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'Blundered' on Pueblo

CIA Director's Firing Urged

Washington

A senator yesterday A senator yesterday called the capture by North Korea of the spy ship Pueblo a huge blunder by the Central Intelligence Agency and urged the dismissal of its director Pickerd Haller tor, Richard Helms.

would retain Helms, should tory."

dismiss him as director of the agency.

The senator said the Puebof North Korea intercepting patrol boats January 23. messages.

release last month o fthe 81 North Koean coast at a time Senator Stephen M. Young surviving crew members, but when the U.S., including a (Dem-Ohio) said President- "the whole affair remains third of its Navy, was deeply elect Nixon, who has said he highly messp and unsatisfac- involved in Vietnam.

The Ohio senator said Helms was responsible for "the humiliation and tremenlo was working for the CIA dous loss of prestige" that and its mission apparently was to drift along the coast captured by North Korean

He said the ship should not He said he welcomed the have been operating off the