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Hijacker 'Regrets Not Sinking Ship'

PHNOM PENH (AP) — "I only regret I didn't sink the ship," one of the hijackers of a U.S. ammunition freighter said today as he walked into the American Embassy in Phnom Penh to surrender.

"I still believe in the revolution in America and in the revolution in Cambodia," Alvin L. Glatowski, 20, of Long Beach, Calif., told newsmen. But he said he felt he would get a fairer deal in the United States than in Cambodia.

Glatowski and Clyde W. McKay, 25, of Escondido, Calif., took over the 10,000-ton Columbia Eagle in the Gulf of Thailand last March and forced the crew into the Cambodian port of Kompong Som. They have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles on charges of mutiny on the high seas, assault, transporting kidnaped persons in foreign commerce and neglect of duty. They could get the death penalty on the mutiny charge.

The ship and the rest of its crew were released and completed the voyage to Thailand.

McKay got away from a Cambodian guard in a Phnom Penh restaurant in October and disappeared with an American deserter from Thailand. Glatowski said then he believed they were headed for the town of Siem Reap to join Communist forces fighting in Cambodia.

Glatowski said two days ago that he was thinking of doing the same thing himself because "it's either that or stay here and rot."