

Via Resolution—

Asks Nixon Make Prisoners of War No. One Priority

The Bristol Bay Native Association has sent a resolution to President Nixon urging him to "assure that negotiations for the release" of prisoners of war be the number one priority "in future decision making as to the tactical and diplomatic judgment of further troop withdrawals" in Indo-China.

The resolution, entitled Prisoners of War and signed by Harold (Harvey) Samuelsen, Sr., President of the Bristol Bay Native association, is as follows:

"Whereas, President Nixon is currently withdrawing troops from military commitment in

Indo-China, and

"Whereas, American prisoners of war are still interred in enemy prison camps, and

"Whereas, we, the members of the Bristol Bay Native Association, five thousand (5000) strong, are concerned that the bargaining power may be lost in the liberation of those prisoners of war by the withdrawal of those troops,

"Now therefore be it resolved by the Bristol Bay Native Association that we strongly urge President Nixon to assure that negotiations for the release of those prisoners of war be para-

mount—the number one (1) priority—in future decision making as to the tactical and diplomatic judgment of further troop withdrawals;

"And be it further resolved that the Bristol Bay Native Association urge that negotiations for their release, at any price compatible with the democratic principles for which our nation stands;

"And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Alaska Congressional Delegation and all congressmen of the United States."