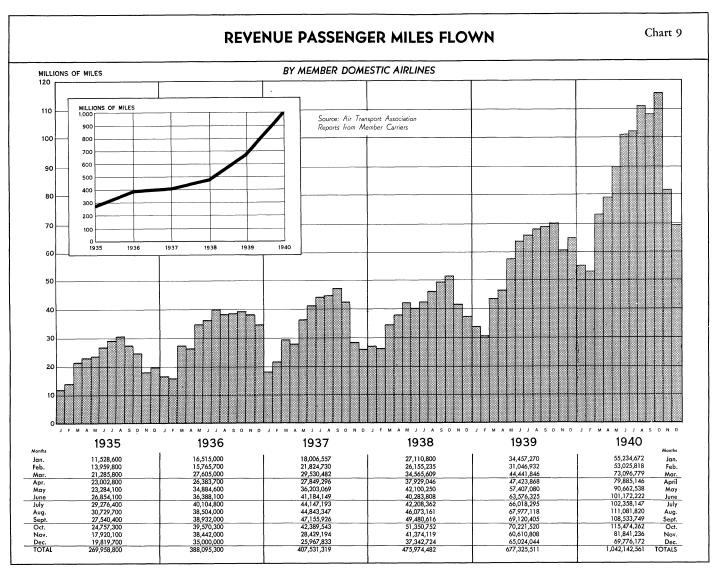


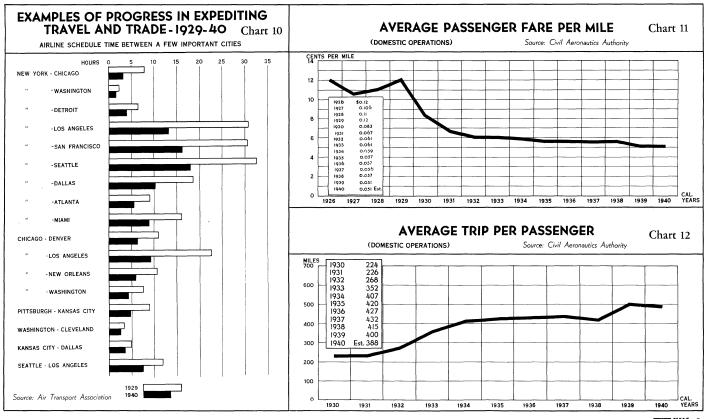


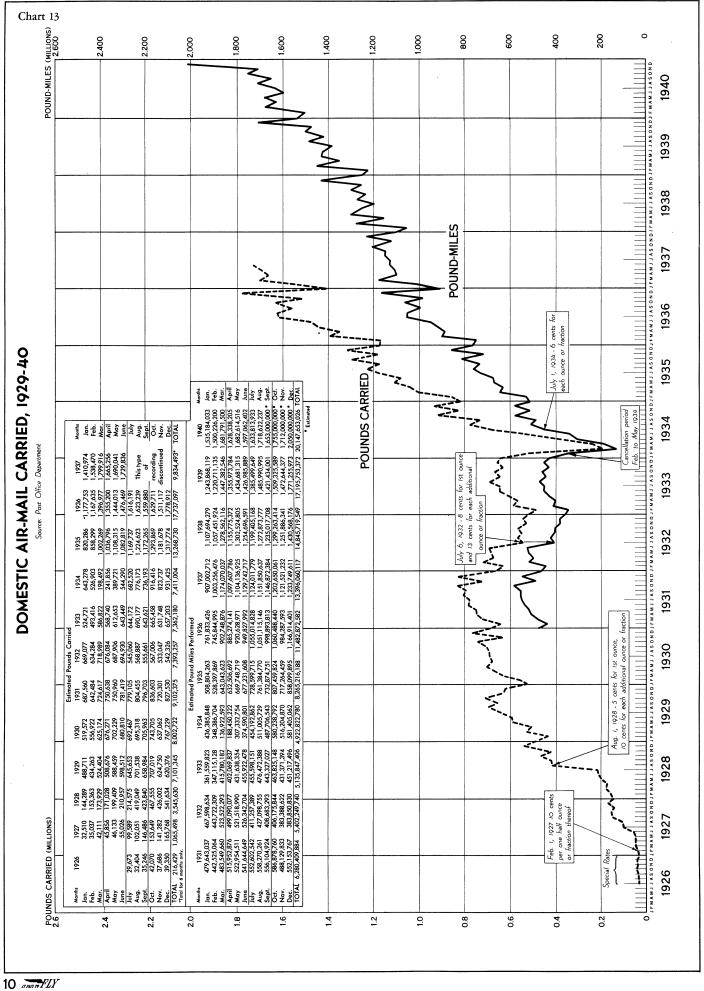


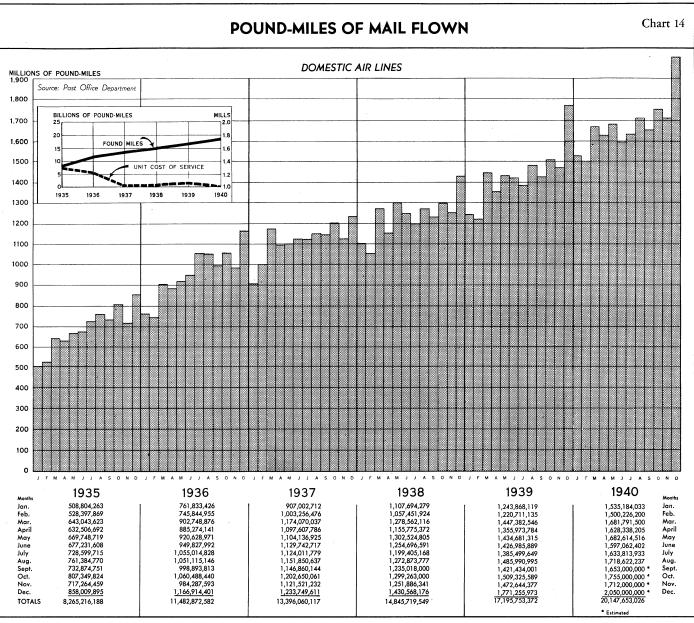


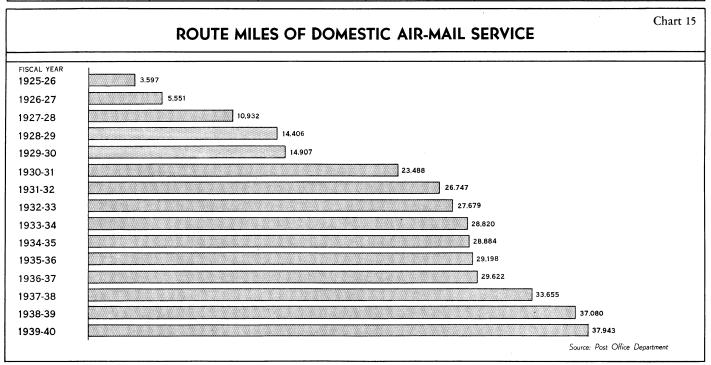


