

## Officials Welcome First Flagship on New Run



Civic and military officials welcomed the first American Airlines transport to San Diego yesterday on its transcontinental run. In the group (left to right) were: Fred Simpson, acting mayor; Rear Adm. Ralston S. Holmes, 11th Naval district commandant; Stewardess Letha Penhallow, Capt. Harold R. (Hap) Russell, former San Diegan who piloted the airliner, and Harry Woodhead, Consolidated Aircraft president.

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## S. D. Now Link In Air Chain

San Diego became a vital link in a transcontinental air-route chain yesterday noon when a huge American Airlines flagship glided into Lindbergh field from Los Angeles on its way to New York.

The flight established San Diego as an intermediate stop on American's transcontinental run and daily arrivals and departures here became permanent fixtures on the air schedule.

Civic and military officials were at the field to welcome the first flagship to San Diego, including, Rear Adm. Ralston S. Holmes, 11th Naval district commandant; Fred Simpson, acting mayor, and Harry Woodhead, Consolidated Aircraft Corp. president.

At the controls of the sleek transport was Capt. Harold R. (Hap) Russell, who learned to fly in San Diego and who is the dean of pilots on the American cross-country run.

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