

## **Barkley Kin** *F Post 11/25/61* **Hijacks Trip** **To Havana**

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Dependent because he could not feed his family, Alben Truitt, grandson of the late Vice President Alben Barkley, has taken an escape route followed by many other troubled men—a hijacked plane into Communist Cuba.

Charles Oliveros, Key West charter pilot who flew Truitt to Havana Wednesday with an explosive device held at the back of his neck, returned without him Thursday.

"He told me the honeymoon was over and we were going to Cuba," Oliveros said. "He told me that if I did not cooperate, he would not hesitate to kill me."

Behind him in his desperate flight, Truitt left his attractive brunette wife, Allison, and their three children, living in two tents pitched on a campground on the beach of Stock Island.

"He was worried over putting food on the table," said Al Knowles, Key West grocer whom Truitt had patronized since the family's arrival two weeks ago on this island at the far tip of the Florida Keys.

Police said Truitt had written some bad checks and one merchant had threatened him with jail if he did not make good Tuesday. The campground owner, Mrs. Boyd Hamilton, said she had given Truitt until Wednesday to pick up another check.

Oliveros, a 26-year-old American of Spanish ancestry, flew back Thursday, looked at an Associated Press Wirephoto of Alben William Barkley Truitt and said, "That's the man."