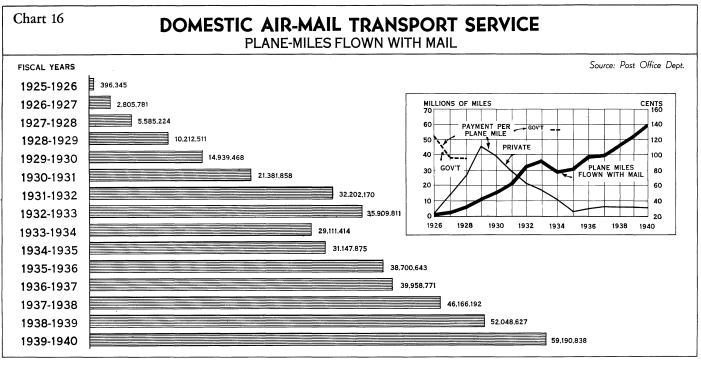


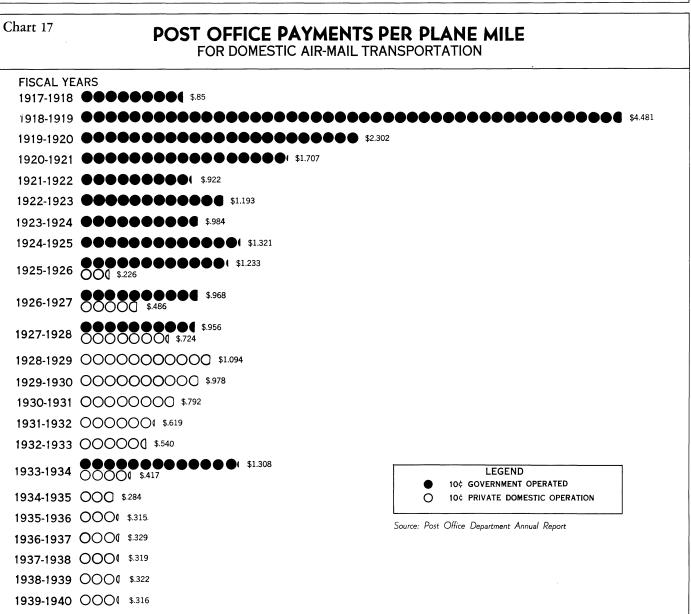


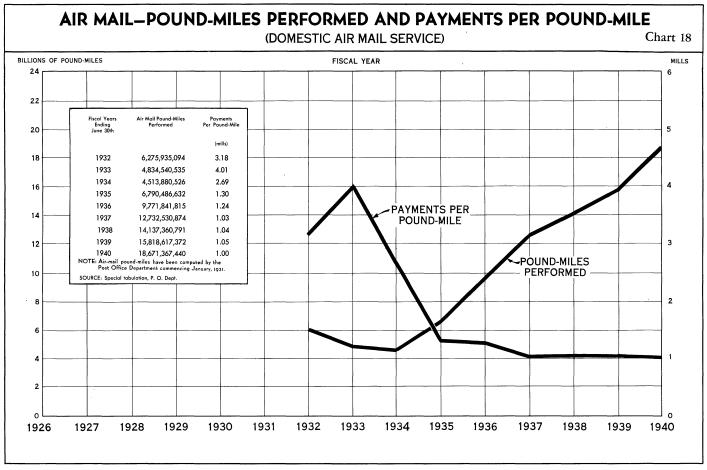


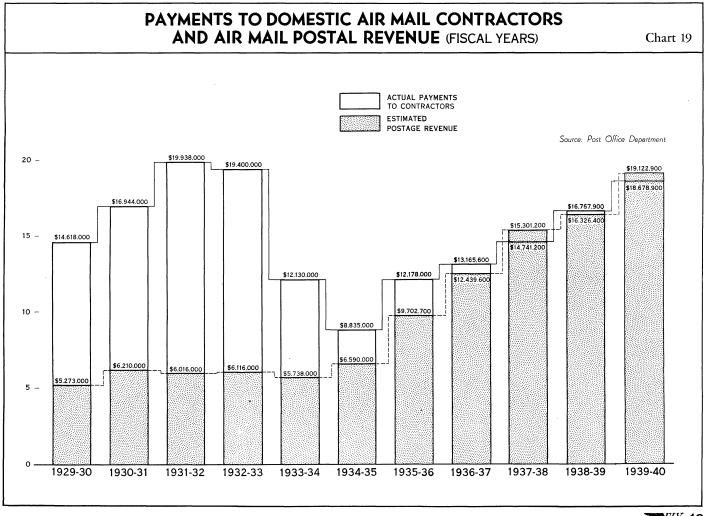


