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**Parents of
POW Call
Nixon 'Liar'**

The parents of the American pilot who has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam longer than anyone else charged yesterday that President Nixon is a "liar" who should be impeached for ordering renewed bombing in Southeast Asia.

"I would support the impeachment of President Nixon because he's gone back on his word," said Everett Alvarez Sr. of Santa Clara. He charged that the administration lied in pre-election statements that "peace is at hand."

Navy Lieutenant Everett Alvarez Jr. was captured in August, 1964, when his fighter plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

For the eighth year, the elder Alvarez and his wife expect to spend Christmas in their modest tract home without their imprisoned son.

OPTIMISM

Soledad Alvarez said her son was optimistic about a settlement of the war when he wrote from North Vietnam a month ago.

"But I have become distrustful of our leaders," she said. "I was hopeful and optimistic but not enough to buy a Christmas present.

"When the bombing was halted, I thought we had a chance," she said. "But we haven't any now."

She called the government "just a bunch of liars. They've lied to us a lot of times," she said. "The bombing is going to prolong the war maybe months or years."

Asked about war prisoners' relatives who have backed the renewed bomb-

ing, Mrs. Alvarez said none of their sons and husbands have been detained as long as her son. . .

In the absence of Alvarez, his wife Tangee divorced him and has since remarried and given birth to a daughter.

The captured pilot's father, who has rarely spoken publicly, told The Chronicle yesterday: "I've gone along with this for eight years now, and I'm getting more disgusted all the time.

"To me it's just a civil war," the 56-year-old sheet-metal worker said. "We're trying to divide their country."

Alvarez said he and his wife and two grown daughters plan to send a Christmas plea for peace agreement to President Nixon.

"But I don't think it will do any good," he said. "It's kind of hard to get to him because I don't think he wants to listen."