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American Overseas Airlines' entire passenger and cargo service to Europe is scheduled out of New York International Airport at Idlewild effective Tuesday, January 10. The airline has been operating its 73-ton, double-deck Stratocruisers from Idlewild since August 17 of last year while Constellation operations remained at LaGuardia up until now, pending completion of additional facilities for handling all flight schedules from Idlewild.

With this move, AOA becomes the first U.S. Flag airline to consolidate its transatlantic services from Idlewild.

Monday's departure of a Constellation Flagship from LaGuardia Airport, which marked AOA's last scheduled flight from that airport, also marked the system's 19,552nd transatlantic crossing. American Overseas Airlines has operated from LaGuardia since the summer of 1942 when the airline inaugurated non-stop transatlantic service with flying boats. The airline subsequently replaced the flying boats with landplanes on October 23, 1945. On that date, it inaugurated the first commercial landplane service to Europe from LaGuardia.

American Overseas Airlines' present installations at Idlewild, in addition to ticket counters and passenger handling facilities in the terminal building, now consist of flight dispatch and operations offices, in hangars one and two, and an air cargo terminal.

AOA passengers arriving from overseas points who hold direct connections on American Airlines, Inc., to points in the U. S., Mexico, and Canada, and conversely, will be provided with free limousine service between the two airports.

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