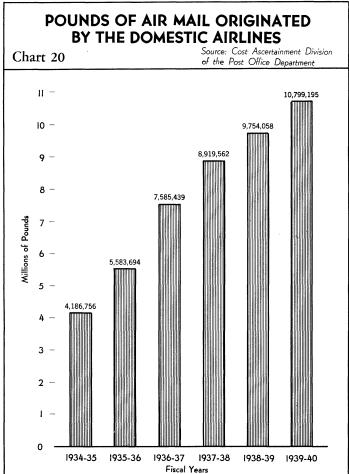












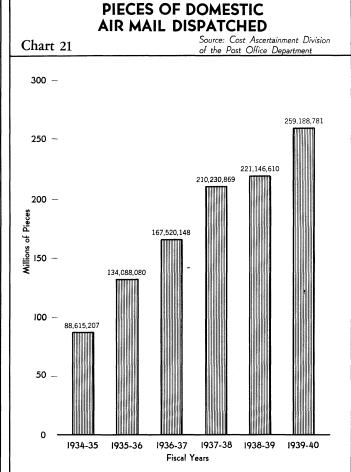
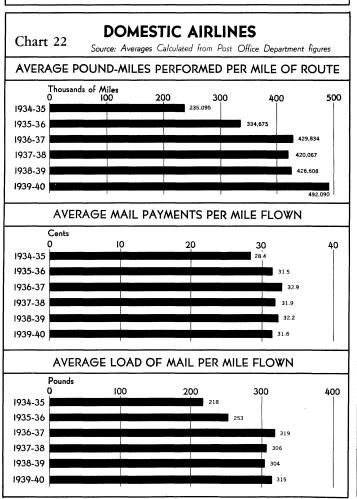
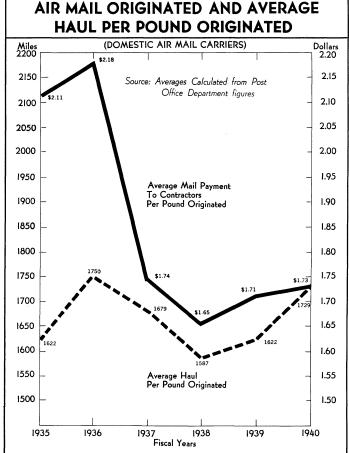
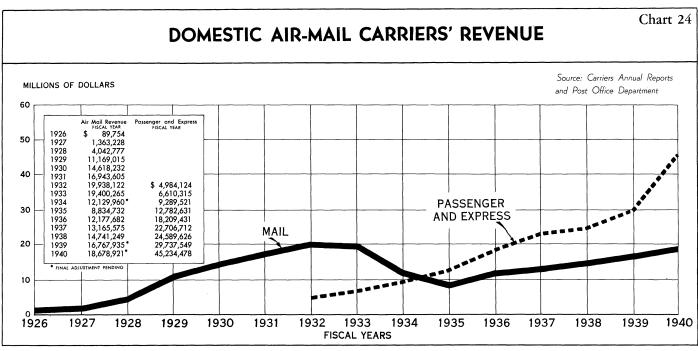


