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B-52 Crew Displayed In Hanoi

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Six U.S. airmen including crew members of a B-52 bomber whom the Hanoi authorities said were captured Monday night were presented to the press here yesterday.

They were, identified as: Major Fernando Alexander, 43, and Captains Robert Glenn Certain, 25, Richard Thomas Simpson, 31, Hal Wilson, 34, Harry Charles Barrows, 26, and Charles Arthur Brown Jr., 26.

The six men, taken under military escort in Chinese jeeps to Hanoi's International Club, where they were introduced to a group of privileged onlookers, and cameramen and journalists. The prisoners gave their names, dates and places of birth, rank and serial numbers in front of the crowd of 300 or 400 people.

Newsmen, caught up in the middle of the jostling crowd, were unable to ask them questions.

All appeared to be in good physical condition, although two of them, Captains Barrows and Brown, appeared to have been slightly hurt in the parachute jump. Barrows had a bandage on his head, and Brown was limping slightly.

With the exeption of Major Alexander, who still wore his khaki uniform, the men had already been changed into the uniforms given to U. S. prisoners of war in North Vietnam—gray linen with carmine stipes.

An official spokesman said that some of these men belonged to the crew of a B-52 downed over Vinh Phue province, north-west of Hanoi. He gave no information about the other captured airmen.

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