

# Jane Fonda Says POWs Fear Nixon Election Victory

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PARIS, July 25 (AP)—Jane Fonda, back from Hanoi, said today a group of American war prisoners asked her to tell their parents and friends to work for the victory of Sen. George McGovern because "they fear if Nixon stays in office they will be prisoners forever."

The actress said at a news conference that seven prisoners she met gave her messages for scores of people urging them to defeat President Nixon in the November presidential election.

The prisoners, wearing purple and red striped uniforms, were shown in a 20-minute silent color film with Miss Fonda during her North Vietnam visit July 8-22.

The rest of the film, emphasizing what the actress considers to be deliberate American attacks on the North Vietnamese dike system, showed

her in black native pajama pants and a black T-shirt touring paddy fields and wading through bomb ruins.

The actress acknowledged that she had made daily broadcasts over Hanoi radio aimed at American servicemen, but did not reply directly to a question about the statement by Rep. Fletcher Thompson, (R-Ga.) that treason charges should be brought against her.

"I did not say what I am accused of saying," she stated, apparently referring to reports that she urged troops to disobey orders. Miss Fonda said she would produce the texts of her broadcasts in New York on Friday.

Travelling through North Vietnam, Miss Fonda said, led her to believe "profoundly that dikes are being bombed on purpose." The U.S. government has denied carrying out such tactics, which would endanger the lives of thousands of North Vietnamese.

She said she inspected an area at the town of Namsakh 38 miles southeast of Hanoi. The film, shot by a French television cameraman showed a direct hit on an "extremely important" dike at the confluence of five rivers. The bombs had not caused a great deal of direct devastation yet, she said, because the monsoon rains which make the river flood are still some time off.

"You see fields and fields of paddy and then just at that one strategic point you see the bomb crater," she said. Miss Fonda stated there were no military targets or communications links in the area. Another dike area shown in the film was hit, she said, by about 50 bombs on June 18.

None of the prisoners the actress talked with were identified.

The longest-serving prisoner she saw had been in Hanoi since 1967, the most recent since last month. "They assured me they were in good health," she said. "When I asked them if they were brain-washed they all laughed. Without exception, they expressed shame at what they had done."

Asked if she would offer to campaign for McGovern the Democratic presidential nominee, in the United States, she replied, "I plan to campaign for peace."