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CORONADO, Calif. AP - A Negro crewman on the USS Pueblo says North Koreans gave him liquor and told him to "participate in the Negro upsurge" when he got home.

Willie Bussell, 27 of Hopkinsville, Ky., told a Navy court of inquiry Thursday that officers in his North Korean prison were curious about Negro life in the United States.

"The duty officers would call me off to one side and ask me how things were," he said. "I told them the way it was."

Bussell, said being a Negro won him no leniency and told of being threatened with a bayonet for talking with a shipmate during exercises.

The court summoned Communications Technician P.C. Angelo Strano, 24, of Hartford, Conn., a Pueblo crewman, and a resistance and escape specialist, Capt. John Strane, to testify in closed-session today.

When they finish, the Navy said, the president of the court, Vice Adm. Harold G. Bowen Jr., will leave for a Honolulu conference with the admiral who convened the investigation.

Bowen will confer all day Saturday with Adm. John J. Hyland, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, who called the court into session seven weeks ago. Bowen plans to return Sunday.

Communications Technician P.C. Ralph McClintock demonstrated to the court Thursday how he mocked North Koreans at one of their news conferences by reciting a stilted sing-song confession laced with sarcasm.

The North Koreans didn't realize they were being mocked, because they weren't familiar with America idiom, McClintock, of Milton, Mass., said.

Among other things, said McClintock said, he swore on his life

"I will never gain commit such a naughty crime as espionage against such a peace-loving people as these."

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