

## HANOI COOL TO PLAN OF U.S. ON PRISONERS

PARIS, May 4 (AP)—North Vietnam today in effect rejected a United States proposal that prisoners of war from both sides be held in a neutral country.

Sweden has indicated that she would be prepared to accept the prisoners, and the idea was endorsed yesterday by President Nixon.

The spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation to the Vietnam peace talks here repeated in a statement long-standing terms that prisoner release could be dealt with only after the United States had set a deadline for withdrawal of its troops from South Vietnam.

While the statement did not specifically refer to the prisoner internment proposal and Mr. Nixon's support of it, its timing and other references appeared to make it clear that North Vietnam would have nothing to do with the idea.

The statement recalled that at last Thursday's session of the peace talks, the North Vietnamese negotiator, Xuan Thuy, suggested that discussions begin immediately on a deadline for withdrawal of United States and other foreign allied troops from South Vietnam.

Then, he said, the conference can "take up the question of guarantees for the security of withdrawing U.S. soldiers and the question of freeing captured soldiers."