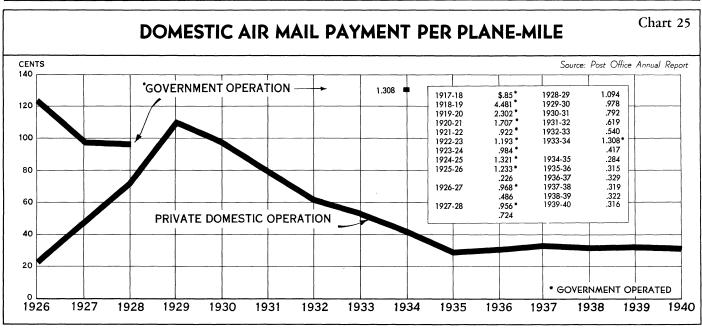
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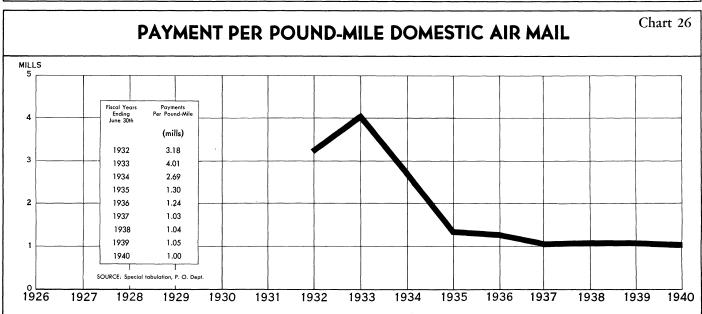


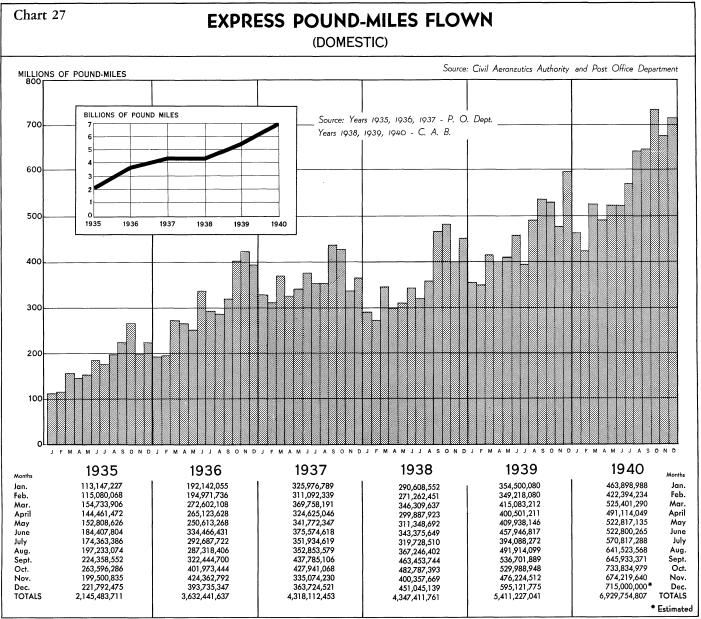


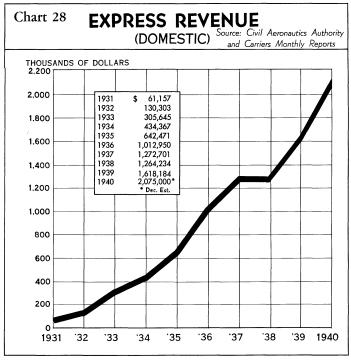
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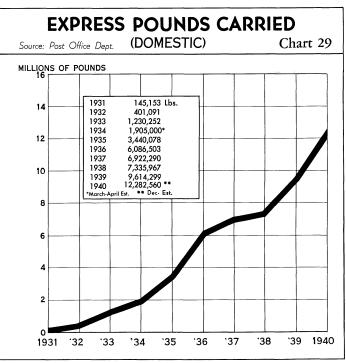


