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**Airline Head  
Sees Cubans  
On Hijackers**

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The International Air Transport Association revealed in Geneva yesterday that its secretary general had visited Cuba over the weekend, presumably to talk about aircraft hijackings.

Knut Hammar skjold of the IATA saw several top Cuban officials during his visit, but did not meet Premier Fidel Castro. No details of his visit were given.

The world's airlines have become increasingly concerned about hijackings to Cuba. There have been seven already this year.

In another development, the Montreal Star claimed it had information that Cuba was sentencing many hijackers to five-year prison terms, with hard labor. Only political refugees are not imprisoned, the story said. The newspaper attributed its report to a high score in international aviation.

According to the story, the Cuban government had not publicized its policy of imprisoning hijackers as criminals because it wanted to give the impression that the hijackers were all political refugees from American capitalism.