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AIRPLANE TRIP DESCRIBED

Eunice Bishop,
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With a full moon serving as a beacon light all the way, an American Airways plane, filled with press representatives, roared through the skies Wednesday night on a five-and-a-half-hour jump from Dallas to El Paso, the first night flight ever made by a passenger plane on regular schedule on that route (New York to Los Angeles). The plane left Dallas at 8 p. m. and arrived at El Paso 1:20 a. m. which is 2:20 Dallas time.

The pilot and the co-pilot shot the plane into the air on scheduled time and lost very little time in picking up two passengers at Fort Worth and one at Big Springs. Three passengers, Kenneth Foree, Jr., public relations director of American Airways; Miss Ruth Buckner and Miss Eunice Bishop of the Dallas News and Journal, left Love Field.

The ship followed closely the air path from Dallas to Fort Worth to Abilene to Big Spring to El Paso. While crossing the El Capitan Mountains, which are 9,100 ft. above sea level, the plane flew 11,000 ft. high. As the ship passed over the lighted towns they resembled scattered jewels on a carpet of black velvet. The reflection of the moon on the rivers and ponds furnished mirrors for the night air riders.

The new schedule between Dallas and Los Angeles is proving popular. The first passenger to purchase a ticket at the Dallas office for Los Angeles was C. P. Clark of Nashville, who traveled 9,600 miles by air last year and estimates he saved twenty-four business days through the use of the speedier facilities.