

No Newsmen at Big Event

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Apparently because the matter was never decided at the Paris peace talks, independent news coverage of the first postwar repatriation of American prisoners of war in Vietnam tonight will be completely prohibited.

Only government cameramen and officials will witness the handover of 142 U.S. military and civilian

captives in North and South Vietnam. The pictures taken by the government photographers will be the only ones the public will see, and their accounts will be the only ones the public will hear.

Films and photographs are to be flown to Clark Air Base in the Philippines and made available to reporters.

Pentagon spokesmen planned a "pool" basis, had "just proved impossible," he reasons.