

RAIN, ACTRESS CHRISTEN NEW MAIL 'COPTER

The elements and Iva Withers of the musical "Carousel's" cast christened the United Air Lines' new Sikorsky S-51 helicopter in its initial landing atop the United States postoffice building yesterday.

A spitting rain began as Miss Withers, wielding shears nearly as tall as herself, snipped twin ribbons running from the helicopter's main rotor down into the hands of Postmaster Ernest J. Krueger. Andrew Devoursney, United's Chicago area mail and cargo manager, said the projected four route mail pickups the new helicopter will pioneer will give Chicagoland next morning delivery of New York mail.

The 'copter, piloted by Capt. Arthur R. Kidder, 36, of Downers Grove, settled down flawlessly on a 50 foot square patch on the post-office roof, paused long enough to be named the Urban Liner, then lunged up into the sky. Its passenger, Jack Rothman, engineer in charge, said his company will use the craft in developing night operation and air to ground radio equipment, and to investigate the possibilities of instrument operation.
