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Vessel boarded by island pirates

United Press International
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Spear-wielding pirates boarded and looted a research vessel in the Indian Ocean, seized three American crew members and led one away with a noose around his neck, an amateur radio operator says.

The ham operator said he picked up distress calls from the 350-ton Alyse Maru saying hundreds of Moslem Maldivian Islanders swinging machetes and spears clambered aboard the converted minesweeper. They looted cabins, terrorized the crew and seized the captain and two other crew members.

The natives of the Maldivian Islands, which lie in the Indian Ocean 400 miles southwest of Sri Lanka, have been famous as sailors for centuries but in recent years have resorted to piracy.

Radio Operator Gary Blumenthal barricaded himself in the transmission room and sent out distress signals. They were heard in Johannesburg by amateur radio operator Eli Salant, who passed them on to the U.S. Navy base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

He said the pirates boarded the oceanographic research vessel, after it developed engine trouble Sunday and dropped anchor in an island port.

The pirates swarmed over the Panamanian-registered ship, ransacked cabins and ripped navigational equipment and other fixtures from the walls until one of 10-man crew fired a burst from a carbine into the air.

When the marauders left the ship, the crew weighed anchor and headed for Diego Garcia, several hundred miles to the south.

In Washington, the Pentagon confirmed its Indian Ocean base was keeping in touch with the Alyse Maru. There were unconfirmed reports that American officials had opened negotiations with authorities on the Maldivian Islands — a British protectorate until 1968 — to secure the release of the hostages.



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Sunday's ice storm makes a last stand on this sign two miles outside Bryan on Tabor Road. The sheet of sliding ice creates a double image effect as it moves downward.

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Texas counties gerrymander voting districts, speaker says

By ESTHER CORTEZ
Battalion Reporter
Mexican-Americans in Texas have a very difficult time obtaining political office, despite high voter registration and turnout of the Mexican-American population.

Gerrymandering of the voting districts is the problem, according to William Velasquez, director of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project.

Velasquez spoke Tuesday night at the Memorial Student Center to about 60 people on gerrymandering in Texas counties. He was sponsored by the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture (CAMAC).

Eliminating gerrymandering is important in keeping our country true to its ideals, meaning equal, just application of its laws, Velasquez said.

All of the first 66 counties which his organization investigated were gerrymandering against Mexican-Americans. And that just doesn't happen by chance, Velasquez said.

According to Velasquez, the Mexican-American is very interested in local elections, but he becomes discouraged when his hard work and efforts show no results. "He gets to be like Charlie Brown who's lost all 894 games," Velasquez said. "He keeps asking himself, 'How can we keep losing when

we're so sincere?'"

"They conduct good voter registration drives, educate the voter, and have excellent voter turnout, but are still losing elections," Velasquez said. He adds that voter registration among Mexican-Americans has increased by more than 21 percent over the past two years.

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So McAlister and two colleagues at Stanford University developed the psychological approach likened it to the concept of inoculation in preventive medicine. The "germs" of smoking being social pressures.

He said the "infection" of smoking can be prevented if the subject is exposed to a weak dose of "germs" to facilitate the development of "antibodies" which McAlister defined in this case as skills for fighting the pressures of smoking.

"The applicability of the concept of inoculation is obvious," he said. "If youngsters are likely to be 'chickened' for refusing offers of rettes, they can be forewarned of pressures of that sort and given assertiveness training which would enable them to counter those pressures."

"They can be trained to resist smoke to prove that I'm not a chicken, all I'm really being challenged that I'm afraid not to do what I want me to do."

The effectiveness of the program was assessed at two schools during the 1977-78 school year. One school received the experimental program and the other received surveys supplemented by samplings of exhaled breath, that only 5.6 percent of the graders in the school given the program smoked compared to 18 percent of youngsters of the same age the other school.

Not only had fewer children started smoking in the school that received the program, McAlister said the entire atmosphere regarding smoking had changed.

"The students report that nobody smokes now" and they are not cool to smoke anymore.

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