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Man Charged in Hijacking

LOS ANGELES, June 27 (UPI)—A Federal complaint was issued today charging John Girard Marques, 31, with hijacking at gunpoint a United Airlines jet with 58 persons aboard and taking it to Cuba on Wednesday.

Marques earned an undergraduate degree in political science from UCLA.

The DC-8 was seized 11 minutes after taking off from Los Angeles International Airport on a nonstop flight to New York.

The plane landed in Havana on Wednesday night but the aircraft and its passengers were

detained until Thursday while Cuban officials searched in vain for a bag which the hijacker had checked.

The bag, which had been inadvertently put on a later flight, went directly to New York, and it was understood that an old passport of the hijacker was discovered by the FBI in the bag.

After the plane returned from Cuba, FBI agents boarded it and showed the passport to the eight passengers who had caught a glimpse of the hijacker. They said the photograph of the man resembled the hijacker.