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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 23, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today demanded proper treatment for the approximately 1600 Americans being held prisoner of war and listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia.

In a statement on the Senate floor, Dole said, "Somewhere in North Vietnam, in the Viet Cong hideaways of South Vietnam, in Laos and in Cambodia, American men are being held. We do not know who all of them are; and we do not know how many. But we do know that they are there. We also know they are being subjected to inhumane living conditions."

Dole demanded that our men being held prisoner be given the humane treatment they deserve under the Law of Nations. "Release their names. Allow them to communicate. Give them adequate food and proper medical care. Treat them as human beings not as pawns in an international propaganda assault."