

## Former POW Divorced

The marriage of former prisoner of war Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Stirm and his wife, Loretta, was dissolved yesterday by San Mateo county Superior Court Judge Melvin E. Cohn.

Each shared equally in community property and each was granted custody of two children.

Cohn also granted the Air Force officer \$9500 in prisoner of war benefits.

On March 17 last year, Stirm, 39, was reunited with his wife and their four children in an emotional scene at Travis Air Force Base.

But witnesses at the dissolution hearing said Mrs. Stirm, 37, had accepted marriage proposals from three men during the five years Stirm was a prisoner

of war and had traveled through three states with four men during the period.

Cohn said the effective date of separation was April 1, 1970, when Mrs. Stirm told friends she was planning to marry a Texas attorney. She later changed her mind, witnesses said, and said she would marry a man who was then living in Foster City.

That fell through, too, the court was told, and she de-

ecided to marry a San Mateo attorney, to whom she is currently engaged.

The former Foster City man testified he was a Cub Scout leader when he met Mrs. Stirm, who was a den mother.

Stirm and his wife each received about \$30,000 in the settlement. The children —

Lorrie, 15, and Robert, 15 — elected to live with their father. Roger, 13, and Cynthia, 12, chose to stay with their mother.

Stirm was ordered to pay a total of \$300 child support

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for the two younger children.

Both parents reside in Foster City.