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Turns Away
S.F. Liner

The liner Monterey, on a 43-day South Seas cruise out of San Francisco, yesterday became the first American ship affected by an anti-war boycott by Australian longshoremen and seamen.

A spokesman for Pacific Far East Lines here reported that when the Monterey arrived at Sydney, longshoremen refused to allow the vessel to dock.

The Monterey anchored in the harbor, and some 180 Australia-bound passengers and their luggage were put ashore in the ship's launches, with Sydney-based office employees of the steamship company helping them disembark. About 85 new passengers boarded the liner the same way.

Originally scheduled to spend three days at Sydney, the ship instead departed yesterday for Noumea, New Caledonia, a port hastily added to the cruise. After a day at Noumea, the Monterey was to head for Fiji, resuming her regular schedule.

The Monterey left San Francisco December 9, carrying more than 300 cruise passengers who paid \$1930 and up for their all-first-class accommodations.

Australian seamen, who were joined later by the longshoremen, announced December 28 that they would boycott all U.S. flag ships in Australian ports to protest the bombing of North Vietnam.