

NEWSMEN OF S. F. AND OFFICIALS OF AIR FIRM IN CITY FOR A DAY

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Newspapermen Taken to
the Dam For Special
Tour of Project

CAMERA SHIP FLIES

Survey Flight of New
Aerial Route Being
Conducted Thru Vegas

Blazing a new air trail
across one of the most scenic
areas in western America, a
giant TWA Skysleeper land-
ed in Las Vegas shortly after
three o'clock today from San
Francisco on a technical
flight preliminary to start of
actual service September 5.

Latest product of the fa-
mous Douglas factory in
Santa Monica, the great new
transport brought to town
ranking officials of the line
and 20 topnotch newspaper-
men from San Francisco en-
gaged on a three-day survey
of the route.

As guests of Las Vegas and,
particularly, the chamber of com-
merce, the visitors are remaining
overnight at the Apache hotel.
Tomorrow they will fly the sec-
ond leg of the new airway, from
Las Vegas over Boulder lake and
Boulder dam to Winslow and Al-
buquerque via the Grand Can-
yon, returning non-stop to Fres-
no and San Francisco Thursday.

PROMPTLY ON checking in
at the hotel, the newspapermen
are scheduled for a quick run to
Boulder City where special guides
are being provided by the bu-
reau of reclamation for detailed
inspection of the great dam and
project. They will travel in cars
provided by the chamber of com-
merce and with a state highway
patrol escort arranged by Police
Chief David Mackey.

On return to the hotel, the
newshawks will be guests of the
chamber of commerce at an in-
formal gathering to meet leading
citizens of the town. At dinner
the visitors will go into a huddle
with pilots and line officials to
determine the actual route to be
flown later in daily service. On
today's flight the plane voyaged
more than 50 miles on either side
of the theoretical airway in order
to cover principal scenic points
of interest.

MEANWHILE THIS afternoon
the big Skysleeper took to the
air again several times on cour-
tesy flights over the lake and dam
carrying as passengers city offi-
cials, leading business and pro-
fessional men as guests of TWA.

The visitors are scheduled to
depart tomorrow morning.

HARD ON HEELS of the big
TWA Skysleeper, Monte Mouton,
crack San Francisco pilot, set
down at the local airport his
speedy Beechcraft which accom-
panied the transport as camera
ship.

Aboard were Earl Colgrove,
TWA system photographer, and
Al Brick, veteran Fox Movietone
newsreel cameraman, who took
scores of pictures and more than

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1,000 feet of film along the way.

Scenic highlights of the new route, as reported by this camera crew, included shots of the Skysleeper over El Capitan at Yosemite, over the fertile and green fields of the San Joaquin valley, alongside towering Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the continental U. S., and Death Valley, lowest spot, only 60 miles further.

THE NEW ROUTE crossed the high Sierras at Walker Pass, lowest point in the range, at an elevation of only slightly more than 5,000 feet.

The camera ship continues tomorrow with the Skysleeper, pho-

tographing not only the lake and dam and the Grand Canyon, but the Painted Desert, Inscription Rock and other scenic highlights of the Arizona-New Mexico area.

AMONG HIGH ranking TWA officials who flew into town to lay on the initial flight were:

S. D. Welsh, regional superintendent;

Bill Coyle, chief pilot for TWA'S western region embracing Kansas City-Los Angeles and the new Kansas City-San Francisco route via Winslow;

L. J. Chiappino, who flew with Coyle in the cockpit today, and who will be senior pilot on the new run;

Clancy Dayhoff, system head of the TWA News Bureau;

L. W. Goss, superintendent, Pacific division;

Don Black, regional manager of the TWA News Bureau, with headquarters in Los Angeles, flew in yesterday to make advance arrangements.

Among other technical men aboard were Jim Reed, air-line inspector, and J. M. Sturdevant, also of the bureau of air commerce.

Bob Pritchard, editor of Western Flying, was the only Los Angeles journalist aboard.