

'Gifts for POWs' Scheme Abandoned

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**'Gifts for POWs' Scheme****San Diego**

The sponsor of a plan to "do something concrete" for returning prisoners of war said yesterday he has dropped an idea to buy new cars and television sets for them.

Roger Chapin, — 40, head

of Welcome Home Our Prisoners, Inc., — said he plans to discuss with businessmen whether to sponsor prepaid vacations for the repatriated men.

After Chapin met recently in Washington, D.C. with the National League of Families of POW and MIA, that group

expressed opposition to his efforts for the free vacations, televisions and cars, all of which would be financed from contributions.

Senator Alan Cranston (Dem-Calif.) sent Chapin a telegram asking him to take Cranston's name

off the group's advisory board because of objections raised by the POW group.

"There is substantial difference of opinion among POW groups as to the idea of a homecoming welcome and gifts," said Chapin.

"We are considering a

number of different ways to do this, to show the gratitude felt by the American people. We dropped the TV and car ideas three months ago, but think it would be a disservice not to do something for these men."

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