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Otto E. Kirchner, director of engineering at American Airlines' Tulsa Maintenance Base, has been appointed director of operational engineering and will move to New York to assume his new duties on April 1. The promotion was announced by M.G. Beard, who is serving as head of the airline's Engineering department in the absence of Vice President William Littlewood.

Kirchner will serve as coordinator of American's aircraft operating and performance problems in relationship with governmental agencies.

A graduate of the University of Alabama in electrical engineering, Kirchner entered the company in 1928 at Dallas as division engineer in charge of maintenance. He became chief engineer at Chicago in 1939 and was made director of aircraft engineering in 1943. After heading the research division of the department for two years, he moved to Tulsa to head engineering activity at the company's maintenance base in 1947.

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