

# 'I Think This Is It-- Maybe by Christmas'

The wife of an Air Force flyer imprisoned in North Vietnam and the mother of a Marine killed in the war expressed hope that peace at last was at hand.

"I think this is it," said Mrs. Julie Butler, 31, whose husband, Capt. William Butler, was shot down near Hanoi in 1967. "I'm really hopeful."

Mrs. Stephanie Cincotta, also of San Rafael, mother of Marine Pfc. Tom A. Cincotta who was killed in action in 1969, said, "I hope there is a cease-fire."

Mrs. Butler, who last heard from her POW husband in June, said she felt there's a chance the family will be reunited here by Christmas.

## First Meeting

When they are reunited, Capt. Butler for the first time will see his daughter, Sheila, who was 5 years old Wednesday, and also his son, Peter, 6, an infant when he last saw him.

Mrs. Butler, who has been active in POW wives' organizations, said of Kissinger: "I think he drove a pretty good bargain."

She said that the conflicting reports in the days prior to Kissinger's detailed explanation were a torture.

Mrs. Butler said she hoped



**JULIE BUTLER**  
Reunion by Christmas?



**WILLIAM BUTLER**  
Captured in 1967

that the first to be released would be the sick and wounded and those who had been held prisoner the longest.

## Other Children

Mrs. Cincotta and her husband, Serge, have another son and four daughters.

Their son was killed June 29, 1969, shortly before his 19th birthday, by an enemy grenade.

"I just hope it's for real," said Mrs. Cincotta yesterday after Kissinger's report.

"My only fear is that the Communists might not abide by the settlement," she said.

For her, she said, it seemed that when her son was killed it was the beginning of the unwinding down of the war.

In October, 1969, the Cincotta family took issue with the student anti-war demonstrations, declaring in a letter to *The Examiner*: "How can our government negotiate with the enemy when we show him we are a divided country? Shouldn't we be marching on Hanoi rather than Washington?"

They asked the protestors to keep the name of their son off the roster of dead, and said their son gave his life "willingly and freely for his beloved country and the cause of freedom; not for a cause which gives succor to the enemy."