



CHARLIE HILL



RALPH GOODWIN identified as hijackers



MICHAEL FINNEY

3 Hijackers Wanted to Fly To Africa, Stewardess Says

A Trans World Airlines jet, hijacked to Cuba by three men wanted in the murder of a policeman, returned to Miami Sunday and a stewardess said she lied at knifepoint to "talk them out of taking us to Africa."

The Boeing 727 was commandeered early Saturday at the Albuquerque, N.M., airport by three men charged with running down a New Mexico state trooper.

"I was concerned that someone was going to die," said Capt. John McGhee. "These men boarded in a violent, agitated manner and were obviously ready to commit murder."

McGhee convinced the hijackers that he needed a refueling stop and, after the fugitives refused to go to Atlanta or Miami, the jet plane touched down at Tampa, Fla.

The 40 passengers on the scheduled Phoenix-Albuquerque-Chicago-Washington flight were allowed to deplane at Tampa while the crew of six was forced to continue to Havana.

Stewardess Betty Caubre said she convinced their leader that this airplane couldn't fly all the way to Africa. I lied, telling them I had been to Cuba twice and how nice they would be treated there."

Ann Harrell, another air host-

ess in the Kansas City-based TWA crew, said one of the men confessed to shooting New Mexico trooper Robert Rosenbloom when the officer made a routine stop of their vehicle Nov. 8 on Interstate 40 near Albuquerque.

"The smallest one, his name was Michael but had been changed to the African name Maheba, said he killed the officer," said Miss Harrell.

Miss Caubre said she sat with the trio's obvious leader, who identified himself as "Antoine." The stewardess said he claimed to have graduated from the University of California at Berkeley.

"He said he had been teaching school in southern California," she said. "They all claimed to have had at least two years of college. All of them emphasized their devotion to the Republic of New Africa movement."

The organization, established in Detroit in 1968, is dedicated to establishing a separate black nation in the United States. It now has two factions, one in Detroit and the other in New Orleans.

Miss Caubre said the one identified as Antoine told her that "they had been hiding in a sand dune for two days near the airport, waiting for their chance. They grabbed a tow truck to get across the runway to the plane."

Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration officials in Miami said they were informed by Cuban officials that the trio was removed from the plane and disarmed of two guns and a knife when the jetliner landed at Havana's Jose Marti Airport.

The FBI identified the hijackers as Michael Finney, 20, Ralph Goodwin, 24, and Charlie Hill, 21. They had been charged with murder.

New Mexico Gov. Bruce King sent a telegram to President Nixon, Secretary of State William Rogers and the New Mexico congressional delegation Saturday saying:

"Urge your all-out assistance in seeking return from Cuba of accused slayers of New Mexico State Policeman Robert Rosenbloom. Suspects should be returned immediately to New Mexico to stand trial for murder. Your good offices in securing their return is urgently requested and appreciated."

Miss Caubre said two hippie-type passengers said they would get off in Cuba with the hijackers, "but they backed out and deplaned with the others in Tampa."

McGhee said the hijackers appeared nervous at first but "settled down to the point of being polite. They even began knocking before entering the cockpit."

Pakistan Is Pounding Small Indian Town

BALURGHAT, India — The people of this Indian border town have been fleeing their homes to safer places in the interior as Pakistani troops have pounded them for four days with 25-pound shells fired from three miles away.

At least 20 people are said to have been killed and 70 injured. Eight shells fell on crowded areas of the town during an hour yesterday morning while a group of foreign correspondents was on a brief visit here.

The newsmen were flown 185 miles in an air force plane from Calcutta for a possible visit to front where serious fighting between Indian and Pakistani troops was reported to have broken out three days ago.

The Indian government has acknowledged having crossed the border "in self-defense" to engage the Pakistanis, and has said that 80 Pakistanis were killed in the battle and one tank was captured.

The newsmen were barred yesterday by the local authorities from going to the front near Hill, 15 miles northeast of here. Nor were they allowed to go to border positions outside the town from where the Pakistani shells were said to be coming.

"God is merciful. He has left me living alone."