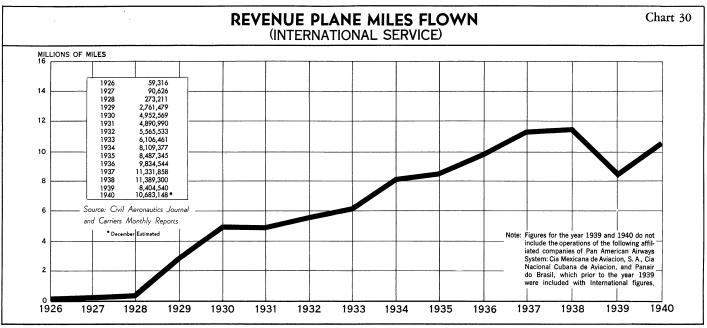


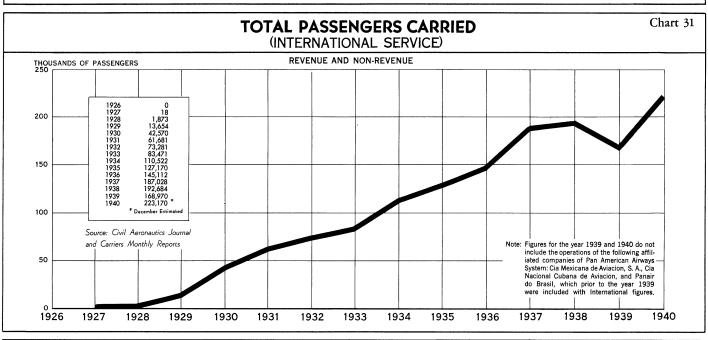


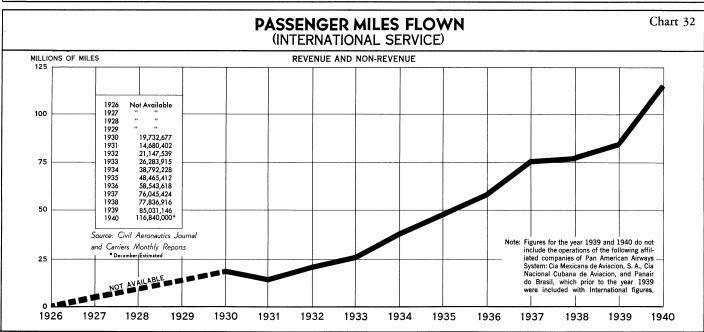


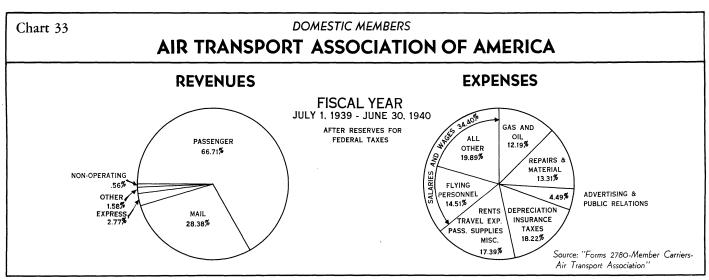


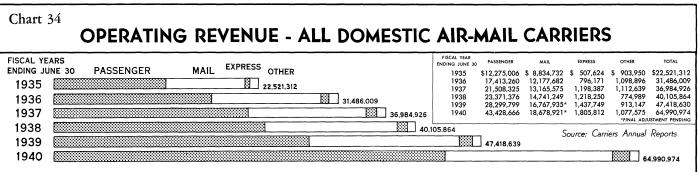


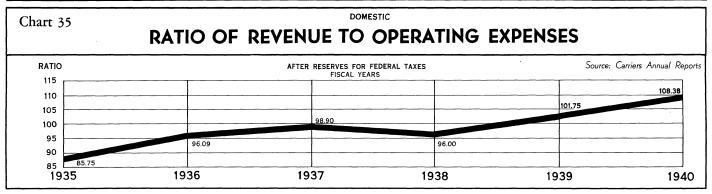


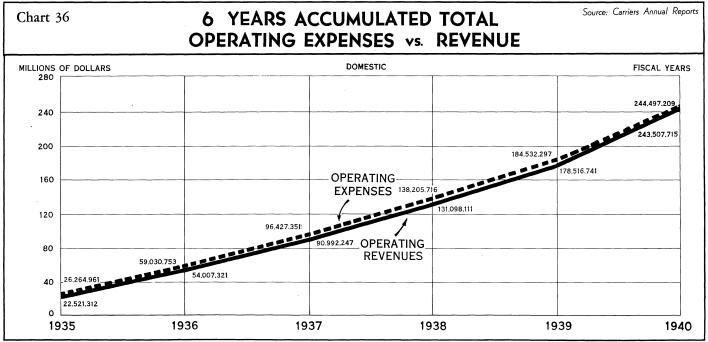


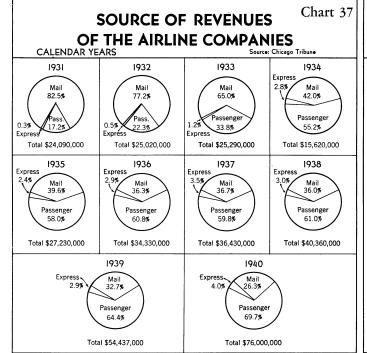




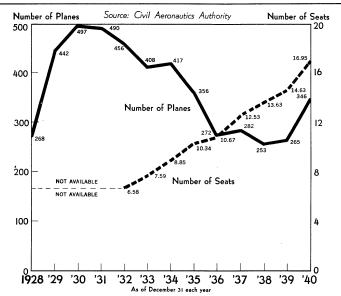








NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AIR CARRIER TRANSPORT PLANES IN SERVICE AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF PASSENGER SEATS PER PLANE Chart 38



TENTATIVE CLASSIFICATION OF AIRPORTS

Chart 39

SOURCE: AIRPORT SECTION - TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION - CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY

