

Notes on People James F. Clarity

Four of the recently released prisoners of the war in Vietnam have been selected for promotion to general or admiral, the Defense Department announced. Named for promotion to brigadier general were two Air Force colonels John P. Flynn and David W. Winn. Selected for promotion to rear admiral were two Navy captains, Jeremiah A. Denton and James B. Stockdale. The promotions, the Defense Department said, have been approved by President Nixon and sent to the Senate for confirmation.

A department spokesman said that the two Air Force officers had been selected while they were still prisoners, but that the promotions had been kept secret because "to flag an individual in that way while he was captive might not be in his best interest."

4 Ex-P.O.W.'s Promoted To Admiral or General

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(AP)—Four recently returned United States prisoners of war have been chosen for promotion to rear admiral and brigadier general, the Pentagon announced today.

The four are a Navy captain, Jeremiah A. Denton Jr., of Mobile, Ala., the first prisoner to step from a repatriation plane last month; another Navy captain, James B. Stockdale, of Coronado, Calif.; an Air Force colonel, John P. Flynn, of Shalimar, Fla., who was the senior United States prisoner; and another Air Force colonel, David W. Winn, of Minneapolis.

The Pentagon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, said Colonel Flynn, shot down in October, 1967, was selected for promotion to brigadier general in 1970 and Colonel Winn, downed over North Vietnam in August, 1968, was chosen last September.

Mr. Friedheim said President Nixon did not send the nominations to the Senate while they were still prisoners because disclosure of the promotions "might not necessarily be in a man's interest" while he was in enemy hands.