

Even the drinks were warm

QE2 was a bust

By JACKIE KLEIN
Lucille Collins said nobody wants to go on vacation with her. Mrs. Collins, who works for the New York Life Insurance Co. in Southfield, was stuck on the crippled Queen Elizabeth II for five days.

A few years ago, she went to the Bahamas and was bitten by a dog. She went to Spain and the plane broke down. She and her husband are planning a trip to Switzerland this summer, but she's almost afraid to talk about it.

The seven-day April cruise to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas on the Queen Elizabeth II turned out to be four hours in Bermuda and a flight back to New York.

"It was our first cruise," Mrs. Collins sighed. "We left April 2 and ran into some heavy weather. The boat was rocking and rolling and so was my stomach."

"AT 4 A.M. Monday, my stomach stopped rolling. So did the ship. The Queen Elizabeth was standing still in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, 280 miles southwest of Bermuda."

The captain announced the ship had broken down during the night, said Mrs. Collins. The fuel line was leaking and three boilers were incapacitated.

"The captain assured us over the loud speaker that the ship was in no danger," she recalled, "and the drinks were free. To me that meant, 'The ship is sinking but the booze is on the house.'"

"There wasn't any water for ice. I'm not a drinker, but who likes warm beer and whiskey? After that, the air-conditioning and lights went out."

"The next day, we were on K-rations. The captain kept reassuring us the drinks were on the house. That night, he announced over the



LUCILLE COLLINS

loud speaker that the situation was critical and we were in contact with London."

MRS. COLLINGS said she felt especially sorry for the 800 senior citizens who were on a package cruise, stuck on the lower deck eating spam. Sanitary conditions were bad, she added.

"I decided to make the best of a rotten situation," Mrs. Collins said. "I got dressed in my evening gowns every night and danced with my husband to keep our spirits from sinking with the ship. I even took golf lessons."

Finally, about 6 a.m. Wednesday, the Sea Venture arrived and lowered motorized launches for the Queen Elizabeth passengers; said Mrs. Collins. It took eight hours for 1,600 people to board the 800-passenger Sea Venture. The ocean swells were between six and eight feet high.

Senators hit utility rates

By SEN. DANIEL COOPER
(D-Oak Park)

Fifteen Democrats in the Michigan Senate have urged Gov. William Milliken to use his influence to stop rising utility rates in the state.

The letter, drafted by 15 senators, charged the Michigan Public Service Commission with representing utility companies primarily and Michigan citizens secondarily.

"We can assure you," the senators told the governor, "that the people have lost confidence in the present Public Service Commission. We would ask the Executive Office to take some steps to impress upon the PSC the deep public concern relative to spiraling and unprecedented rate increases."

The Democrats predicted that new requests for utility rate hikes in Michigan will be delayed until after the fall elections and then granted. They said, "The present request along with the other increases granted over the past 24 months would equal a five percent increase in the state income tax."

Legislation authorizing the licensure and regulation of mental hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric units was approved by the senate. Supporters of the measure say it is designed to insure that mental health facilities comply with minimum standards to assure consumers that such facilities are providing an acceptable quality of care.

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