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WIVES OF 2 FLIERS HOLD PARIS SIT-IN

Demand North Vietnam Tell
of Fate of Husbands

PARIS, March 18 (AP)—The wives of two United States Navy airmen missing over North Vietnam staged a brief sitdown strike today in the building of Hanoi's diplomatic mission here in an unsuccessful effort to learn the fate of their husbands.

The women, Mrs. Carolyn Dennison, 30 years old, of Corpus Christi, Tex., and Mrs. Susan Hanley, 21, of San Diego, Calif., went to the mission because North Vietnamese diplomats had said they had a letter for the women. The letter contained no news of their husbands, whose planes were shot down Jan. 1, 1968.

The women sat down in armchairs and refused to leave. A member of the mission summoned two French police officers, guarding the mission.

One of the officers told waiting newsmen about the refusal of the women to leave and asked headquarters for instructions. "It's a very delicate situation," he said. "We don't know what to do."

However, 20 minutes after the police were called in, the women agreed to leave the premises. "They have the answer to our questions, but they won't give it to us," Mrs. Dennison said, of the North Vietnamese. "We will not give up and we will not leave Paris."

The women said that the letter "contained absolutely nothing" and they tore it up and sprinkled the pieces on the sidewalk in front of the mission.

The letter advised them to make contact with an organization described by Mrs. Dennison as "Cora Weiss peace movement in New York." Presumably this was a reference to the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, of which Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, N. Y., is co-chairman.