

Pilot convinces young hijacker to drop plans to fly to Sweden

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A 14-year-old boy attempted to hijack a National Airlines jet to Sweden at gun point Tuesday before the captain talked him out of the idea and a federal marshal overpowered him, authorities said.

Federal officials said Edmund Maddox McKee Jr. of Treasure Island, Fla., told them he got the idea for the hijack attempt from watching television. The plane never left the ground.

An airline spokesman said the thin, modly dressed youth approached ticket agent Ron Jones

shortly after noon waving a .22 caliber revolver and said, "I'm hijacking you and the airplane; let's go."

Jones escorted the youth on board the Boeing 727 and told Captain Ben Horne of Miami, "I have a young man here who wants to hijack the airplane," the spokesman said.

Horne then convinced the youth to permit the passengers and ticket agent to leave the plane.

There were 17 passengers and three crewmen aboard the flight, No. 67 between New York and

Miami. Tampa was one of several intermediate stops.

The teen-ager told Horne he wanted to go to Stockholm, Sweden, but authorities said the pilot talked him out of the attempt by saying the plane did not have the range for the flight.

Horne also convinced the youth to put his loaded revolver in a flight bag he was carrying and started to escort him back into the terminal accompanied by another ticket agent, the airline spokesman said.

He was grabbed by Federal

Marshal Clifford Ellis, who was manning a nearby gate as part of a round-the-clock Federal Aviation Administration antihijack program. Ellis had been alerted by another ticket agent.

Federal authorities said McKee was arraigned on federal hijack charges. Bond was set temporarily at \$50,000. The youth was released in the custody of his parents and a hearing was set for March 17.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Northwest Airlines said it received an anonymous telephone call several hours later that its flight 708 "may be hijacked by someone with a blue bag."

The Tampa-to-Miami flight was called back to the loading dock as it prepared for takeoff and its 25 passengers were checked out and luggage searched. Nothing was found and the flight was permitted to proceed to Miami.

Reports of peace talks untrue, Israel says

Israel says reports of secret peace talks with King Hussein are a "propaganda exercise" to discredit the Jordanian monarch in the Arab world.

The reports, first published in Egypt and expanded Tuesday by

the Israeli independent newspaper Haaretz, claimed Hussein and other Jordanian leaders had met Israeli officials with the help of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency five times since 1969.

Haaretz said the king agreed to allow 27 Israeli paramilitary settlements on Arab land west of the Jordan River, and to let Israeli tourists enter Jordan.

Jordan also would cancel its military pacts in the Arab world, the report maintained, and in return would get symbolic control of East Jerusalem, which Israel seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

The newspaper did not say what was meant by symbolic Jordanian rule in East Jerusalem, but specified that the leaders had agreed the Jordanian flag could fly over Moslem holy places.

Haaretz also did not make clear how much of its information came from Egyptian reports.

Apparently quoting Egyptian reports, Haaretz said Hussein wanted to delay announcing any agreement until Egypt and Israel worked out terms for re-opening the Suez Canal, making Egypt the

first Arab country to grant a concession to Israel.

Mrs. Meir's office reacted to the report with a terse "nothing to it." The Israeli Foreign Ministry echoed, "There is no truth in it."

Israeli officials also denied a Time magazine report that Soviet and Israeli envoys had met in Switzerland to seek resumption of diplomatic relations which have been broken off since 1967.

In addition, Time claimed that the Soviets had brought Israelis and Egyptians together to negotiate reopening the Suez Canal.

Israeli officials said no such meetings had taken place and added that the Suez project was an American initiative that Moscow had not favored officially.



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Skydiving-it's a very habit-forming thrill

By BILL CHRISTOPHER

Watching the Golden Knights as they landed on the drill field after the Military Day review at A&M Saturday, one may wonder what kind of people get their thrills by jumping out of airplanes.

"I would rather jump than drink or date," was the comment of parachutist Choya Walling. Limping after his last jump with a pulled muscle in his knee, Walling can hardly wait until he is well enough to get up in the air again.

"It's habit-forming. Most skydivers are usually broke because they pour every dime they get into jumping," Walling said.

Parachuting is a costly hobby. A jumper must spend \$3 to \$6 just to get up in the plane. His equipment constitutes his major expense. And of course, there is always the possibility of unexpected medical expenses.

There are three basic types of skydivers, explained Walling: those who do relative work, those who work on style and those who work for accuracy.

Relative work is jumping with two or more people at the same time. This involves moving together in free fall. An example of this is the "record 24-man star a month ago in California," Walling said.

The other two types, style and accuracy work, can usually be done together. Style skydiving, usually used in competition, consists of a number of turns and loops while the diver is in free fall. The accuracy comes when

the parachutist tries to hit a six-inch disk on the ground.

There is also a great difference in parachutists, Walling said. Beginners usually start out with a "cheapo or rag" bought from an Air Force surplus store. These can attain a forward speed of about three miles per hour for steering purposes.

When the skydiver becomes more proficient, he may move to a parachute called a Para-commander. This is used mainly for sport with a forward speed of 10 m.p.h. From the Para-commander, one may move to a high performance parachute. These are actually collapsible gliders like the Para-wings used by the Golden Knights.

Walling, who has been jumping for almost a year, has been interested in skydiving since he took flying lessons at 15. The Corps sophomore said that he did not have a sensation of falling, rather one of floating or flying. "There's nothing more peaceful or exciting than jumping from 12,000 feet," he said.

Griffiths edits climate book

"Climates of Africa," a 600-page book edited by Prof. John F. Griffiths of A&M's Meteorology Department has been published by the Elsevier Company of Amsterdam.

One of a 15-volume series, "World Survey of Climatology," the book is composed of 14 chapters, nine written by the TAMU climatologist.

The book provides a resume of existing climatological knowledge of the African continent. Griffiths has traveled widely in Africa, living there 12 years. His research and writing were assisted by a 1968-69 faculty develop-

ment leave while enabled the scientist to revisit many African countries, including Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and South Africa.

Griffiths, recently elected a member of the World Academy of Art and Science, said the publication is in non-mathematical terms and written to develop awareness of the importance of climate as a natural resource.

Wisconsin professor to lecture Thursday

Dr. L. C. Young, distinguished research professor at the University of Wisconsin, will lecture at A&M March 9.

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