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**Young
Kennedy
Released**
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Arab commandos who hijacked a Lufthansa Airlines 747 from India to South Yemen yesterday released the eldest son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy and 171 other passengers but held the 16 crew members hostage.

"It was just too much," Joseph P. Kennedy III said of the ordeal as, tired and ruffled, he tottered into the airport lounge with 119 other male passengers.

Women and children and one elderly man were released hours before and Lufthansa airlines said most left by plane for Beirut.

Some of the women said at least one passenger had been pistol whipped and that the hijackers wired the

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doors with explosives before the plane landed.

The commandos indicated they had hijacked the West German airliner because of the Bonn government's aid to Israel. They apparently showed little interest in young Kennedy, 19 and the eldest of the late New York senator's 11 children.

Kennedy and the other male passengers were freed late last night after being held for 18 hours aboard the aircraft at Aden airport. The plane landed there after having been seized Monday

on a flight from New Delhi to Athens.

The hijackers identified themselves as members of the Zionist Occupation Victims Organization with headquarters in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

In Washington, the State Department said young Kennedy telephoned his uncle, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.) after his release.

HOSTAGES

There was no definite word here on the status of the crew members. But in Frankfurt, Lufthansa said they were being held aboard

the plane as hostages. The hijackers' demands were not made public.

Officials said Prime Minister Ali Nasser spent four hours on the plane negotiating for the men's release with the hijackers, who brandished dynamite, hand grenades and pistols. Young Kennedy was taken to meet Nasser and other government officials while the other passengers waited in the airport lounge.

Yemen Airways had a plane standing by to take the men to Beirut.

The hijackers remained aboard the aircraft, which had 172 passengers and 16 crew members aboard when they seized it. The government was reported determined to make certain the plane did not leave and was not blown up.

In Washington, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy told newsmen she was "relieved and heartened" by the news of her son's release, but added: "I'll feel better when I see him right here. I will be happiest when he gets home."

At the Aden airport, about 50 soldiers were on duty near the terminal. The giant Lufthansa jet stood alone in a remote area of the airport with shades drawn over its windows.

Margaret Horn, an American passenger released shortly after the plane arrived, said she thought one of the hijackers "wanted me to feel safe. I was worried about my baby, but one of the hijackers gave me a string of beads."

Mrs. Harrison Mundy of Los Angeles said: "I think we were all frightened. We were trying to remain calm, though."

The plane was seized Monday night in New Delhi, where young Kennedy boarded after a visit to India and Bangladesh with Senator Kennedy.