

# Ex-POWs Lash Back At Accusing Officer

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Prisoners of war charged by ex-POW commander Col. Theodore W. Guy with collaborating with the enemy said yesterday, some through spokesmen, that they did not help the North Vietnamese any more than most POWs.

"If they have charged all these men, they'll have to charge almost all of them," said Mark Amsterdam, attorney for Marine Sgt. Abel L. Kavanaugh, 24, of Denver. "Most of the ex-POWs have admitted collaborating to some extent.

"The military would be foolish to press charges. (Kavanaugh) served this country in the way he thought correct, according to his conscience."

Kavanaugh, two other Marines and five enlisted Army men were accused Tuesday by

Guy, 44, of Tucson, of military violations ranging from seeking political asylum in Hanoi to making model planes for the North Vietnamese to use in target practice.

"I made statements just as any prisoner made," Army Sgt. James Daly of Brooklyn told NBC News. "I had no choice.

"The statements that I made were antiwar statements as far as the war was concerned."

Army Sgt. John A. Young, 27, of Grayslake, Ill., to told the Arlington Heights Herald that the charges were "silly" and "ridiculous." Young, on convalescent leave from Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, did not elaborate because he said he wanted to talk to a lawyer first, but he did deny the model plane charge.