

# Student Convicted On Telephoning Offense

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI)—Joe "The Whistler" Engressia, a blind electrical engineering student who discovered a way to beat long distance telephone tolls by whistling the right pitch at the right time, was placed on disciplinary probation at the University of South Florida Wednesday.

The action by the faculty-student disciplinary board thus left the way open for the Miami student to continue his studies on a Florida Council for the Blind Scholarship.

Engressia had appealed an earlier decision by university officials that he be suspended because of the telephone calls which he admitted having placed to various places in the country for other students.

He appeared before the appeals board Tuesday for a hearing and the board returned its decision Wednesday.

Engressia, blind since birth, had discovered a means by which he would dial an "information" number in New York City, but just before the final click in a long series of tones fell to complete the call, he would whistle the correct pitch to throw the call onto an open trunk line.

Then, he would dial the number he wanted and when

the operator asked for his number he gave that of a large department store in Orlando.

The store was not billed for the calls, however, because the telephone company records would show the call to the information number, which is a free call.

The telephone company said it estimated it had been beaten out of some 35 hours worth of calls but said it did not intend to press charges.

Engressia, a junior with a "A" and "B" grade average, offered to work off the charges for General Telephone Company but the offer was turned down by company officials.

The 19-year-old student said he accidentally hit upon his "free" system when he was eight years old when he whistled and got the wrong number while making a call.

HAVANA (UPI)—A Trans World Airlines Jetliner with 38 persons aboard including country music star Tex Ritter and professional golfer Mason Rudolph, was hijacked by an American Negro man and a woman Wednesday and forced to fly to Havana.

The hijackers, who seized the plane at gunpoint during an inaugural flight from Nashville, Tenn., to Miami, Fla. were not identified by Cuban authorities.

Havana International Airport eyewitnesses described the hijackers as a light-complexioned Negro man and a black woman. Both wore light tan topcoats. The man wore a black beret and was attired in an orange sports shirt and dark slacks. The woman carried several packages.

As in previous cases, the hijackers were the first to leave the plane after it landed in Havana at 1:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m. EST.

The couple left the plane by the rear door and shook hands with a Cuban security agent awaiting them there. They were immediately escorted to the main airport office and

isolated.

The rest of the passengers and crew aboard left the jetliner 10 minutes later.

At 9:43 a.m. EST, 20 minutes after the tri-engine Boeing 727 lifted from the Nashville runway, pilot Dennis L. Maloney of St. Louis radioed:

"A guy has a gun in my back. He is forcing us to go to Havana. We are proceeding there."

The flight continued in

# TWA Jetliner Hijacked

## Tex Ritter, Mason Rudolph Aboard

silence to the Communist island, where it set down safely at 12:30 p.m. Cuban authorities were expected to release the plane and its passengers later in the day.

Rudolph's wife had a premonition that the plane might be commandeered. "I begged him not to go," she told UPI when contacted at the Randolph residence in Clarksville, Tenn.

Later, when advised the plane had landed safely, she

added: "I feel a lot better now. If any of your people get in touch with him please tell him to call home."

Rudolph was enroute to the Lehigh Acres Country Club near Ft. Myers, Fla., which sponsors him on the professional golfers tour.

Ritter, who has appeared in 78 western movies and has cut such records hits as "Wayward Wind," "High Noon," "Boll Weevil," and "Hillbilly Heaven," was to have performed at Marathon, in the Florida Keys, Wednesday night, and at Key West Thursday night.

The TWA flight, No. 496, originated in St. Louis and stopped off at Nashville enroute to Miami. The Nashville-to-Miami leg of the run was a new one for TWA, which until Wednesday had escaped the rash of hijackings that have occurred in recent

# Living Experiment To Meet Tonight

By ANDY SCHORR  
Special to the DTH

All alumni of the Experiment in International Living (Experiment) are invited to an organizational meeting in the lobby of the International Student Center tonight at 7:00.

The meeting was announced yesterday by Steve Barefoot who was one of two campus ambassadors from UNC who went overseas last summer with the Experiment.

The Experiment in International Living is a non-profit organization which runs student exchange programs with 38 countries.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to organize the Experiment alumni in the Chapel Hill area and to work towards a permanent Ambassador Scholarship Program from UNC with the Experiment.

Last year Barefoot received a scholarship from Student Government and went to India for the summer. Jan Davidson was the other ambassador.

A campus ambassador participates in the regular Experiment programs of living with a family in a foreign

country and of traveling in the country. Campus ambassadors received a scholarship and upon their return to their school recruit students for the Experiment.

Last year was the first time scholarships were given to students from the University for the Experiment. It was not established permanently, however.

Barefoot hopes that if the Experiment alumni in this area are effectively organized, they can recruit many students.

In the past, North Carolina has had more experimenters each year than any other state in the South.

The Experiment offers summer programs abroad, academic semesters abroad, a postgraduate year of international training and job placement, and for exceptionally qualified persons, a chance to lead an Experiment group.

Next October the Experiment will hold its Southeastern Reunion and Conference at UNC.

Barefoot urges all Experiment alumni to attend the meeting and all persons interested in the Experiment programs to contact him at 929-2832.

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# Tran Buu Kiem To Head Delegation

## NLF Appoints Negotiating Team

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The International Student Center will hold its annual Christmas party tonight at 8 p.m. in the Faculty-Monogram Club.

International Christmas refreshments will be served and a varied list of activities are planned.

Danielle Withrow, co-chairman of the International Student Center, said "We plan to roast marshmallows and sing both American and Foreign Christmas carols. We will have a record player and those who wish to can dance.

"The party last year was a great success, everybody who attended had a wonderful time and I believe this year's party will be even better," Miss Withrow said.

All students are invited to attend. There will be a nominal admission fee of 50 cents per person.

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