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On Jan. 6, the Airline Pilots Association (Asociacion de Pilotos de Lineas Aereas-APLA) announced that all domestic and international flights at Aerolineas Argentinas will be shut down for 24 hours, beginning at 2:00 GMT Jan. 9. According to an APLA spokesperson, management requires crews to put in more hours of flight time than permitted under existing international agreements, "which affects passenger safety." Aerolineas Argentinas, privatized about a year ago, is currently run by a consortium headed by Spain's Iberia. The APLA spokesperson said the airline had increased domestic and international flights by a factor of two or more. The number of flights to the Uruguayan Punta del Este resort was increased by a factor of 30. The airline employee strike will affect 17 flights to cities located near the borders of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay; six flights to Madrid, Paris, London, Frankfurt, Miami, New York, Montreal, Sidney and Auckland; and, another 39 flights to 54 Argentine cities. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 01/06/92)

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