United Press International HOUSTON — A man laid off ast month by Pan American and us teenage son broke up a hiacking aboard one of the airine's flights by overpowering a Cuban national and buckling nim into a seat.

With Spicer Lung, 45, an 18-year veteran of Pan Am, and his son, Spicer Jr., watching over he suspect, Flight 925 landed afely in Houston Tuesday with 121 passengers and eight crew

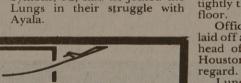
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members.
Officials identified the Cuban as Alfredo Ayala, 30, and took him into custody when the Miami-to-Houston flight landed at 7:37 p.m. CDT, about an hour

behind schedule. Ayala, who had demanded the flight be diverted to Havana, was to appear before a U.S. magistrate Wednesday.

Miami resident Ralph Symons, 52, said he joined the Lungs in their struggle with Ayala.



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"The heroes of this are Spicer Lung and his son," Symons said "I saw Spicer Lung take off after the guy. Spicer had his hands behind his back, and the kid had him around the throat. Then I grabbed him and suddenly the guy is looking at three virile American men, and he wasn't going anywhere."

Symons said Lung's son was holding Ayala by the throat so tightly that he lifted him off the

Officials said Lung had been laid off about three weeks ago as head of Pan Am's catering in Houston but was held in high

Lung declined to talk to the media and left through a back door of the airport.

The flight was about one hour out of Miami when Ayala attempted to take over the plane, said FBI agent John

Guido said the captain radioed the Federal Aviation Administration control center in Miami at 6:10 p.m. CDT to say the plane was being hijacked.

"Then he radioed back the individual had been subdued and everything was under control," he said. "The jet was never diverted from Houston.

The hijacker neither indicated he had a weapon nor was one found on him, Guido said. He spoke only in Spanish and was interpreted by a passenger. Frank Ward, assistant dire-

ctor of the aviation department for the city of Houston, said he spoke at length with Lung about the incident.

"He was very proud of the fact he did something positive for the passengers and for the company," Ward said.

Theresa Negret of Mexico City said she was feeding her son when the scuffle with the hijacking began.

"The guy (Spicer Lung) that helped us was really nice. With-out him, I don't know what would have happened. It was wonderful for him to help us that way," she said that way," she said.

She said the suspect sat in the seat in front of her for the rest of the flight to Houston.

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The Texas A&M Developmental Leave Committee Wednesday recommended three staff members for special

The three applicants who received the most votes will be notified Monday.

The recommendations were made after the committee heard five proposals Tuesday afternoon. Recommendations were forwarded to Dr. John J. Kol-dus, vice president for student services, who will make the final

Approval should be given in about three weeks.

assistant vice president for student services, said the Developmental Leave Committee is unique.

"We are unaware of any committee exactly like this one at any members a year to take special leaves. This year, three awards will be given because an applicant awarded a leave last year

other university in the country," Southerland said.

The committee provides an opportunity for staff members to take trips not normally co-vered under their department

"The special leaves provided by the committee allow staff members to learn about unique policies and to grow personally in ways that will benefit Texas

A&M students," Southerland

national Student Services, who applied to attend the 12th International Convention of Partners of the Americas in Merida, Mexico.

•Kerry Hope, Student Counseling Service, who applied to attend a conference entitled "Psychotherapeutic Approaches" creational sports, who applied to attend the 1983 Athlett chasing and Facilities to ence in Chicago.

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found in a well serving betting a serving petizing of two businesses near a now-dismantled herbicide plant, officials said Wednesday.

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