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POWs Bump

TV Western

Fans Angry

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A San Jose television station was swamped with phone calls from angry people early yesterday when it cut off the last three minutes of a Western to broadcast coverage of returning American prisoners of war.

A spokesman for the station, KNTV (Channel 11), said 75 to 100 calls were received after a rerun of "The Virginians" program was taken off the air at 12:25 a.m. for network POW coverage from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

"Why are you cutting off our good program to show this kind of garbage that we're not even interested in?" one angry caller was quoted as asking.

The station representative said the interrupted show probably will be rebroadcast.