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RELEASE OF FIRST U.S. POWs hit a procedural snag with the Vietcong.

The freeing of 27 Americans by the Vietcong was held up by quarreling over the procedure for releasing several hundred Communist prisoners held at another location, Bien Hoa. A Vietcong spokesman said the South Vietnamese had refused to take Vietcong representatives to Bien Hoa to help supervise the release. He said the problem could endanger the scheduled release of all POWs. But a Hanoi official said the release of 115 prisoners there, set for later in the day, would take place on schedule. U.S. transport and hospital planes flew from Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, to Hanoi to retrieve them.

*Nixon urged Americans to respect the returning prisoners, need for privacy. And he said he had received two reports on talks by his aide, Henry Kissinger, with Hanoi officials. He said he expected the talks to be constructive.*

New names were listed as missing over Laos. Two Americans flying for the Central Intelligence Agency-linked carrier, Air America, were said to be missing after their C123 transport was downed Friday by enemy antiaircraft fire, officials said. Meanwhile, the Pacific Command in Honolulu said U.S. warplanes continued to strike forces attacking Cambodian government positions and kept bombing Laos.

Vietcong said Saigon had violated the cease-fire accord in the two weeks it has been effective. It charged President Thieu's government with violations ranging from deliberate police arrests to having "thugs" attack North Vietnamese control officials. North Vietnamese peacekeeping delegates in Saigon accused both the U.S. and the South Vietnamese of refusing to investigate a rock-throwing incident in the Central Highlands in which several delegates were said to be hurt. Thieu, meanwhile, replaced his chief representative to the Joint Military Commission.

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