

Hanoi Comments On Torture

Saigon

Radio Hanoi said yesterday that some American POWs claimed they had been tortured in order to earn promotions from the U.S. military as part of a Washington-inspired "odious campaign of defamation against the North Vietnamese prison system."

"What was anticipated (by North Vietnamese authorities) has happened with the release of the last U.S. POW in Hanoi," said the broadcast monitored in Saigon.

"It has been expected that, baited by the pompous reception staged by the Nixon administration and big fringe benefits, the returned American POWs would actually turn against their former benefactors," the broadcast said.

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