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Ex-P.O.W. Says Enemy

Used 'Pro' Torturers

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WASHINGTON, April 9 (UPI)—The nation's highest-ranking former prisoner of war says that the P.O.W.'s in North Vietnam learned to recognize and appreciate the "real pros" among the guards who tortured them.

Brig. Gen. John P. Flynn, who spent more than five years in captivity, referred specifically to one guard who "took torture to the point he believed necessary and then stopped. Others didn't do that."

In an interview yesterday on the American Broadcasting Company's "issues and answers" program, General Flynn said the North Vietnamese used torture for two purposes—to obtain military information or for propaganda advantage. When they succeeded in breaking a man down, he said, fellow prisoners did not hold it against the man.