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On July 26 two Mexican students hijacked a Mexican airliner and forced it to fly to Cuba; relations between Cuba and Mexico—the only Latin American country that maintains diplomatic ties with Havana—have been strained ever since.

Mexico demanded that the hijackers be extradited. Cuba refused, saying the students were being given political asylum. Mexico protested. Cuba accused the press attaché of Mexico's Havana embassy of being a spy for the C.I.A. Mexico recalled him but protested Cuba's accusation.

Last Thursday, in an attempt to patch things up, Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa flew to Mexico for a meeting with President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz. Though Mr. Roa said he brought evidence of the attaché's spying, the meeting was described as cordial. As Mr. Roa left the President's office, Mr. Diaz Ordaz said, "Next time you come, don't be in such a rush."