

Complaints By Kin of Missing GIs

Washington

Families of Americans missing in Indochina vented their frustration yesterday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

They complained that the government has failed to do enough to pressure Hanoi into providing information on the 1200 men still unaccounted for a year and a day after the Vietnam cease-fire was signed.

About 400 parents, wives and children crowded into the committee's small hearing room, applauding loudly when a witness or senator made a point critical of the way the missing-in-action issue has been handled.

"Our problem has been Watergated, Agnewed, Richardsoned, energy crisised and Mid-Easted practically out of existence," said Maureen Dunn, acting national coordinator of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Dunn, other witnesses and several senators complained that the American public is tired of the prisoner-of-war issue, and that the press is no longer paying much attention to the fact that, despite the Vietnam agreement, North Vietnam has not given any of the promised information on Americans listed as missing.

Scott Albright, executive director of the league, said that a year ago the organization had more than 3000 members but now "We have only little more than half that number remaining."

Senator J. William Fulbright, committee chairman said that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger had been invited to testify in the one-day session — the first held by the committee on the prisoner and missing question — but that they had sent deputies instead.

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