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Disclose Armed Jets Shadowed Hijacked Plane

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Washington, June 5—Airlines officials were concerned today over the ease with which Arthur Barkley, the captured plane hijacker, carried aboard a can of inflammable liquid.

The liquid was believed to be gasoline. Tests on it were being made in Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratories here.

John Curtis, a T. W. A. spokesman, said Barkley apparently carried the gallon paint can filled with liquid aboard the jet liner yesterday in a duffle bag which he could fit in under his seat.

The defense department disclosed the T. W. A. 707 that was hijacked by Barkley between Phoenix and Washington was shadowed for almost three hours by armed jet fighter interceptors before it landed here for the second and final time.

The Pentagon disclosed for the first time that the plane shadowing is a routine practice when air liners are hijacked.

Capt. Dale C. Hupe, the pilot, was recovering from a wound in the left shoulder at Fairfax, Va., hospital, a spokesman said today. Hupe, 46, underwent a two- and one-half hour operation late last night after he was wounded by a bullet apparently fired from a gun which Barkley also was wounded in the thumb.

Chief U.S. Magistrate Stanley King set Wednesday for a preliminary hearing on arsonation charges against Barkley, 40, of Prescott, Ariz., arrested when the hijacked plane landed here a second time. Aircraft piracy is a federal offense punishable by imprisonment from 20 years to prison for death.

Ever Present Problem

Curtis said that cabin baggage is not normally inspected. He said the rule presently is that passengers can carry anything aboard that will fit under their seats.

The question has been raised, Curtis said, on whether in the cabin hand baggage by some way a gun or explosive device would be final forwarding.

His bullet holes were found in the instrument panel, one over in the instrument panel, the door of the food locker, and the third through the canvas the cockpit and the cabin.

The $306,000 in ransom that T. W. A. withdrew from two banks in Las Vegas before the hijacker has been put back in the air line's account. The ransom included $300,000 in $100 bills and $6,000 in $20 bills. He ordered the plane back to Washington after he discovered he had been shortchanged.

Gun Was Unloaded

One bullet that was fired at close out a fire went on into the brake assembly. The assembly was rejected here by T. W. A. officials and sent to New York City for further inspection.

The Pentagon said that four other interceptor planes were sent aloft to continue surveillance after the first two were sent back to their bases when the big plane turned south and returned to Dulles International airport after circling above upstate New York.

In this and in other hijacking incidents, the pilots have performed for purely humanitarian reasons and to serve as local points for any rescue efforts, should any such efforts, be necessary, The Pentagon said.

The defense department said that the F-106 interceptors involved—F-106 Delta Dart jets—were armed with Falcon missiles and cannon, but because they were on ground alert status in their air defense role, and there was no time to remove the missiles.

The Pentagon said the shadowing of hijacked airliners is

Nixon Phones Pilot Wounded in Jet Hijack

Chicago Tribune Press Service

Washington, June 5—President Nixon, a pilot himself who had served in World War II with the air line pilot wounded by a hijacker, today placed a telephone call to the hospital today to wish him a speedy recovery.

When the chief executive called Fairfax hospital in suburban Virginia, however, he was told that Capt. Paul Hupe, who had undergone surgery last night for a bullet wound in the abdomen, was in an intensive care unit where there was no telephone.

So Nixon ended up relaying his good wishes to Hupe first Miss Mary Jane Mastenbrook, a White House nurse, and then nursing sisters once the latter gave care facility.

Served on Guadalcanal

"I served with Capt. Hupe in the Pacific," the President told Miss told the young nurse. "He went thru the entire war without a scratch and he had to be hurt in this way. Tell him he's a national hero."

Miss Mastenbrook relayed the President's message to Hupe, who is reported in good condition.

Mrs. Hupe finally lifted after hearing from the President's hospital spokesman said. "He was very happy."

Responded Here

Ronald L. Ziegler, White House press secretary, said Nixon and Hupe served together in the Navy during World War II. Nixon was a naval officer assigned to the air arm of the service and Hupe, he said, remembered Hupe able he did not know the pilot personally.

