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## FLORIDA-BOUND PLANE HIJACKED

This Marks 5th Week in  
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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A giant jet bound on a non-stop flight from Philadelphia to Miami with 151 persons aboard was hijacked to Havana Thursday at the point of what Cuban officials said was a toy gun.

After the plane and kidnaped passengers landed at Havana's Jose Marti Airport, Havana radio reported that the Negro hijacker had used a toy pistol.

The broadcast said the unidentified air pirate had a four-year-old girl in tow.

Spectators said Cuban security police quickly took into custody the hijacker, who had the child in his arms. Ten minutes later, passengers were permitted to leave the plane. An official of the Swiss embassy, which handles U.S. matters in Cuba, was at the airport.

Passengers were taken to guarded rooms. Later they were taken by bus to Varadero, Cuba, 80 miles from Havana.

Eastern Air Lines flight 47 was over the Atlantic Ocean east of Jacksonville when pilot Orris Firth radioed: "We've got to go to Cuba."

Aboard the big DC8 Stretch

jet were 143 passengers and eight crewmen, the largest number of people to make the unscheduled Havana flight since the hijackings began in 1959.

So many people were aboard, an Eastern spokesman said two planes would be sent to bring them back to Miami.

It was expected that Cuban officials would follow their established procedure and make the crew return without the passengers.

Since Nov. 18, when two armed men forced a Mexican airliner to Havana, six hijacked planes have taken 374 people to Havana.

The last hijacking was Dec. 12, when a well-dressed Negro couple diverted a Trans World Airlines flight from St. Louis to Havana.

Others during the five week period were a National Air Lines jet on Dec. 3, an Eastern flight Nov. 30, a Pan American jet Nov. 24 and another Eastern plane Nov. 23.

Flight 47 arrived in Havana at 4:07 p.m. EST, 77 minutes after the pilot notified the Southeastern Control Tower at Jacksonville he was headed toward Cuba.

The air control tower at Miami maintained radio contact with the plane until it landed. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said the pilot did not mention any details of the hijacking.

In the past, all hijackers have been allowed to remain in Cuba.