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American POWs' Anti-War Tapes

American peace activists yesterday released tapes which they said showed United States prisoners of war held by the Viet Cong have formed an anti-war movement of their own.

The tapes were brought back by a pacifist delegation which visited Hanoi last month and represent the first material relating to POWs in the South given to American visitors to North Vietnam.

Copies of the tapes and transcripts were given to the Associated Press by representatives of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

The four speakers whose voices are heard on the tape make anti-war statements

critical of the United States role in Vietnam and call for support of the Communists' peace program.

One of the speakers identified himself as John Arthur Young, a Green Beret who was captured near Da Nang in January 1968. Another said he was Major Floyd Harold Kushner, an Army doctor captured four years ago. The other two were not identified.

"We as captured GIs have had the opportunity to see it from both sides," one of the unidentified voices said. "We feel this makes us qualified to bring out the true nature of this war and our administration's policies."

Kushner's wife, who lives in Danville, Va., said she had heard the tapes and that the voice was definitely her husband's.

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