



Mrs. Dolores Coombes held her husband's picture while she waited in her San Pablo home

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Officer, Crewmen From Bay Area

Mrs. Dolores Coombes received Mothers! Day flowers ordered by her ship's officer husband Burton, 55, in Hong Kong Saturday. Yesterday, she learned that he was being held in uncertain captivity somewhere in Cambodia.

Coombes, who has been going to sea most of his adult life, was a third officer of the freighter Bayaguez, seized by Cambodian Navy vessels as she sailed in the Gulf of Thailand yesterday in what President Ford described as "an act of piracy."

Mrs. Coombes, who lives at 1536 Bayo Vista avenue, San Pablo, learned that her husband was in captivity when the port captain of the Sea-Land Service, Inc., called her. Her husband, she

said, left about a month ago to join the ship in Hong Kong.

The U.S.-flag container ship sails between Far Eastern ports, and crewmen fly to and from the ship to serve out six-month contracts.

The couple have one child, a married daughter.

Other crew members from Northern California are: Darryl V. Kastl, Kassem Saleh, Anastacio Sereno, Juan P. Sanchez, Herbert C. McDonald and A. Minichiell, all of San Francisco; Wilfred Reyes and Guillermo C. Reyes, both of Daly City; Clifford Harrington of Santa Cruz; Vernon Greenlin of Santa Rosa; Alfred J. Rappenecker of Palo Alto, and Americo Faria of Walnut Creek.