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G. K. Griffin, assistant to the president of American Airlines, has been elected vice president - personnel, C. R. Smith, president of the airline, announced today. His election by the board of directors marks the establishment of Personnel, long regarded as one of the airline's most important departments, at the same organizational level as other departments within the company.

Mr. Griffin has been associated with American Airlines for 22 years, joining an American Airlines predecessor company in July, 1927. He has served mainly in the operations department and rose through successive administrative positions to become in 1936 assistant to the vice president in charge of operations for American.

He subsequently became assistant to the president, the post he held until his appointment as vice president - personnel.

John G. Deater is director of personnel.

Mr. Griffin, who is married and has two daughters - Leslie 10, and Jennifer 7 - resides at 43 Orchard Farm Road, Port Washington, Long Island.

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The company presently operates over 13,600 route miles linking the United States with 10 European countries and Newfoundland.

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During 1949, American Overseas Airlines carried more passengers than at any time in its history and transported a record-breaking volume of air cargo, Harold R. Harris, vice president and general manager for the company announced today.

The inauguration of double-decked Stratocruisers into transatlantic service to Ireland, England and Germany, and the introduction of new sleeper-lounge flights to Scandinavia highlighted the AOA transatlantic operations, Harris said.

During 1949, AOA carried 97,200 revenue passengers for an increase of 22.2 percent over the preceding year; transported 12,500,000 pounds of cargo, an increase of 64.6 percent; and 1,900,000 pounds of mail, an increase of 35.4 percent.

The company flew a total of 202,100,000 passenger miles, and 28,200,000 ton miles during the year, Harris said.

The 340 mile-per-hour Stratocruiser service, accommodating 60 passengers, was inaugurated between New York and London August 15 and the service was extended into Frankfurt, Germany, on November 15, with direct connections at that point for Berlin.

The termination of the "airlift blockade" between Berlin and Western Germany in May, 1949, marked the increase of AOA service between those points from 14 passenger flights weekly to 21 flights, the present schedule.

Introduction of new sleeper-lounge flights to Scandinavia featuring 23-seat Constellation equipment, on November 15, provided a luxury service to Norway, Denmark and Sweden, and marked the retirement of the DC-4 Flagships from transatlantic service.

Early in 1950, AOA will receive its final Stratocruiser, completing a fleet of eight. The company introduced Stratocruiser service between New York and Glasgow, and Amsterdam, on January 10.

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