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Rabbi Says Hanoi Disallows A Visit to Jewish P.O.W.'s

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PARIS, March — A Bronx rabbi charged here today that the North Vietnamese had gone back on a promise to allow him to meet and conduct services with Jewish prisoners of war.

Rabbi Schulem Rubin, who has his congregation at Young Israel of Pelham Parkway, said in an interview that the refus-

al had come after an hour's meeting with a member of the North Vietnamese delegation to the peace talks. He had sought permission to go to North Vietnam to conduct Passover services in about three weeks.

Rabbi Rubin said he had been given an oral promise in 1969 when he had first approached the North Vietnamese to allow him to act as chaplain for the Jewish prisoners, whom he estimated at 30.

He said that Nguyen Mai, a member of the delegation, said

today that such a visit could not be allowed because of American raids on prisoner camps. A commando raid took place in November, 1970, on a camp near Sontay, but no prisoners were found there.