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AUTHER G. BARKLEY
Examination ordered

Sanity Exam Ordered for Air Hijacker

Washington

Auther G. Barkley yesterday heard a federal judge order him sent to a mental hospital to see whether he was sane the day he hijacked a TWA airliner and demanded \$100 million in ransom.

The 10-minute proceedings included no opportunity for the 49-year-old Barkley to plead his guilt or innocence to charges of air piracy and interfering with the duties of the TWA crew.

This may come later, after psychiatrists at the Lewisburg, Pa., federal institution report whether he is competent to stand trial. They have also been asked to give their opinions about his mental condition on the day of his hijacking, June 4. That report isn't expected for up to 90 days, the defense said.

If psychiatrists say Barkley is legally insane, now, no trial will be held until his mental condition changes. Or they can say he is fit to stand trial and have qualms about his sanity during the hijacking, Barkley's lawyers said.

Barkley was indicted on charges of aircraft piracy, which has a maximum penalty of death, and of interfering with a flight crew, which has a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

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