

Veteran to Open New Route Tomorrow



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The civil aeronautics authority authorized San Diego as an intermediate stop on the transcontinental route Nov. 4, on the recommendation of Secy. of the Navy Frank Knox.

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