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PEKING, March 27—Premier Chou En-lai today welcomed the end of the deadlock over prisoners of war and withdrawal of troops in Vietnam, but he asked why so few people took an interest in the fate of the Pakistani prisoners of war in India.

Premier Chou was speaking with British journalists and officials at the opening of a British trade fair before his talks in the Great Hall of the People with Peter Walker, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. He said that people seemed to be interested in the fate of prisoners of war according to the color of their skins.

He said he heard that morning that the prisoner-of-war and troop-withdrawal issues in Vietnam had been solved.

"It is a good thing" he said. But he added that people had raised "a hue and cry" over 600 prisoners in Vietnam, "yet no one pays any attention to the more than 80,000 prisoners of war of Pakistan."