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## PHYSICIAN TELLS OF TIME AS P.O.W.

Says Many Prisoners Died  
of Maltreatment in South

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., April 3 (AP) — Maj. Floyd H. Kushner, the only physician who survived a Vietnam prison camp, said today that 45 per cent of all captured Americans failed to survive mainly because of bad food and lack of medical treatment.

The 31-year-old Army officer told a news conference at the Valley Forge General Hospital, "Ten good men died in my arms, and I'm damned mad about that. It was all the result of maltreatment in South Vietnam."

Major Kushner of Danville, Va., was captured early in December, 1967, when his helicopter crashed in the mountains around Duc Thom South Vietnam.

He said he was imprisoned in Vietnam until February, 1971, "when we were walked 57 days to Hanoi."

"I was damned glad to get to North Vietnam, to get to a jail. I thought it was splendid there," Major Kushner said.

"I have been beaten, I have



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Maj. Floyd H. Kushner, a physician, tells of experience as prisoner of war.

been shackled, I have been mistreated, I have been placed in solitary confinement," he said.

The major acknowledged that he had made a series of radio broadcasts calling for an end to the war after his arrival in North Vietnam and he said that they were "not valuntary and . . . the result of . . . various and complicated pressures."

However, he emphasized, "I do not repudiate their content. The theme of all broadcasts was the same — the war should be ended because of its deleterious effects on the United States and the armed forces, two entities which I love beyond description."

"It is because of a profound love of country that I deplored the drain on our physical, moral and financial resources created by our involvement in Indochina and I believe the record demonstrates in controvertibly that a majority of my countrymen and a majority of Congress share this belief."

Major Kushner's wife, Valerie, was politically active during his imprisonment, making numerous antiwar statements, and seconding the Presidential nomination of Senator George McGovern at the Democratic National Convention last year.

### Diet and Dysentery

FORT GORDON, Ga., (UPI) — Staff Sgt. Isah McMillan said yesterday that at least a dozen of his fellow prisoners of war died while being held by the Viet Cong within 35 miles of the big United States air base at Da Nang in South Vietnam.

The cause of death was generally from an improper diet and dysentery, said Sergeant McMillan, 25 years old, of Tallahassee, Fla. The former squad leader with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade was captured March 11, 1968.