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John Wayne to Honor Son Tay Vets Here

Several Hollywood stars led by John Wayne will gather here on Friday for a weekend extravaganza to honor a group of American former prisoners of war and the Special Forces soldiers who tried unsuccessfully to rescue them from North Vietnam.

The events will commemorate the raid on Son Tay prison, 23 miles from Hanoi on Nov. 21, 1970, when a Green Beret team landed at the camp—only to discover the 66 prisoners there had been moved several weeks earlier.

A ticker-tape parade for

the ex-prisoners and the Special Forces soldiers will start at noon, winding through the financial district. Wayne will address the guests at a public luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel's Imperial Ballroom.

Spokesmen for the affair said that Red Skelton, the Andrews Sisters and Clint Eastwood are scheduled to appear Friday night in the Terrace Room at the Fairmont Hotel.

Tickets to the Friday noon luncheon may be purchased from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.