New York to Atlanta in 1 Hour 34 Minutes
BY DELTA DC-8 JETLINER

A Delta DC-8 whistled from New York to Atlanta in 1 hour and 34 minutes September 18 on the first commercial flight of the 119 passenger Douglas pure jet transport.

Captain Floyd Addison of Atlanta was at the controls of the giant 130 ton jetliner, which hit a top speed of 548 per hour during the 760 mile flight. He averaged 464 miles per hour for the entire trip.

Other members of the crew were First Officer Jack McMahan, Second Officer M. H. Freese, and Stewardesses Beverly Gunterford, Jeanette Easley, Caroline Jones, and Elizabeth Whitman.

President C. E. Woolman hailed the introduction of jet service between Atlanta and New York as "an indication that air transportation is keeping pace with other industries in the South's march of progress."

Captain S. W. Hopkins flew the first Delta DC-8 scheduled flight out of Atlanta. First Officer C. E. Rarick, Second Officer Beaumont Morgan, were also in the cockpit.

Delta photographer Dave Vaughan snapped this panoramic aerial view of New York as the first DC-8 flight winged over the city.

In Atlanta the Woolmans were greeted by East Point, Ga, Mayor Johnny Stith, left, and College Park, Ga. Mayor J. W. Stephens. Their honor had red roses for Mrs. Woolman.