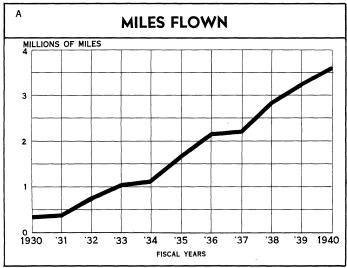
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Jan. 1, 1939 1,693	Apr. 1, 1940 1,576	200 1 200 tas 1 200 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	CLASS SMALL PRIVATE OWNER TYPE AIRCRAFT. 2 TO 5 PLACE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT UP TO 4000* GROSS WEIGHT. FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND SECONDARY AIRPORTS. LANDING STRIPS 1800' TO 2500' LENGTH
178	245		LARGER SIZE PRIVATE OWNER TYPE AIRCRAFT AND SMALL SIZE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. UP TO 20 PLACE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT FROM 4,000 TO 15,000, F GROSS WEIGHT. COMMUNITIES OF 5,000 TO 25,000 POPULATION LANDING STRIPS 2500' TO 3500' LENGTH.
36	31		PRESENT DAY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. UP TO 30 PLACE ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT FROM 10.000 # TO 50.000 # GROSS WEIGHT. CITIES OF 25.000 TO 250.000 POPULATION ON AIRWAYS SYSTEM. LANDING STRIPS 3500' TO 4500' LENGTH
0 Tot	5		LARGEST AIRCRAFT NOW IN USE AND THOSE PLANNED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. 50 PLACE AND LARGER ADEQUATE FOR AIRCRAFT OF GROSS WEIGHTS OF 50.000 # AND OVER. MAJOR METROPOLITAN CENTERS AND AIRWAY TERMINALS LANDING STRIPS 4500' LENGTHS AND OVER.
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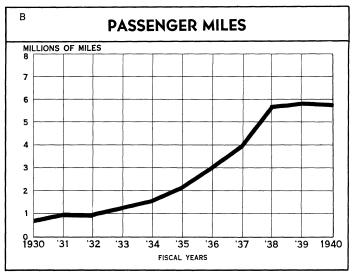
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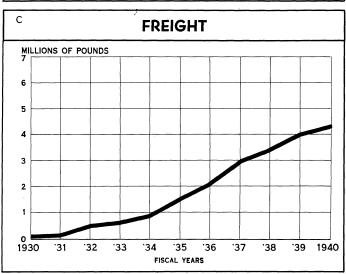
ALASKA AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1940

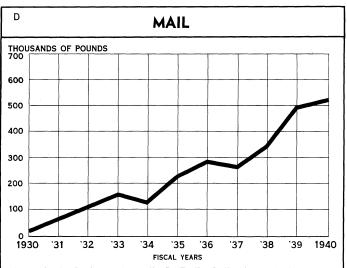
Source: Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission, office of the Supervisor.

Months	Hours Flown	Trips	Plane Miles Flown	Passengers Carried	Passenger Miles Flown	Freight Pounds	Mail Pounds	Months
July	3,458	1,384	458,347	3,859	607,806	534,587	18,202	July
Aug.	3,185	1,318	327,777	3,687	585,803	306,445	19,463	Aug.
Sept.	2,784	1,210	318,969	2,968	501,483	449,960	18,869	Sept.
Oct.	2,528	1,118	279,228	2,677	·522,592	323,609	18,629	Oct.
Nov.	2,179	984	245,139	2,006	443,092	294,059	66,593	Nov.
Dec.	1,692	807	187,362	1,367	257,405	191,092	87,799	Dec.
Jan.	1,647	861	170,414	1,469	266,945	182,053	63,603	Jan.
Feb.	1,902	846	213,529	1 <i>,</i> 710	297,514	278,097	62,637	Feb.
Mar.	2,518	1,150	271,052	2,032	420,585	399,593	61,933	Mar.
April	3,480	1,439	380,902	2,971	605,723	439,680	52,114	April
May	3,257	1,537	362,296	3,177	587,769	375,775	24,822	May
June	3,548	1,642	383,775	3,512	649,087	540,710	25,568	June
TOTALS	32,177	14,296	3,598,790	31,435	5,745,804	4,315,660	520,232	TOTALS









	Planes in Service	Plane Miles Flown	Passenger Miles Flown	Pounds of Freight	Pounds of Mail
Two-year period ending March 31, 1929		331,591	272,999	94,701	24,250
Year ending June 30, 1930	24	338,422	684,261	103,043	17,690
Year ending June 30, 1931	26	381,234	947,695	161,718*	
Year ending June 30, 1932	31	742,854	942,176	496,680*	
Year ending June 30, 1933		1,059,155	1,222,510	634,016	151,570
Year ending June 30, 1934	56	1,126,610	1,533,311	869,398	124,972
Year ending June 30, 1935		1,685,654	2,148,692	1,496,917	225,840
Year ending June 30, 1936		2,130,929	3,035,018	2,138,886	279,730
Year ending June 30, 1937		2,209,206	4,021,798	2,947,726	264,201
Year ending June 30, 1938	155	2,829,258	5,634,461	3,415,759	342,736
Year ending June 30, 1939		3,247,046	5,801,787	4,010,730	489,574
Year ending June 30, 1940		3,598,790	5.745.804	4.315.660	520,232

Source: Civil Aeronautics Authority

Chart 41

AIR TRANSPORTATION IS MORE THAN JUST AIRPLANES

The devoted service of the human beings necessary to keep planes in the air is a most important contribution to the progress of air transportation

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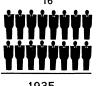


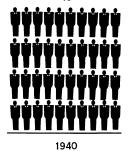


AIRLINE PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND FOR EACH PLANE IN THE AIR (DOMESTIC)

