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Financier's Secret Control Alleged

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alleged secret control by copter service, because of day to deny an application by Golden West Airlines Board was urged yesterfriend and financial sup-C. Arnholt Smith, San Airways, a bankrupt heliporter of President Nixon. Diego financier who is a to take over Los Angeles The Civil Aeronautics

'MONOPOLY'

erating Rights, said Smith ilof the CAB's Bureau of Oplegally acquired control of Elliott M. Seiden, counsel

> by the CAB. Golden West despite a ruling canneries and the United

a 119 - page brief to CAB Examiner Harry H. Schneicontrol relationships and der. straw men," Seiden said in tine maze of intercorporate channeled its efforts to moportation through a Byzannopolize short - haul trans-"The Smith combine re-

surance, a tuna fishing fleet, in assets including hotels, inglomerate with \$215 million California Corp., a constill controls Golden West. He is chairman of Westgate-Smith has denied that he

> fornia's tenth largest. States National Bank, Cali-

HOLDINGS

fornia, a state commuter airline for whose sale to Pacompanies in several cities cific Southwest Airlines is and 81 per cent of Air Calibeing negotiated. Westgate owns airport cab

Golden West's acquisition of including PSA, Western and Los Angeles Airways. Hughes Airwest, oppose Three scheduled airlines.

California Corp. is a common carrier because of its The brief said Westgate-

quisition plan was turned down by the CAB, Seiden Golden West, and Los Angeles Airways but the ac-Commuter, predecessor to interests in every major Calownership of transportation go. Westgate attempted in April, 1968, to buy Aero iformia city except San Die-

'COMPLIANCE'

alleged compliance with the stock of Aero Commuter Commuter, the outstanding Westgate's control of Aero board's order disapproving "In February, 1969, and in

was sold to a Kansas City investment group headed by

tinuing control of Golden West by the Smith comto Mr. Coen's group was incontrol, and the sale of stock tended to obscure the conues to be under Mr. Smith's M. J. Coen," the brief said. financial domination and "Mr. Coen was and contin-

Padres baseball club, would who also owns the San Diego said the 73-year-old banker, have no immediate com-A spokesman for Smith

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