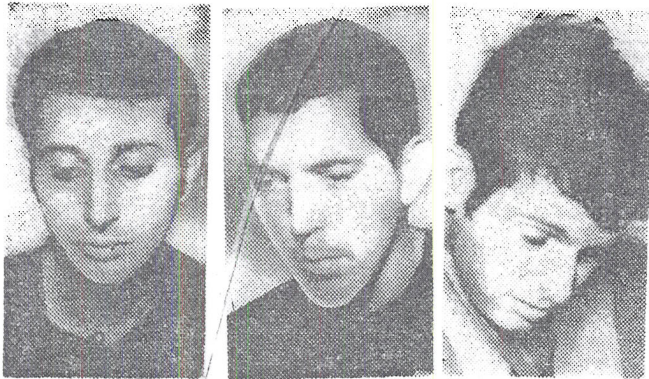


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5 Yank Voices Out of Hanoi



NEW POWS HELD BY HANOI

L to R: R. W. Galati, W. R. Schwertfeger, K. J. Frasier
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SAIGON—(UPI) — Hanoi radio yesterday broadcast the voices of five American pilots captured during heavy U.S. air raids on North Vietnam earlier this week.

The Pentagon later confirmed that their names were among those missing in action.

The five men presented to a news conference at the Hanoi foreign office constituted all but one of the six pilots lost Feb. 16 and 17 during the raids over Quang Binh Province, just north of the demilitarized zone separating the two Vietnams.

They were Lt. Ralph William Galati, 23, of Pennsylvania; Capt. William Ralph Schwertfeger, 26, of Oklahoma; Capt. Kenneth John Frasier, 23, of New York; Capt. John Dickinson Cutter, 32, of Kentucky, and Capt. Edwin Alexander Hawley, 27, of Alabama.

Voices of the five men were distinguishable although heavily garbled by interference on the English-Language transmission that followed an earlier Vietnamese-Language broadcast.

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The voice identified as Galati's was heard to say in the earlier broadcast, "I'd like to say hello to my wife ... and also to my parents and my sisters." For a mo-

ment the voice faded into the background as an interpreter translated his remarks into Vietnamese. He then continued:

Voices Covered

"Dear, I hope that everyone, including our little child, is well. Please give my best to my family and tell everybody I am still okay. Please tell the family to take care of their health and pray for me to be released soon."

Voices of the four other men were covered by simultaneous translation, but Schwertfeger was quoted as having said "tell Mother and everybody good bye. Remember that I love you."

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