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**One POW's
Dismay at
Nixon's Win**

Minneapolis

A former prisoner of war said one of his darkest days as a captive in South Vietnam was the day he heard Richard M. Nixon had been re-elected President.

"We knew that McGovern was going to win and that we would be coming home," Army Staff Sergeant Gary Guggenberger said in an interview the Minneapolis Tribune published yesterday.

Radio Hanoi was virtually the only source of information for Americans held prisoner in the South, and the men believed the Communists' military gains during the 1972 offensive would defeat Mr. Nixon, Guggenberger said.

"I thought we were dead — that we'd never last it out — after hearing that McGovern lost," said the 25-year-old Guggenberger, who spent four years as a POW.

He said his attitude toward Mr. Nixon hasn't changed despite his release, and he said some of the other 26 men released from prison camps in South Vietnam share his views.

There was tension between them and some of the men released in Hanoi, when they were together at Clark Air Base in the Philip-

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**Assembly Passes
Tax Exemption
For the POWs**

Sacramento

The Assembly unanimously passed a bill yesterday exempting prisoners of war from state income taxes on military pay they earned while imprisoned during the Vietnam war.

The "POW Homecoming Act," authored by Assemblyman, Walter Karabian, was sent to the Senate on a 68 to 0 vote.

The Monterey Park Democrat said it would be "unfair to welcome the prisoners home with a bill for back taxes." He said the exemption would apply to 178 POW families in California.

The bill also exempts widows of Vietnam war soldiers from state inheritance taxes, he said.

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pines, Guggenberger said.

"Nothing much was said, but one guy did talk about our lack of discipline and not saluting the general (who greeted them) or the colors (American flag).

"Man, that was the last thing I was thinking about when I got off the plane. I was free. I didn't even know where the colors were and I wasn't interested in no general."

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