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Airlines Refuse to Repatriate Militant

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LONDON—All Transatlantic airlines refused yesterday to fly American black-power expatriate Robert F. Williams to the United States, where he is wanted on kidnaping charges. British officials ordered Egypt's United Arab Airline, which brought him here, to take him out of the country.

Williams fled the United States eight years ago to avoid the kidnap charges in North Carolina, but is now trying to go home.

The Egyptian airline was prepared to fly him to Cairo, but a catering truck at London airport damaged one of the plane's wings. An airline spokesman said Williams would leave Monday. Meanwhile, British authorities imprisoned him. He was refused admission to Britain as an undesirable alien.

U.S. Embassy sources in London said the embassy offered to provide an escort for Williams, but that the airlines still refused to fly him to Detroit. Noting the recent number of hijackings to Cuba, and airline spokesman said, "We would be foolish to take any chances."