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Bucher Informed Of Enemy's Plans

CHICAGO — (AP) — A crewman on the U.S. Pueblo said intelligence personnel on the ship interpreted radio messages between North Korean ships that surrounded the vessel and relayed the messages to Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher before the American ship was attacked, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

The newspaper said the sailor, Richard Rogala, 21, of suburban Niles, responded to direct questions after a homecoming celebration yesterday.

Rogala's replies indicated Bucher knew what the commanders of the North Korean ships were planning before the surrender and was radioing these plans to naval

superiors in Japan, the newspaper said.

Rogala replied affirmatively to the following two queries, the Tribune reported:

• "Were there intelligence personnel on board the Pueblo interpreting radio messages between the attacking North Korean ships?"

• "Were those messages being relayed to Cmdr. Bucher, who was able to relay them to Japan headquarters?"