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# Plane Forced From Mexico To Havana

HAVANA (AP)—A hijacker who said he had a bomb in his suitcase rigged to explode at a moment's notice forced a Mexican airliner with 18 passengers and a crew of five to fly to Havana today.

A dispatch from Merida, Mexico, said the pilot of the plane had radioed that "several men" with guns had waited 10 minutes after the plane took off from there, then ordered him to fly the craft to Cuba.

Mexican Ambassador Miguel Covian, calling the hijacking "a totally unjustified act," said he expected the four piston-engine DC6 of Mexican Airlines to return to Mexico later today. None of the passengers and crew was harmed.

COVIAN SAID that according to his information the hijacker sent word to the crew he had a bomb in a small suitcase and would explode it unless pilot Jose Ruiz Hernandez flew to Havana. The flight was destined for Mexico City from Merida.

Covian raised the possibility Mexican authorities might seek extradition. He brought up this same question after a woman hijacked a Mexican Aeromaya airliner Oct. 5 with 14 passengers and forced it to Havana.

Informed sources said the woman hijacker is still in Havana but they have no information that authorities in Mexico City have asked for her extradition.

COVIAN SAID the plane landed at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport at 11:51 a. m., EST. He said the plane was being refueled for a return flight, presum-

ably to Merida.

The flight was scheduled for Mexico City, with stops at Villahermosa, Minatitlan and Veracruz.

Ruiz Hernandez notified authorities in Merida that he was being allowed by the Cuban officials to take off again for Merida.

THE HIJACKING was the second such incident this month.

A National Airlines jet bound from New Orleans to Miami Nov. 4 was diverted to Havana at pistol point by a Negro who said the air piracy was part of the black nationalist movement. He was reported to have boarded the plane with a ticket issued to H. Jackson of Baton Rouge, La.