Suddenly ambulances entered the hospital compound, their sirens blaring. Steel-helmeted orderlies transferred an old man, a middle-aged woman, a young man and a 5-year-old boy to stretchers that were rushed to emergency wards. All had serious injuries.

The ambulances, with bold letters showing they were donated by the United Nations Children's Fund, rushed back to fetch more casualties.

The wounded who had been brought in came from a crowded marketplace near the hospital that had been hit by a shell. Four persons had been killed instantly.

The district magistrate said that seven other shells had fallen in town and that there would be many more dead and injured. He said outgoing buses were loaded with people fleeing with their belongings.

5 Nations Will Seek Neutrality

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Representatives of five Asian nations declared formally Saturday they will seek to neutralize Southeast Asia.

Malaysia, originator of the plan, promptly began campaigning for world backing for a neutral zone covering 10 countries.

Foreign ministers from Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines, special envoy Thaput Khoman of Thailand and Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak signed a declaration of "peace, freedom and neutrality," pledging joint support for the plan.

Razak told newsmen later three more governments of the region now support neutrality: South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

He said North Vietnam and Burma, who have not committed themselves, would be asked to join the zone which would be declared off-limits to major power wars.

Neutral Zone

The Malaysian leader called on the United States, the Soviet Union and Mainland China to guarantee the neutral zone from outside interference, adding the scheme may be one way to end the Vietnam war.

Other representatives from the five member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) were not so enthusiastic, although agreement on neutrality in general terms was unanimous.

Philippines Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo and Foreign Minister S. Rajaratnam of Singapore both spoke after the signing ceremony of the need to proceed slowly with neutralization.

There were indications here that Indian troops might have gone into East Pakistan to stop the shelling of Balurghat. The town protrudes into East Pakistani territory and Pakistani bunkers are on three sides of it. There were signs of military activity in the town itself. At the airfield, in heavily fortified bunkers, Indian soldiers were seen armed with light and heavy machine guns. The town is thick with rumors of fighting not far away, but local officials said they were not aware of any.

K. I. Gupta, the district magistrate who had been asked by military authorities to use his discretion in permitting the newsmen to go to the front, declined to allow them to do so, saying that the roads were being heavily shelled by the Pakistanis.

Instead, he led the visitors to the local hospital where two wards were overflowing with casualties.

Bulbuli Shaha, a 26-year-old refugee woman from East Pakistan, was groaning with pain and grief. A thigh and hip were heavily bandaged. Her home, a shack in town, was hit by a shell Friday, killing her husband and a child, and causing her to lose the baby she was carrying.

Mrs. Shaha, speaking in a low voice, said her parents and a sister were killed during a raid by Pakistani soldiers on her home across the border in May. She then fled here with her husband and son.

"I've stopped crying now," she said with a wry smile.

Hijacker's Life in Cuba Is Not All Roses

MEXICO CITY — "My mother wouldn't believe it," mused the young girl living with other American airplane hijackers in the Havana suburb of Miramar. "We've got a swimming pool, we live in a house that used to belong to a millionaire and we have a cook and a gardener."

"The catch is that the pool never has any water, the house is falling apart and the cook and gardener are keeping us under surveillance."

For the hijacker in contemporary Cuba, life is unpleasant. Cuban officials have stated repeatedly that the vast majority of hijackers are "common criminals, mentally unbalanced persons and socially unadapted persons anxious to change their country of residence for personal reasons of an unrevolution-

ary nature."

They also are a considerable drain on the country's slim economic resources, since the government must feed, house and clothe them.

The hijackers, particularly the Americans, despair of ever seeing their homelands and families again. Life for most is drab and uninteresting because they live in a basically unsympathetic society that has another language and customs.

Once in a while, gifts from friends and relatives abroad get through to them. Passersby can often hear outdated rock music blasting from the American hijacker house. It is surrounded by a high chain-link fence, more to keep strangers out than keep them in.

Although the Cubans strongly disapprove of airplane hijack-

ing and Cuban law provides for extradition, Cuba has had to take responsibility for hijackers since few countries have gone along with its extradition proceedings.

