

6 Apr 73

A group called Vietnam Veterans for a Just Peace said today they are going to investigate anti-war leaders. Here is David Selvin [Pacifica Washington Bureau]:

Selvin: At a press conference this afternoon members of a group calling themselves Vietnam Veterans for a Just Peace announced they would seek a congressional investigation into the actions of anti-war leaders, which the group said they hoped would result in the censure of those leaders. Specifically mentioned were former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Jane Fonda, both of whom the group charged with having deliberately caused the torture of American war prisoners being held in the DRV. The first speaker is John Todd of the VVJP.

Todd: Well, frankly speaking, I would say yes, that Miss Fonda, her husband, Mr. Hayden, possibly Ramsey Clark, were aware of this.

[Unidentified voice:] I think Tom Hayden's reported to have had one prisoner who was being particularly uncooperative during his interview with the prisoner, and he called the North Vietnamese into the room and said, "Take this man back out - he's got a bad attitude." And I understand the man was taken back out, re-tortured, brought back in, and said what he was supposed to say.

Todd: Now, of course, this again is allegation. We happen to believe that. There are other people, of course, that do not. Therefore we would like the Congress, an impartial and in fact bi-partisan group since it crosses political lines, especially in the last campaign, to look into this and report to the people exactly what the American peace movement stood for.

Questioner: Could I ask you, in particular, [about the incident [you're describing] - who are you citing?

[Unidentified voice:] I read it in a - in fact, it was in the Yonkers Daily News.

[Complete.]