

## COLONEL'S CHARGE DENIED BY P.O.W.'S

Allegation of Collaboration Is  
Rejected by Enlisted Men

By United Press International

Prisoners of war charged by Col. Theodore W. Guy with collaborating with the enemy said, yesterday, some through spokesmen, that they had not helped the North Vietnamese any more than most prisoners had done.

"If they have charged all these men, they'll have to charge almost all of them," said Mark Amsterdam, attorney for Marine Sgt. Abel L. Kavanaugh, 24 years old, of Denver. "Most of the ex-P.O.W.'s have admitted collaborating to some extent.

"The military would be foolish to press charges. He served this country in the way he thought correct, according to his conscience."

Sgt. Kavanaugh, two other Marines and five enlisted Army men were accused yesterday by Colonel Guy, 44, of military violations ranging from seeking political asylum in Hanoi to making model planes for the North Vietnamese to use in target practice.

Pentagon sources said there may be more prisoners of war charged.

Most of those charged yesterday would not speak publicly at least until they saw the detailed charges against them. Several already had lawyers working for them.

"I made statements just as any prisoner made," Army Sgt. James Daly of Brooklyn told N.B.C. news. "I had no choice.

"The statements that I made were antiwar statements as far as the war was concerned. I'm quite sure Mr. Guy, the one who is bringing the charges, has made the same statements that I have made."

Army Sgt. John A. Young, 27, of Grayslake, Ill., told The Arlington Heights Herald that the charges were "silly" and "ridiculous." Sergeant Young, on convalescent leave from Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, did not elaborate because he said he wanted to talk to a lawyer first, but he did deny the model plane charge.

"I think that if they want to investigate me, I think they should investigate all the P.O.W.'s including Colonel Guy," he said.

Sergeant Kavanaugh said the charges were outrageous but left most of the talking to his attorney. The marine did say he was seeking an immediate discharge.

An attorney for Army Specialist 4 Michael Branch, 26, of Covington, Ky., said the soldier was "upset" about the charges, although "I don't think he has a lot to be concerned about from a legal point of view."

John Hederman, attorney for Pvt. Frederick L. Elbert of the Marines, 24, Brentwood, L.I., said he would not comment until after he saw a copy of the charges. "All I can say now is that Private Elbert has indicated to me that he feels he did not do anything wrong while he was incarcerated," Mr. Hederman said.