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POWs/MIAs: There has been a procession of women on TV last night and this a.m. In not one case was there not a bitter-ender. Not one displayed an emotion I could describe as love. The closest thing was a childless, 69 middle-aged woman who complained of years of loneliness. The most common display was of denied possessiveness ("he's all I have"). It seems hardly likely that the TV nets could not have found a single anti-war wife or parent. Where this was mentioned, it was always that we could have won the war and refused to, complaint against the US government for not bombing earlier and harder, ditto mining, etc., and this was still regarded as some kind of unused magic that, even too late, had magical results (why there was the ultimate deal). It seems hard to believe that after all that has happened there are so many who don't or won't understand what reality is and was. Also common was "You know what the Communists are", meaning they alone are treacherous, etc. What was good in the coverage was the explicitness of the deliberate SVN violations and the unwillingness of the SVN troops to fight. HW 1/29/73