

## Ex-POW

# To Fight Censure

Marine Colonel Edison Miler said here yesterday he will ask to have a Letter of Censure resulting from his conduct as a Vietnam POW withdrawn from his record.

The letter was issued Thursday by Secretary of the Navy John W. Warner after Warner dismissed mutiny and other misconduct charges against Miller and Navy Captain Walter Wilber, another POW.

Had those charges been allowed to stand, the two officers would have faced court-martial proceedings.

At a press conference in the offices of Attorney Melvin Belli, Miller said he had never been informed of the specific nature of the charges against him nor had he been given "the names of my accusers."

He was denied a hearing, he said, and had no opportunity to cross-examine his accusers or witnesses or to present evidence in his own behalf.

Belli, in response to questions, said he was not sure what course of action Miller will pursue.

First, he said, the Letter of Censure will have to be answered and then, perhaps, a hearing will be requested.

Miller, from Newport Beach, was given an honorable discharge from the Marines at midnight Thursday after being promoted to the rank of colonel. He was a POW in Vietnam for 5½ years.

During the latter part of his incarceration he made statements critical of U.S. participation in the war.

Following his release last February, the charges against Miller and Wilber were filed by Rear Admiral James B. Stockdale, who was a senior POW during the years they were in captivity.