

POW Wives, Mothers Aid McGovern Drive

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MILWAUKEE — (UPI) — Valerie Kusher has not seen her husband for five years. He is an army major, a prisoner of the National Liberation Front, somewhere in Vietnam.

To her, the 1972 presidential election is a clearcut issue.

"When I vote," she says in a voice carrying only a hint of a southern drawl, "I am voting with my husband's life."

To Virginia Warner, whose son James has languished in a North Vietnam POW compound since 1967, the decision also is easy.

"If the present administration goes back in, forget the prisoners," the tall, gray haired mother said with simple conviction.

Mrs. Kusher, Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. Richard Walsh, whose husband has been missing in action after being shot down over Laos in 1965, flanked Sen. George McGovern yesterday at a

news conference which marked the ninth anniversary of the first American POW in Vietnam.

To them, and possibly to many more wives and mothers of Americans either pris-

oners or missing in action, McGovern as President presents the best chance of finally getting their sons and husbands home.

They place their faith in the South Dakota Senator, in his promise to bring the troops home in 90 days.