



BERNICE SMITH  
'Growing alarm'

## Women Call for Fuller Lists

A band of grim Bay Area women who have waited years to find out if their husbands are prisoners—or dead — gathered here yesterday to ask that North Vietnam immediately supply more complete lists of Americans captured or killed during the war.

So far, the prisoner lists released by North Vietnam are just "not acceptable," they said.

"There remains a huge number of MIA's (Missing in Action) — 1300 men — not accounted for," said Bernice Smith of Santa Clara.

She told a press conference called by the POW-MIA League that the wives "are seized with a growing amount of alarm for these men who are missing in action."

"There must be a valid accounting for these men by the North Vietnamese.

"They cannot remain forever anonymous, forgotten and abandoned."

Her husband, Colonel Harding Smith, was shot down while flying a C-47 gunship over Laos 6½ years ago, she said, and so far there has "been no word" of the fate of any of the 311 Americans missing in Laos.

"I am expecting an accounting," said Mrs. Gordon C. Hill of Mountain View.

Her husband, an Air Force captain, disappeared somewhere over Laos in a Phantom jet fighter 2½ years ago.

The U.S. Air Force "sent me a map with a little red circle on it where they thought he must have gone down. That's all I've ever heard."

Mrs. James J. Evans of Alameda — whose husband was shot down over Laos in a Skyraider attack bomber nearly eight years ago — said she is hoping there has "been some kind of mixup" in the lists.

She was at a conference with President Nixon and Henry Kissinger last Friday in Washington, she said, and the peace agreement provisions that call for information about prisoners or men missing in action are "very strong."

"I feel we have to wait and see. We have to give them (the North Vietnamese) a chance."