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WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPT. 17, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today co-sponsored a resolution condemning the illegal and inhumane practices of the North Vietnamese Government with regard to prisoners of war.

"In my home state alone," Dole said, "more than 50 families are waiting, not knowing whether their loved ones are receiving humane treatment, not knowing whether they are injured and not even knowing whether they are alive or dead.

"The Government of North Vietnam has refused to comply with basic humanitarian requests such as releasing a list of the names of the captives, returning the sick and injured, allowing a free flow of mail between prisoners and their families and the inspection of prisoner facilities by impartial observers," Dole continued.

"Signers of the Geneva Convention, which makes provisions for the treatment and return of prisoners of war, should bring all pressure within their power to bear on the Government of North Vietnam to compel that government's compliance with Convention principles."

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