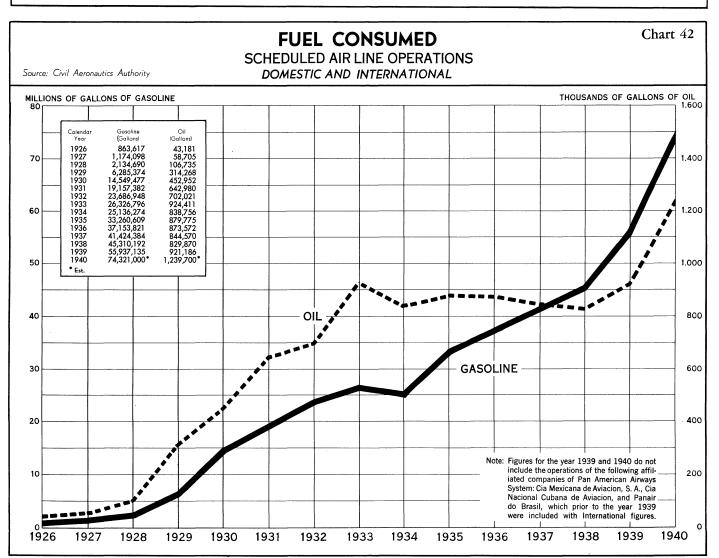








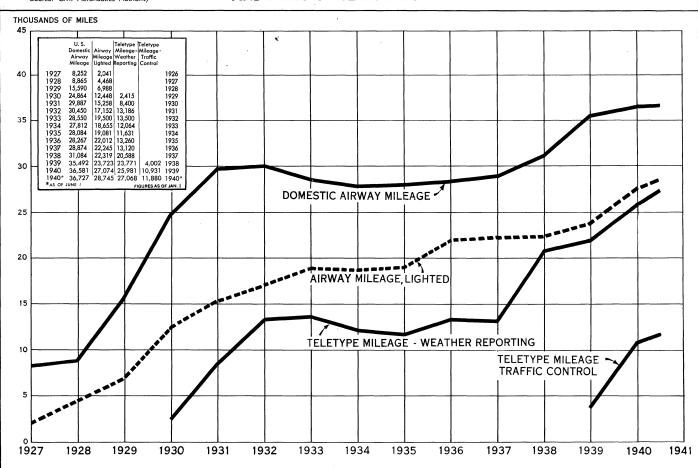
More than I,500 passengers and 18 tons of United States mail, on board approximately 225 common carrier transport planes under the United States flag, are in the air every second of each 24 hours.

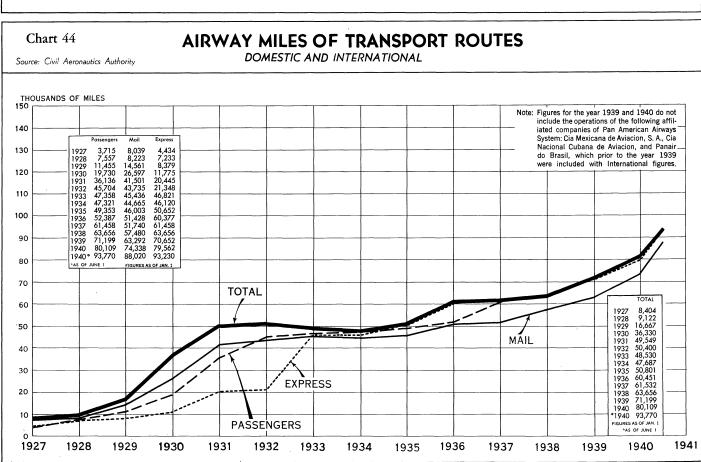


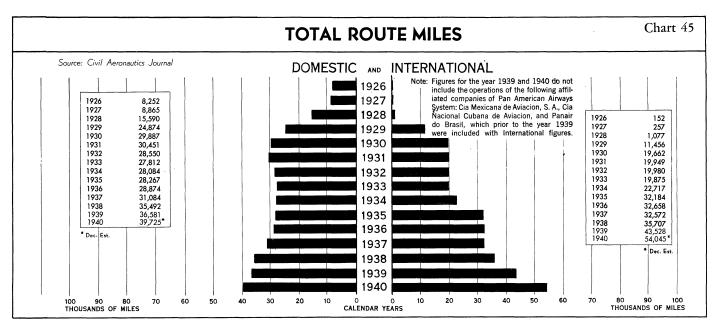


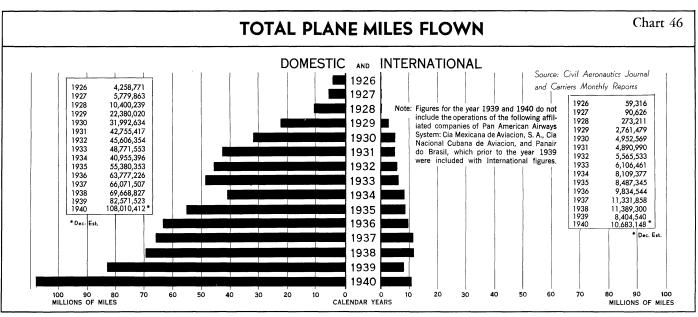
U.S. DOMESTIC AIRWAY SYSTEM, AIRWAY MILEAGE, AIRWAY MILEAGE LIGHTED AND MILES OF TELETYPE SERVICE

