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The first through air service between New York and the West German cities of Dusseldorf and Cologne will be inaugurated by American Overseas Airlines on Saturday, September 2, according to an announcement by Harold R. Harris, vice president and general manager of the airline.

The new service will be operated to Dusseldorf twice weekly with 300-mile-an-hour Constellation Flagships seating 43 passengers; and augments AOA's present daily service between New York and Frankfurt with 60-passenger, double-deck Stratocruiser and Constellation Flagships.

Cologne and Dusseldorf will become the fourth and fifth major German cities to be directly linked with New York by AOA since the line inaugurated service to Frankfurt and Berlin on May 18, 1946. The airline instituted service to Hamburg on March 5 of this year. The new service also will provide an overnight link between the U.S. and Bonn, seat of the West German Government, located approximately 21 miles south of Cologne.

Flights for Dusseldorf-Cologne will depart New York International Airport (Idlewild) on Mondays at 12:00 noon, EST, arriving at Dusseldorf 11:00 a.m. the following morning; and on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., EST, arriving Dusseldorf 3:40 p.m. the following day. Saturdays' flights will stop at Boston.

Return trips will depart Dusseldorf at 7:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, arriving New York the following days at 11:10 a.m., EST, and 10:15 a.m., respectively. Tuesdays' return flights will stop at Boston.

Round-trip fare between New York and Cologne-Dusseldorf will be \$685.80; and special reduced rates will apply during fall, winter and spring "thrift" seasons.

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