

Hanoi Report Of POW Plea For Peace

Tokyo

North Vietnam said yesterday that 30 American prisoners of war, including 20 crewmen from B-52s downed recently, have issued a joint statement urging the United States Congress to try to help end the Vietnam war.

The official Vietnam News Agency broadcast the text of the statement and the names of the 30 POWs. Hanoi had reported the capture of all them previously.

The statement recalled the remark made in late October by Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's chief adviser for national security, that "peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

"But," the statement continued, "now the war is more fierce than ever before, and American lives are in grave jeopardy from the round-the-clock attacks. This contradiction compels us to add our voices to the public opinion in our country. Whether we have been detained for a few days or several years, it is important that you hear us."

"We strongly appeal to the members of Congress to exercise all your legal and moral power to bring about peace."

"This statement is made by those who know that more delay can only increase the suffering, lengthen our confinement and aggravate the wellbeing of the country which we serve."

The broadcast said the 30 prisoners are:

Commandor Walter E. Wilber, Virginia Beach, Va.; Lieutenant Richard J. Fulton, Mesa, Ariz.; Captain Edwin A. Hawley, Miami, Fla.; Lieutenant Peter A. Callaghan, New York; Lieutenant Colonel Edison W. Miller, Santa Ana, Calif.; Lieutenant J.G. Joseph E. Kernan, Washington, D.C.; Captain Lynn E. Gunther, Eugene, Ore.; Lieutenant Donald Logan, Northridge, Calif.; Captain Charles A. Jackson, Littleton, Calif.; Captain Marion A. Marshall, Hyattsville, Md.; Lieutenant Colonel William W. Conlee, Illinois; Lieutenant Colonel John H. Yuill; Lieutenant Michael R. Martini; Lieutenant Paul L. Granger; Captain Lynn R. Beens; Major Richard E. Johnson; Lieutenant William T. Mayall; Major Carl H. Jefcoat, Mississippi; Lieutenant Brian H. Ward, Maryland; Lieutenant Duane P. Vavroch, Iowa; Major James C. Condor; Captain David Lan Drummond; Master Sergeant James W. Gouch, Oklahoma; Lieutenant Robert M. Hudson; Lieutenant Jack R. Tribble, Fla.; Captain Hal K. Wilson, New York; Captain Terry M. Gelonek; Captain Charles A. Brown Jr., Illinois; Captain Henry C. Barrows, and Captain Richard T. Simpson, Anderson, S.C.

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