

Hanoi's Official List of Captives

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The North Vietnamese government released yesterday the closest thing so far to an official accounting of all American prisoners held captive in their country.

The list, which Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.) said was given to his representative by North Vietnamese diplomats in Paris, contained 368 names of Americans captive, dead or previously released.

U.S. officials said after a fast analysis of the names of 39 still captive prisoners that there was no reason to believe the list is complete.

Of the remainder, 20 Americans have died and nine have been released.

"All we have is the word of North Vietnamese officials," one U.S. official said.

He said there have been other indications and reports at various times that men not on the list handed to Kennedy's emissary are held captive by Hanoi.

The list was supplied also to a first time such information was given directly to official representatives of the United States Government.

In the past, such lists have been released through anti-war groups in this coun-

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try, and the government has refused to accept them as official.

The list, given to Washington lawyer John E. Nolan Jr., who flew to Paris for Kennedy, and to James G. Lowenstein, a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee sent by Chairman J. W. Fulbright (Dem.-Ark.), apparently contained no new names.

PACIFIST

Cora Weiss, the America pacifist through whom the earlier lists have been released, said in New York the new list contained the same names as those given to her last summer and in a supplement last November 13.

"The heavy news is that it's final," said Mrs. Weiss, who said she received a copy of the same list given Nolan and Lowenstein.

Kennedy said a letter handed to Nolan included "a line which said that this was the official list of the North Vietnamese . . ." But he said he had no way of knowing whether it was accurate and complete.

Pentagon sources said the significance of the new list seemed to lie in its at least partially official nature.

"It shows a definite effort to provide something official to at least some member of officialdom," a source at the Pentagon close to the POW issue said, "whether to a member of the administration or not."

COMPARE

Mrs. Weiss said the 339 listed as prisoners were the same as those on her earlier list. Government officials

here said they were still comparing the lists.

In earlier accounting, the Pentagon has claimed it knew of 378 who were captives in North Vietnam, but pacifist sources have long claimed that a number of these were dead.

The Pentagon lists 781 Americans captured or missing in North Vietnam, 541 in South Vietnam and 230 in Laos.

Kennedy said Nolan took the list to David K. E. Bruce, chief U. S. negotiator at the Paris peace talks. The senator said after Nolan read him the list, he called Secretary of State William P. Rogers and the White House.

State Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said of the 339 listed as prisoners, the families of 331 have received letters from the men. He said the other eight have been identified by other means.

HOPE

McCloskey said the only apparent hope of new information would come if, as reported, the list of dead included the dates of death. Earlier lists of dead carried names only, no details.

Both Kennedy and Fulbright had written North Vietnamese officials last June asking that Hanoi identify the prisoners of war.

Kennedy said his June 23 letter to ton Duc Thang, president of North Vietnam, was the fourth he had written to Hanoi seeking information about the prisoners.

The letter asked that the prisoners be identified, that they be permitted to send and receive mail, and that

the ill and wounded be released through a neutral nation.

In his letter, Kennedy said he could assure Thang "that your favorable consideration of such modest steps . . . would be gratefully welcomed as a measure of respect for the dignity of man and a meaningful contribution toward peace."

At his news conference, Kennedy distributed copies of a telegram signed by Mai Van Bo, head of the North Vietnamese mission in Paris, inviting Kennedy or his authorized representative to meet Bo in Paris before Dec. 23, 1970.

Here is a list of names of Californians released by the North Vietnamese:

Wilfred Keese Abbott, 3081739, San Diego.
Everett Alvarez, Jr., 644124, Santa Clara.
Anthony Charles Andrews, FR3146561, Chico.
Frederick C. Baldock, Jr., 666620, San Marcos.
Robert W. Barnett, FR31021, Hawthorne.
Cole Black, 594387, San Diego.
Terry Lee Bover, FR3153642, Visalia.
Michael Lee Brazelton, FV3148590, Seal Beach.
Philip Neal Butler, 647398, La Jolla.
William Wallace Butler, 3133430, San Rafael.
Carl Dennis Chambers, FV3133401, Yuba City.
Harlan Page Chapman, 071437, Fremont.
Arvin Roy Chauncy, 614788, La Jolla.
Claude Douglas Clower, 60547, San Diego.
James Quincy Collins, 27908, Atherton.
James J. Connell, 647438, La Jolla.
Michael Paul Cronin, 668952, Berkeley.
Edward Dale Estes, 605484, Lemoore.
John Fer, 63823, San Pedro.
Herbert Kelly Flesher, 32199, Rancho Cordova.
David Edward Ford, FV3122074, Sacramento.
Henry Pope Fowler, FR3148574, Palo Alto.
Charles R. Gillespie, Jr., 542951, Miramar.
Collins H. Haines, 593915, San Diego.
James Martin Hickerson, 561065, Lemoore.
Kenneth Raymond Hughey, 31352, Lemoore.
Harry Tarleton Jenkins, Jr., 5504424, Lemoore.
Theodore Frank Kopfman, 507544, Lemoore.

Carl William Lasiter, 66064, San Diego.
William Porter Lawrence, 543032, Solana Beach.
Earl Gardner Lewis, Jr. 683095, San Diego.
Alan Pierce Lurie, FR65266, Apple Valley.
John Michael McGrath, 659291, San Diego.
John B. McKamey, 614791, Lemoore.
George P. McSwain, 097713, Montrose.
Edward Holmes Martin, 584587, Coronado.
Raymond James Merritt, 44729, Colton.
Edison Wainwright Miller, 054602, Santa Ana.
Joseph Scott Mobley, 701867, Manhattan Beach.
Ernest M. Moore Jr., 553659, Lemoore.
Richard Dean Mullen, 584928, La Jolla.
John H. Nasmyth Jr., FV3120117, South San Gabriel.
Dale Harrison Osborne, 614229, San Diego.
James Glenn Pirie, 614186, Lemoore.
John Joseph Pitchford Jr., FV224552, Sacramento.
Leo LT. Profitet, 506413, Palo Alto.
Darrell Edwin Pyle, FV314537, Tustin.
David George Rehmann, 608502, Lancaster.
Wendell Burke Rivers, 555144, Oxnard.
David John Rollins, 633926, San Diego.
Kay Russell, 563567, San Diego.
Howard Elmer Rutledge, 506435, San Diego.
Paul Henry Schulz, 616785, San Diego.
Robert James Schweitzer, 571894, Lemoore.
William L. Shankel, 664281, Jackson.
Robert Harper Shumaker, 548955, La Jolla.
Charles Everett Southwick, 544716, Cupertino.
Charles David Stackhouse, Lemoore.
William Robert Stark, 619808, Coronado.
John Edward Stavast, 52944, Claremont.
Theodore Gerhard Stier, 669500, San Diego.
Robert Lewis Stirm, FV3036919, Foster City.
Richard Allen Stratton, 602087, Palo Alto.
Gary L. Thornton, 70093, Porterville.
Brian Dunstan Woods, 618063, Lemoore.

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