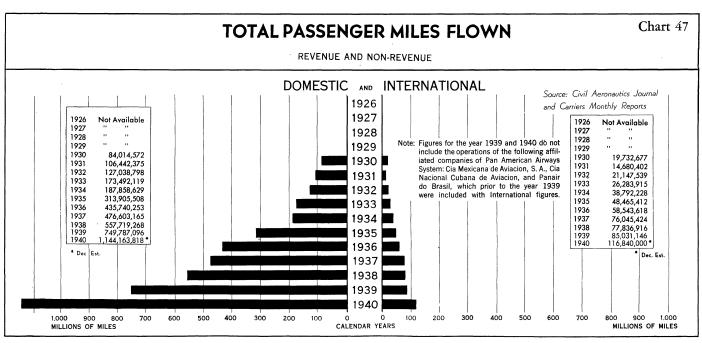
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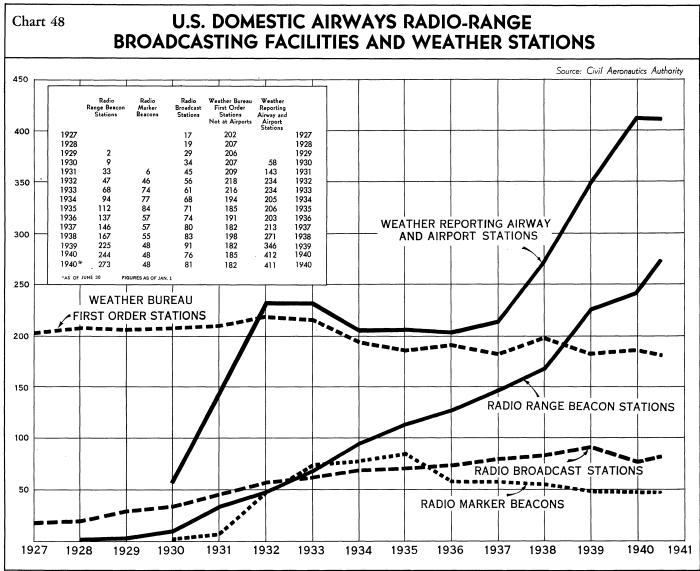


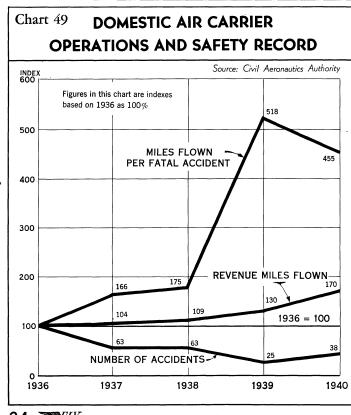


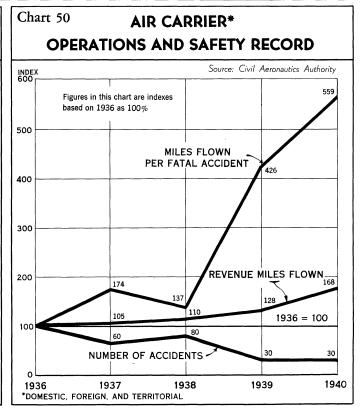












MILES FLOWN PER FATAL ACCIDENT

Chart 51

(DOMESTIC AIR CARRIERS)

Source: Civil Aeronautics Authority

1936 7,972,153

1937

EACH SYMBOL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 80 TIMES AROUND THE WORLD. OR 2 MILLION MILES OF FLYING

1938 13,933,765

MILES FLOWN PER FATAL ACCIDENT

Chart 52

(DOMESTIC, FOREIGN, AND TERRITORIAL AIR CARRIERS)

Source: Civil Aeronautics Authority

1936 7,121,173

1937

EACH SYMBOL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 80 TIMES AROUND THE WORLD. OR 2 MILLION MILES OF FLYING

1938

1939

MILES FLOWN AND FATAL ACCIDENTS IN CARRIER OPERATIONS Chart 53

(DOMESTIC)

Source: Civil Aeronautics Authority

TOTAL MILES FLOWN

63,777,226

NUMBER FATAL ACCIDENTS

66,071,507 **L** id id id id id id id 5 5 5

EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS

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82,571,523

FACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS 1 ACCIDENT

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MILES FLOWN AND FATAL ACCIDENTS IN CARRIER OPERATIONS Chart 54

(DOMESTIC, FOREIGN, AND TERRITORIAL)

Source: Civil Aeronautics Authority

TOTAL MILES FLOWN

71,211,726

NUMBER FATAL ACCIDENTS

EACH SYMBOL 74,700,237 (1) 1937 1937 1937 1937 REPRESENTS 10 MILLION MILES

90,976,063

EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS 1 ACCIDENT

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What six Life Insurance Presidents say about Mix Travel



MR. FRAZAR B. WILDE, President. Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Hartford:

"Commercial airline passengers are good life insurance risks. Connecticut General was a pioneer in granting them full coverage at standard rates. We place no restrictions upon air travelers using the scheduled airlines of the nation."



MR. LEWIS W. DOUGLAS, President, The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York:

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MR. A. N. KEMP, President, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles:

"Accepting the accomplished fact of the security, comfort and dependability of the nation's scheduled airlines, we have removed all restrictions on policyholding passengers flying within the United States."



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