The Cubans view hijacking as very much a two-way street. In the case of the United States, which is only 90 miles away, they are prepared to hand over all American hijackers, except those deemed to be in danger of political reprisals.

But they insist that any agreement with the United States must include a right to extradite those Cubans who have hijacked Cuban aircraft and ships, including even rowboats.

The Cubans also are quick to point out that they have always returned hijacked aircraft, including several Boeing 747 jets that have been taken to Cuba in the past year.

On the other hand, they charge that the United States has rarely reciprocated. Cuba claims that since the 1959 revolution, when Castro came to power, more than 260 boats and more than 30 aircraft have been illegally hijacked to the United States and never returned.

The last airplane passengers ever see of hijackers is when police and soldiers board a

craft at Havana's Jose Marti Airport to take them away.

Almost immediately upon arrival on Cuban soil, the hijacker is placed in solitary confinement. Then he is subjected to intense questioning and a detailed dossier on his private life and background is assembled.

Foremost in the minds of the Cubans is that the hijacker may be a Cuban exile or even an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The period of solitary confinement can last up to three months. In some cases it has a serious psychological effect on the persons.

At least two hijackers, a mentally unstable boy from Detroit, Mich., and a member of the San Francisco Red Guard, a California Maoist organization, have committed suicide in Cuba.

Once the interrogation period is completed, the hijacker is re-

moved to one of several homes which the Cubans have set aside as living quarters for them.

Gradually, the hijackers are divided into two groups: those the Cubans believe are endangered in their own country because of their political views and those the Cubans feel are undesirable.

Many of the American hijackers in the undesirable category are reported more than willing to go back to face the music.

Much of the bitterness they feel comes not from any maltreatment by the Cubans, but rather from the fact that the United States will not or cannot reach an agreement with Cuba on the subject of international air and sea piracy.

Distaff Deeds

New Homeowners Attend Home Management Class

Building a house is one thing; making it livable is another. So families completing self-help housing in the Robbinsville area, Graham County, will go to school to learn how to take care of their new houses—before they move in.

"Classes will emphasize home management," reports Sandra Roberts, home economics extension agent, "and will include care of floors and fiberglass fixtures, use and care of appliances, how to operate thermostats and furnaces for best use of heat, and how to budget for housing expenses."

After families move into their new houses, Extension agents will continue to visit them to answer questions and provide additional information, the agent says.

Self-help housing in Graham County is a cooperative venture between the families, the Qualla Housing Authority and IBEC, contractor for the houses.

LEARN SKILLS

Even women who work full time outside the home would do well to learn a few basic homemaking skills, including sewing and drapery making, believes Mrs. Evelyn Anderson, Mebane, Rt. 3.

Mrs. Anderson and other family members recently spent their "spare time" remodeling an old house.

The family saved money by making the curtains and draperies and by doing their own wallpapering, points out Mrs. Bonnie Davis, home economics extension agent.

Mrs. Anderson finds sewing a relaxing, yet moneysaving, hobby after she finishes her 8-hour away from home job.

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FBI Agents Search Woods For Hijacker

WOODLAND, Wash. — With planes grounded by rain and snow, teams of FBI agents searched a patch of wooded foothills Sunday for a middle-aged hijacker who parachuted from an airliner with \$200,000 ransom.

They also checked out a motorist's report that he spotted something that looked like a parachute hanging from a tree in rugged mountain country about 80 miles north of here.

The motorist, John Miller of Seattle, told police he spotted something white on a hillside between Tenino and Bucoda but was too far away to determine if it was a chute with his binoculars. FBI agents said it would take a few hours to check the report.

Tom Manning, FBI agent in charge of the search, has insisted that the skyjacker parachuted Wednesday night from a Northwest Airlines 727 into a three-by-five-mile strip of timbered Cascade Mountain foothills about 35 miles north of Portland, Ore. He said the jumper, who was wearing street shoes, could have suffered a broken leg.

Using a "bomb," the hijacker forced the plane from Portland to land at Seattle, where he was given the ransom in \$20 bills in a white canvas bag and four sporting parachutes. He ordered the plane to fly to Mexico but was not aboard when it landed at Reno, Nev., for refueling.

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