

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are over 1,400 servicemen held as prisoners in Southeast Asia by North Vietnam and her allies; and

WHEREAS, North Vietnam, despite appeals from neutral sources such as the International Red Cross, has consistently refused to divulge any information about the men on their health and well being, including even naming those they are holding, or even permitting such groups to inspect North Vietnamese prison camps to determine if they meet the minimum standards of care and treatment embodied in the Geneva Convention; and

WHEREAS, such callous disregard for long-established international rules for humane treatment of such prisoners is causing unbearable anguish among these American prisoners and their families at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HANK THORNLEY, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby proclaim September 20 through September 26, 1970 as

V.F.W. FREEDOM SIGNATURE WEEK

and urge all citizens of this community to demonstrate their obligation to these fellow Americans by signing petitions requesting the immediate release of all Americans held prisoner by the North Vietnam government and by Communist political front groups in Southeast Asia.

Signed this 14th day of September, 1970.

HANK THORNLEY, Mayor Pro Tem



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