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Pueblo Officer Bucher Retiring

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Commander Lloyd M. Bucher, former skipper of the spy ship Pueblo, will retire June 1 after 22 years in the Navy, his wife Rose said yesterday.

"We haven't decided on the future," she said. "We'll make some decisions after we return from a trip to Europe."

Mrs. Bucher was interviewed by telephone from Guam, where her Navy com-

mander husband returned Monday after commanding an element of the U.S. minesweeper force clearing mines from North Vietnamese waters.

Bucher, 45, was commander of the Navy spy ship Pueblo when it was captured by a North Korean naval force on January 23, 1968.

The crew spent 11 months in captivity before being released. After a three-month court of inquiry, a panel of five admirals recommended

that Bucher be tried by general court-martial for surrendering his ship. But Secretary of the Navy John Chafee ruled Bucher and his

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crew had "suffered enough." Associated Press