

## 2 OFFICERS ACCUSED OF P.O.W. CRIMES

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—The Navy disclosed today that Rear Adm. James B. Stockdale had charged two former prisoners of war with six alleged offenses, including mutiny, aiding the enemy, refusing to obey orders and trying to persuade other P.O.W.s to be insubordinate.

Names in the charges were Marine Lieut. Col. Edison Wainright Miller of Tustin, Calif., and Navy Capt. Walter E. Wilber of Columbia Crossroads, Pa.

The two men, both pilots, are the first former P.O.W. officers to face such charges.

On May 29, Air Force Col. Theodore Guy accused eight Army and Marine enlisted men of, among other things, taking special favors and telling North Vietnamese about the activities of their fellow prisoners.

Since March, Admiral Stockdale has been working with Navy lawyers, while deciding whether or not to make the

formal charges. Some impetus was provided when critics of Colonel Guy's action noted that he had named no officers.

It has been Defense Department policy not to accuse any of the 566 former P.O.W.s of misconduct. Some of them openly acknowledge making antiwar statements after being tortured by their captors. But under the American system of military justice any serviceman may accuse another of any offense.