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CLIPPER HELD BACK AS FOG HIDES PORT

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Washington Leaders on First Northern Mail Flight Are Grounded in Canada

The Yankee Clipper of Pan American Airways, bound for England on the first mail flight over the northern Great Circle route, was grounded at Shediac, N. B., yesterday afternoon when a dense fog around Botwood, Nfld., made it advisable to wait until weather conditions improved.

The big flying boat landed at Shediac, first of three intermediate stops on the 3,418-mile flight from New York to Southampton, at 3 P. M., Eastern daylight time. Weather reports showing bad fog conditions around Botwood made Captain Harold E. Gray decide to postpone the trip until this morning. Originally he had planned to stop in Shediac only an hour.

With representatives of the White House, the War, State and Postoffice Departments, both houses of Congress, the Coast Guard and the Civil Aeronautics Authority among the twenty-one persons it carried as observers, the clipper left Port Washington, L. I., at 9:27 A. M. yesterday.

Mail Cargo Sets Record

A total of 1,733 pounds of mail for delivery in Europe and 799 pounds to be sent back on the return trip as first-flight covers set an Atlantic air-mail record. The previous high was about 1,600 pounds carried on the first Pan American flight over the Southern Great Circle route on May 20.

Besides officials of the airline, those making the first Northern flight are: R. Walton Moore, 80-year-old counselor of the State Department; Major Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of the General Headquarters Air Force; Rear Admiral Russell R. Waesche of the Coast Guard, Stephen Early and James Roe, White House secretaries; Senators Dennis Chavez and Ernest Lundeen, Representatives Carl E. Mapes and Clarence Cannon; Clinton M. Hester, administrator of the CAA, and Edward P. Warner, W. S. McDuffee and Richard Boutelle, members of the air governing group; Charles P. Graddick, superintendent of the airmail division of the Postoffice Department, and Colonel Edgar S. Gorrell, president of the Air Transport Association of America.

Juan T. Trippe, president of the