

Kin of POWs Blast at Nixon

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Last September, members of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia stood and cheered wildly when President Nixon told them he never would abandon America's POWs.

Yesterday, seven months later, members of the same organization formally denounced the keystone of the President's Vietnam policy, called for the immediate adoption of a policy that would guarantee a return of the POWs and an accounting of the missing, and demanded that within 10 days Nixon sit down with three of their representatives and answer their questions.

The action of the once friendly league presumably came as a surprise both to the administration and to dissidents within the organization.

Shortly after the league adopted its resolution condemning the President's Vietnamization program, about 50 activists went ahead with previous plans to deliver a letter to Nixon de-

manding a face-to-face meeting.

Their letter, which they said bore 70 signatures, contained language less harsh than the resolution adopted by the league.

In its first direct, publicized slap at the administration, the league expressed "its extreme distress at the failure of this administration's policy to resolve the Missing In Action-POW issue."

"The National League of Families expects the government to immediately adopt a policy which will insure an accounting of the missing men and the release of the prisoners of war, not just the withdrawal of combat troops," it said.

The league's weekend action stemmed from a specially called meeting.