

# Plane Hijack Charge Made

## U.S. Grand Jury Makes Report on Cases

Indictments were returned Friday by the federal grand jury charging two persons in connection with hijacking and attempted hijacking of aircraft.

In one true bill Raymond Johnson Jr., a former student at Southern University, was charged with seizing control of National Air Lines flight 186 Nov. 4, 1968, and forcing the pilot to fly to Cuba.

Assistant United States Attorney Dan Markey said that the flight was bound from Houston, Tex., to Miami, Fla., and that Johnson boarded the plane

after it stopped at New Orleans International Airport. He allegedly pulled a gun on the stewardess when the plane was about 65 miles southeast of New Orleans.

He is also charged in the same indictment with kidnaping the plane's crew.

Markey said that Johnson took part in demonstrations at Southern University and is charged with arson in connection with burning of a lumber yard during the demonstrations.

At the prosecutor's request Federal District Judge Alvin B. Rubin ordered that, in the event Johnson is ever returned from Cuba, he be held without bond

since both counts of the indictment carry the death penalty.

In the other indictment, Terrence J. Niemeyer is charged with attempting to commit piracy of Texas International Airlines flight 669, which was en route from Little Rock, Ark., to New Orleans May 30.

Niemeyer allegedly gave a note to the plane's stewardess saying that he was carrying a hand grenade and wanted the pilot to fly to Havana. At the time Niemeyer was in the custody of two Jefferson Parish deputies who were returning him from Shreveport to face local charges.

He was arrested when the plane landed at New Orleans International Airport to refuel.

He is now in custody in Jefferson Parish, and his bond on the federal indictment was set at \$50,000.

Also indicted were Coleman A. Beason Jr., possession of a sawed off shotgun; Freddie Hicks, theft of eight bottles of whiskey from an interstate shipment; Arthur Anthony Lester, possession of stolen mail; and Louis Q. Anding Jr., embezzlement of mail.