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# A Threat To Free POWs

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An elite command unit of 105 American volunteers and 13 foreign mercenaries plans to storm Communist prisoner of war camps unless the Nixon administration takes action within one month to free U.S. prisoners, Rev. Paul Lindstrom said yesterday.

Lindstrom, a nondenominational minister from Prospect Heights, Ill., who founded the "Remember the Pueblo Committee" in 1968 in order to apply pressure for the release of 87 crewmen of the USS Pueblo captured by North Korea, said only "military action" could release U.S. POWs.

"God is on the side of our prisoners of war, certainly not Mr. Nixon and his administration," Lindstrom said. "As of today, we are issuing an ultimatum to Mr. Nixon that he either secures the release of at least some prisoners within the next 30 days . . . or we will do the job ourselves."

The 118 - man group likely will be broken down into small teams for the actual raids on known prisoner camps in South Vietnam, he said.

Lindstrom said the teams have been nicknamed the "Douglas MacArthur Brigade." The Brigade itself was formed in 1969.

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