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Examiner  
**'Treat Returning  
POWs Normally'**

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Navy Lt. Mark L. Gartley, a captive in North Vietnam until four months ago, said yesterday Americans have an exaggerated idea of the problems that prisoners of war will face when they return home from Hanoi.

Gartley, 28, who came home with two other imprisoned U.S. pilots in September after four years and a month in a cell in Hanoi, said he was shocked by only one thing — the high price of food.

He has now finished his convalescent leave and next week will report to Corpus Christi, Tex., for a refresher course in jet flying prior to returning to regular duty. His once sallow skin has been tanned and his hair bleached by the sun at his family's home in Dunedin, Fla.

**'Exaggerated'**

Relaxed and crisply uniformed, he said in an interview at the Pentagon that he was disturbed by talk that the 456 prisoners about to come home from Hanoi will be upset and unhappy.

"Some of the problems that have been talked about are exaggerated or there is

just no basis to them at all," he said. "There's been an amazing myriad of horrors — it's said the men won't be able to drive cars or make decisions, they'll be afraid of crowds and the prospect of night."

Gartley expressed concern that many of the prisoners' families may be more warped by the talk than the prisoners will be by their experiences.

**'Treated Normally'**

"A lot of families have been alarmed by some of the possibilities described," he commented. "These are men coming home, not things. They should be treated as normally as possible."

"I'm trying to dispel some of these rumors about the shock. These are educated men. They're not going to have great problems. The main thing is to make it easy for them to come back into society."

Gartley acknowledged that his experiences as a prisoner might not be the same as for all the others. But he said his own homecoming was wonderful — "just being able to go outside whenever you want to, to go out at night, to go shopping."