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Associated Press Writer COROMADO, Calif. AP - In kimono-like dresses that stretched from their shoulders to their ankles, Korean girls in the "Gypsy Tea Room" served some of the USS Pueblo crewmen candy, cookies,

beer and a root liquor. Crewmen testified Thur Thursday at a Navy court of inquiry that the

alcohol made some of them sick.

The girls didn't talk, entertain the men or try to entice information from them, crewmen said.

The details etched more testimony to horror: a beating with

a chair that broke against the crewmen's body, a North Korean playing with a machine gum between another crewman's eyes.

The court is hearing testimony on the seizure of the intelligence ship by the North Koreans last year and the behavior of its men in prison.

The Gypsy Tea Room was the name the Pueblo crew gave a plain 12-by-15 foot room furnished with tables and chairs. Several of the crewmen have testified they were taken to the tea room, plied with liquor and asked to accept a visitor when they got back to the United States who would be sympathetic to

communism.

All of the crewmen asked said they either refused or told the North Koreans they would accept such a visitor, intending to turn him over to the FBI.

Capt. William Newsome, counsel for the court, asked Fireman Richard Arnold, 22, of Santa Rosa, Calif., whether he saw anyone intoxicated.

A few sick people came back, yes sir . . . they couldn't hold the alcohol. It had been quite a while since anybody had any, ' Arnold replied.'
Arnold said the North Koreans tried to get him to strike Springs.

Communications Technician 3.C. Steven J. Robin, of Silver Springs, Ma., when both refused to give their personal histories.

Both finally complied, Arnold said, after they started beating Both finally complied, Arnold said, after \* Robin with a chair and broke the chair up."

Another time, Arnold said, a North Korean guard 'put a machine gun against my stomach, then up to my forehead and finally rested it between my eyes. Then he ran a few rounds through the chamber and let them drop to the floor. Then he began fooling around with the safety; clicking it on and off. I was pretty scared.'?