

T.P.  
3, DECEMBER 5, 1968

## Passengers from Hijacked Plane Flown Back to Miami from Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Twenty-six travelers stranded in Cuba when their airliner was hijacked returned to Miami aboard a charter flight Wednesday, 24 hours after a gunman seized control of their National Airlines Jet.

The passengers were detained in Cuba Tuesday night when the seven-member crew—plus a nonworking stewardess riding on a pass—flew back to Miami after spending about three hours at the Havana airport.

Remaining behind in Cuba was the hijacker, a nervous, perspiring man who held the crew at gunpoint during an 81-minute refueling stop at Key West.

Airlift International, which operates the daily shuttles between Cuba and Miami for refugees coming to the United States, sent a DC7 to Varadero—a resort area 85 miles from Havana — Wednesday afternoon to pick up the stranded passengers.

All but one of the passengers had boarded the jet at Tampa, the only scheduled stop on the New York-to-Miami flight.

Cuba's government consist-

mer British cabinet minister called for an international treaty to stamp out the air piracy.

"A conference of government should be convened at once to take the action required to stamp out this new form of gangsterism," said Duncan Sandys, Conservative legislator.

In London Wednesday a for-