

**'TODAY' POSTPONES
PROGRAM ON P.O.W.'S**

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A two-hour program devoted to the prisoners of war in Vietnam, scheduled for this morning's "Today" show on the television network of the National Broadcasting Company, has been postponed.

The chief reason for the postponement, said Stuart of "Today," was the fact that the Nixon administration is now conducting delicate negotiations with the North Vietnamese for a cease-fire.

"With peace talks at a critical stage," he said, "it would be inappropriate for us to explore the role of the prisoners in the negotiations with the Hanoi Government. Had we proceeded with the program right now, we might have appeared to be mischief-makers or damned fools. None of us want to upset any possibilities of the Governments reaching a settlement."

Mr. Shulberg said that another reason the scheduled program was at least temporarily abundant was his inability to line up at least one released prisoner to give the Vietnam prisoners' viewpoint.