

**V.F.W. CHIEF EXPECTS
P.O.W. RELEASES IN '71**

DALLAS, Aug. 13 (UPI)—Herbert R. Rainwater, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said today he had "inside information" that some American prisoners of war would be released before Christmas.

Mr. Rainwater, of San Bernardino, Calif., said at a news conference at the opening of the V.F.W.'s national convention here, that the organization had been working for a year on the release of prisoners of war, although he did not attribute what he called the "impending release" to the group's efforts.

"I think we are going to see some of them back before Christmas, according to inside information I have," he said.

Mr. Rainwater said his information "is as current as it can be."

He said the release of the United States prisoners had nothing to do with a recent report in a Stockholm newspaper that an airline had been asked if it could provide planes to bring the prisoners home.

"I don't think we can expect North Vietnam to release all of them," Mr. Rainwater said. "I think they will retain some of them for purposes. They may release part of them by the end of the year to get us out of Vietnam."