

PUEBLO COURT SENDS FINDINGS TO HYLAND

CORONADO, Calif., April 10 (UPI)—The Navy's court of inquiry into the capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo and the conduct of Lieut. Comdr. Lloyd M. Bucher ended officially Thursday when five admirals signed their names to its still-secret findings.

The court's recommendations were forwarded to Adm. John J. Hyland, commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, for review. The admirals' findings are not expected to be announced for several weeks.

For Commander Bucher and the 81 men who sailed with him, the admirals could recommend anything from decorations to courts-martial.

The big issue was Commander Bucher's decision to surrender the electronic intelligence ship to units of the North Korean Navy off the coast of Korea Jan. 23, 1968.

Commander Bucher gave up the Pueblo when she was under fire from Communist forces and led his men into 11 months of captivity in a prison near the North Korean capital at Pyongyang.

The Pueblo thus became the first American warship to be boarded by foreigners in peacetime on the high seas since 1807.