

Pueblo Probe in 3d Phase

CORONADO (San Diego County) — (UPI) — The Navy inquiry into the affairs of the USS Pueblo moved into its third and last phase today: the crew's 11 months captivity in North Korea.

The first scheduled witness during the open session this afternoon was Lt. Edward R. Murphy Jr., the Pueblo's executive officer and second in command to the skipper, Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher.

The five admirals investigating the capture spent the morning reviewing testimony on the first two phases of the inquiry—the Pueblo's mission and the actual capture.

Murphy was expected to elaborate on the role he played in the North Korea prison where the 82 surviving crewmen were taken after the Pueblo was seized Jan. 23, 1968.

Murphy gave an outline of the crew's life in North Korea here a few days after the men were flown back to the United States.

He indicated the treatment in captivity was a "terrible ordeal" but then added, "The Korean people have a lot to show—both north and south. Many of us have good impressions of some North Koreans"

He said there was no physical attempt to "brainwash" the crew.

"If anybody was brainwashed this time, it was the other way around," Murphy said. "They were 82 people convinced of the American way of life."