Ziegler said the President is concerned with recurring plane hijacking incidents and wants to find an effective solution to the problem of the safety of air travelers.

Nixon later took advantage of a trip to Florida to visit the capital for a swim on the Potomac river aboard the executive yacht Sequoia.

He reportedly was informed before intermission that the call he provided by radar shadowing would from a New Jersey.

Hupe's home is in Perry, Okla., and his wife, Mrs. Dale Hupe, Jr., visited him today by a hospital in Fairfax, Va. The surgeon who performed the operation on Hupe said that the pilot "is doing fine", but would be in the hospital recuperating for several days.

Hupe's wife quoted him as saying he considered Barkley "a very sick man" and added that he did not believe the bullet which wounded him came from the hijacker's gun.

Mrs. Dale Hupe, wife of TWA pilot wounded as FBI agents captured hijacker, arrives at Fairfax hospital near Washington to visit her husband. She is accompanied by son, Dennis, 19.

Arthur G. Barkley, charged in hijacking of TWA jet, holds pistol as he stands in doorway of plane's cockpit while craft sits on ground in Washington. Photo was made by Roger Buchanan, a passenger.

Photographer on Hijacked Plane Tells of His Ordeal

Washington, June 5 (AP)—Roger Buchanan had to run a gantlet of angry shouting passengers to get pictures of Arthur Barkley, the Trans World Airlines jet liner hijacker, but the Associated Press photographer managed to get his pictures of armed hijacker Arthur Barkley in the cockpit of the plane and transmitted early today by the Associated Press.

Buchanan, 29, a free lance student of Arizona State and

[illegible] and stewardesses and passengers from the hijacked passengers hostilely angled he was trying to photograph them. He raised forward to the plane to was [illegible] he said he was [illegible] and his view was blocked several times.

"I got a shot, but it was my last and I had to do it," he said. After he jumped from the plane he was rushed to a car and photographs from the out side, another passenger slapped him, Buchanan said.

Government officers hurled Washington-bound

Crew's Story of Dramatic Battle for Survival with Air Pirate

BY WAYNE THOMIS

The full story of the last desperate struggle for the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines jet with 38 aboard on Thursday and the subsequent seizure of the air pirate a gun battle was pieced to gether yesterday.

It became possible as stories of the crew members and the nearly terrified were related in interviews in Washington, in Kansas City, and in a Fairfax, Va., hospital.

Reported Hard

The crew aboard the plane was "reckoned the disturbed individual who held the gun as was going to shoot

The hijacker, identified three times pilots and a flight engineer, also said they "will be in the custody of the Bureau of Investigation agents who shot out the tires of the TW plane, but he would not be taken to Algeria, where the hijacker Arthur G. Barkley of Phoenix,

Ariz., was wildly tying his re- [illegible]

"It was the FBI agent [illegible] Capt. Hupe was shot. While struggling all three men fell to the floor of the cockpit, and Barkley's revolver was discharged into Hupe's abdomen. It was probably the last the first of the shots we to the [illegible] Barkley and the FBI agents.

Gets Bloody Nose

Immediately afterward Barkley was overwhelmed and disarmed. He suffered a bloody nose and the FBI said he was very much his right thumb.

"Capt. Hupe was, this is the FBI. You are a prisoner," the FBI agent said, struggling and shouting Barkley.

"If you believe just were the [illegible] you are right now in my hands," Barkley said to them.

Detector Not in Use

Phoenix, Ariz., June 5 (UPI)—Trans World Airlines officials said today that a hijacking gate detector which is used to screen passengers for guns and bombs was not working be it on his way to be jet liner he later hijacked a flight. Use of the detector, along with visual evaluations of passengers by trained personnel, has been credited with reducing the number of potential hijackers, Barkley appar- [illegible] ently passed the visual check, too.

Firm Ships Tents to Peru Quake Victims

Los Angeles (UPI)—A Los Angeles firm shipped 200 tents to earthquake victims in Peru today. The tents were ordered by the International Cooperation Agency, Commercial Development and the Seventh Day Adventists. They were flown to Lima and then airlifted to Lima.

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