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Mother of Freed POW Rips Nixon

Tampa, Fla.

The mother of a Navy flyer released from a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam accused President Nixon yesterday of failing to show returned POWs the same "warm concern" he does astronauts and football coaches.

"The President and his family have downgraded the prisoner issue right from the beginning, never showing any real, warm concern," said Minnie Lee Gartley, a Dunedin, Fla., schoolteacher.

"The President manages to congratulate the Apollo astronauts and winning Miami Coach Don Shula, even movie stars," said Mrs. Gartley, who has frequently criticized U.S. Indochina policy.

"Evidently the prisoners aren't as important," she said, complaining that the President never contacted her family or the Charles family after their sons were released.

Her son is Navy Lieutenant Mark Gartley. He and Lieutenant Norris Charles of Tampa were among three POW's released by Hanoi

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A London View of Bombing

London

Britain's mass circulation tabloid Daily Mirror today devoted its entire front page to an editorial on the resumption of American bombing in North Vietnam, called "Nixon's Christmas deluge of death." The editorial said the American resumption of the bombing had made the world "recoil in revulsion, in anger and in horror."

The paper added: "To Richard Milhous Nixon, that frustrated, glib and secretive man in the White House, this may make sense as a tactic designed to bring the Communists back to negotiating table. *Reuters*

last September.

Appearing at a news conference here were Mrs. Gartley; Charles' wife, Olga; his mother, Mrs. Herbert Charles, and Marion Ford, mother of Navy Commander Randolph Ford, recently listed as dead. They urged Americans to bring pressure for peace in the wake of stepped-up U.S. bombing activity. *Associated Press*