POW Wives' Divorce Views

By Susan Berman

ett Alvarez Jr., and to rehusband, Lt. Cmdr. Evermarry, but they won't folcision to divorce her POW Tangee Alvarez for her delow her lead. the Bay Area don't blame Prisoner of war wives in

wife of USAF Major Jo-seph C. Bors, who has been missing in action said Mrs. Sandra Bors, since April, 1968. much to divorce him," "I love my husband too

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other military families for husbands. When the going will be reunited with their faith that someday they game, saying they have solace and hope. gets rough, they turn to play the arduous waiting interviewed are content to All the Bay Area wives

in Mountain View, has had no word of her husband old twins, Anne and Loe, for over four years. with her twelve-year-Sandra Bors, who lives

you just keep on hoping. I've recently taken a job "It's a private hell, but

> tration so that I am not as full of anxiety," Mrs. Bors at the Veterans Adminis-

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of Lt. Cmdr. Richard uary, 1967, have been renamese. leased by the North Vietand taken prisoner in Janher husband, shot down Heartbreaking pictures of has even a harder lot Stratton of the US Navy Mrs. Alice Stratton, wife

in the City. 24 year old social worker meda - when she was a then stationed at Ala-Alice met her husband

38 year old Mrs. Stratton raising a family, we had a lot in common," the now us, our Catholic religion were important to both of married. The same things that we wanted to get "We knew immediately

met, they were married. Four months after they

remembers.

ated from Stanford University and joined the Navy man. He had graduwanted to be a career "He was patriotic and

> shot down, we discussed dren," she said. was so hard on the chil might get out of the Navy fly. Just before he was Navy because he loved to because the separation the possibility that he

send 6½ pound packages. Stratton is allowed to band and occasionally to ery two months to her huschoice never came. Mrs. write one short letter ev-The opportunity for that

and he is released soon," Mrs. Stratton said. hope that the war ends them to take. I can just them, the lessons he wants dren, the plans he has for of the family last year and he got two. I send as-He talks about the chiloccasional letters back thing he wants. And I get pirin, vitamins, food, any "I sent him 86 pictures

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he was on R and R in Haonly 19. She met her husvember 4, 1969, five helicopter was downed No-Marion "Lee" Roach's waii when she was 16. was 14, married him when band Marion when she Mrs. Karen Roach is

on my arm with his name on it, and I've written to him but I have heard nothto get information about everybody I could think of

if I found someone else, I to him," Karen said. married. And I think even ly but I tell my dates I am ion. I just wouldn't do that could never divorce Mar-"I do go out occasional-

action since 1967 and has anniversary this year. Alone. Her husband, U.S. with their four children. been declared a POW let, has been missing in brated her 18th wedding Navy Captain Leo Profi-Mrs. Joan Profilet celelives in Palo Alto

months after he had been

ple," says Karen, who now lives in Redding and atsix days as a married coutends Shasta College. "We were only together

"I wear a POW bracelet

She said: time with her children so she could spend more agent but decided to quit for awhile as a travel Mrs. Profilet worked

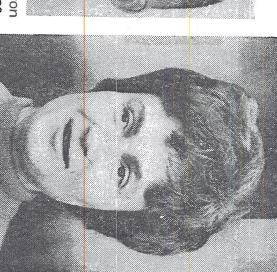
get my hopes up that he will be released until I see the whites of his eyes." when I hear news. I won't vorcing Leo. I just don't rise and fall anymore "I couldn't think of dishot down." only nine when Leo was est, Leo Jr., is 14. He was go to college. Our youngpoint that all the children him, he's very firm on the "Now I have heard from shot down," Joan said. years after he had been was alive in 1970, three "I first found out Leo

she did. That it is a decivarez in any way for what doesn't blame Tangee Alband is 45. She says she make for herself sion each woman must She is 40 now, her hus-

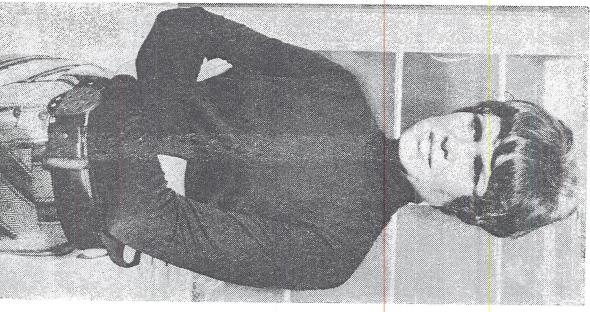
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LT. CMDR. Richard Stratton and wife, Alice.







CAPTAIN Leo Profilet, his wife Joan

MAJOR Joseph Bors, wife Sandra