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**George T. Baker Leads 18 En-  
trants To Havana In  
2 Hours 12 Minutes**

Led by George T. Baker, St. Petersburg, Fla., piloting a tri-motor passenger plane with eight passengers and a crew of two, the 18 entrants in the second annual Miami-Havana air cruise landed safely at Camp Columbia, military air base just outside the Cuban capital, at 4 p. m. yesterday after taking off from the Miami Municipal airport shortly after 9:30 a. m. Baker's elapsed time was two hours, and 12 minutes.

First honors in the cruise, which was conducted as a planned flight rather than a race, went to Lawrence Schmicklapp, Cincinnati, Ohio, pilot, according to a United Press dispatch from Havana. Second and third awards were won by Clare W. Bunch, Columbus, Ohio, and Carl Kaiser, Roseville, Mich.

Although more than 30 of the pilots, here for the tenth annual Miami All-American Maneuvers which closed Sunday, had entered for the air cruise, their ranks were thinned down to 18 starters. The cruise was arranged as an aviation contest rather than a race, and entrants were required to file esti-

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mates of their probable flying performances before leaving. Prizes in the contest were awarded on the basis of how near the fliers came to meeting their pre-contest estimates.

## Refuel At Key West

Miss Arlene Davis, girl pilot from Lakewood, Ohio, and the first of the cruise group to take off, was timed at 9:34 a. m. She was reported at Key West at 10:34 a. m., only a short time after the last of the Miami take-offs. All contesting planes were required to land at Key West for refueling before starting on the water gap to Havana. Cuban and American coast guard boats patrolled the 90-mile water gap, but no accidents marred the day's flying.

Other contestants included C. L. Edwards, 3500 Flamingo drive, Miami Beach; Joseph R. Salzman, Detroit, Mich.; Annette Gipson, Coconut Grove; W. H. Conrad, 15003 Winthrop drive, Detroit, Mich.; Dexter C. Martin, Columbia, S. C.; Angel N. Franceschi, Santruce, P. R.; Dean H. Franklin, 745 W. Flagler street; William Mitchell Stuart, Detroit, Mich.; William Lear, New York city; J. L. Wells, Avon Park, Fla.; Joe Marrs, Miami; Albert T. Lambert, St. Louis, Mo.; Henry H. Bender, Toledo, Ohio, and Lawrence Schmicklapp, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Baker had in his plane Sidney Brown of Tampa, Fla., president of the National Aviation Association; Richard Copeland and Fred Hunter, of the department of commerce at Washington, D. C.; H. S. Parker, also of St. Petersburg, and Mrs. Baker. With Mr. Franklin were Miss "Bobby" Lupton, noted aviatrix of Detroit, and William Veach, also of Detroit.

## Officials Fly To Havana

Meanwhile, contest officials already were in Havana, having flown over Monday with Richard Archbold in the 14-ton flying boat in which he flew to the air maneuvers here from San Diego, Calif., nonstop last Friday. With Mr. Archbold in the flying boat were Russell Rodgers, Gerald Brown, Ray Booth, William Sanderson, I. K. McWilliams, William B. Wheatly, F. A. Learman, Capt. R. J. Walters and J. R. Puckett. The flying boat was not officially entered in the cruise.

The city of Havana will be host to the visiting air cruisers, who are expected to remain there for three days. They probably will return to Miami Friday.

"Mike" Murphy of Kokomo, Ind., stunt pilot sensation of last week's air maneuvers here, is going to Havana by boat to take part in a one-day air show which is planned at the Cuban capital tomorrow. Murphy's plane was not of a type considered available for the air cruise, and he will be provided with another plane at Havana for his stunting performances.

A committee headed by Mayor Willard Albury, Charles Taylor, president of the Rotary club, and Bascom L. Grooms, president of the Key West Chamber of Commerce, greeted the pilots on their arrival at Key West.