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Plane Hijacked

HAVANA—Hijackers who claimed to have a bomb in a suitcase forced a Mexican Airlines DC-6 to fly here.

The plane, with 18 passengers and a crew of five, was en route from Merida, Mexico, to Mexico City. A report from Merida said the pilot radioed there 10 minutes after takeoff that "several men" were threatening him "with pistols and bombs."

Mexican Ambassador Miguel Covian called the hijacking "a totally unjustified act." The plane was being refueled at Jose Marti International Airport, and was expected to leave for Mexico with its passengers later in the day. The identity and number of the hijackers were not disclosed.