

SEAMAN IN CAMBODIA EXPLAINS SURRENDER

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Dec. 15 (AP) — "I only regret I didn't sink the ship," one of the seamen who hijacked a United States munitions freighter said today as he walked into the American Embassy here to surrender.

"I still believe in the revolution in America and in the revolution in Cambodia," Alvin L. Glatkowski, 20 years old, of Long Beach, Calif., told newsmen. But, he said, he felt he would get fairer treatment in the United States than in Cambodia.

Mr. Glatkowski and Clyde W.

McKay, 25, of Escondido, Calif., took over the 10,000-ton Columbia Eagle in the Gulf of Siam last March under threat of detonating a bomb, and forced the crew into the Cambodian port of Kompong Som. The ship was freed later.

They have been indicted by a Federal grand jury in Los Angeles on charges of mutiny on the high seas, assault, transporting kidnapped persons in foreign commerce and neglect of duty. They could get the death penalty on the mutiny charge.

The two men had been quartered in a hotel at Cambodian Government expense and technically were given political asylum although guards escorted them in the city. In October,

Mr. McKay disappeared. Mr. Glatkowski said that the good treatment given him had recently deteriorated.

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