

### ***U.S. Says It Doesn't Plan Civilian P.O.W. Penalties***

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP) — Civilian prisoners of war will not be penalized with loss of military medical treatment if they talk to newsmen after their release by the Communists, the State Department said today.

Irwin K. Teven, a department spokesman at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, said yesterday that civilians would be ejected from the medical program if they made public statements.

A State Department spokesman said that Mr. Teven's statement had been "based on a misunderstanding or distortion." But the spokesman added that it was felt that it would not be in "the men's interest" to have press or public contact in the first days after their release.