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Pueblo 200 CHICAGO CHICAGO AP - A crewman on the U.S. Pueblo said intelligence personnel on the ship interpreted radio messages between North Korean ships which 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, of suburban Niles, responded to direct questions after a homecoming celebration Sunday.

Rogala's replies indicated Bucher knew what the commanders of the North Korean ships were planning before the surrender of the Pueblo and was radioing these plans to naval superiors in Japan, the newspaper said.

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- "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?"

Rogala, 21, now in the naval reserves, declined to answer further questions, the newspaper said, because he was ordered not to discuss anything about the Pueblo incident until the findings of the recent Navy Court of Inquiry are made public.

Rogala's responses provided information not revealed during the public sessions of the inquiry, the Tribune said.

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