## Ex POW says talking helps

By MARY CONNELLY

Five and on-half years in North Vietnam. . . in a POW camp in North Vietnam. . . with a medically unat-tended broken neck. . . with arms and hands paralyzed for five months . . .

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Slightly more than a year after returning to the United States, ex-Potonald O'Dell of Pontiac says. "Yalking about it helps elling of parents and tachers at a Scotch Elementary School. Orchard Lake, Lt. Col. "Diggre" O'Dell of the U.S. Air Force told the group not to be afraid to ask him questions.

O'DELL RECOUNTS in detail tweether by the capture by the North Vietnamese. His 17th mission out of Thailand, an air strike of a railroad artery from North Vietnam into China, fell out of routine procedure from the start. Take-off time was delayed from 4:18 am. to 8:30 am. to permit targeted materials to accumulate.

O'Dell's own plane developed a hydrogen state of the control of the state of the state

two minutes after reaching use use gen-he was shot down. It is moved in the cockpit, lights blinking on the plane's "idiot panel" indicating generator failure, loss of control and plummet-ing toward the ground. "MY REFLECTION is a huge ball of fire that completely engulfs the

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WHEN THE TIME of transfer arrived, O'Dell was led to a grainery from which he was loaded onto a

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truck. In Hanoi, interrogaters sought three types of information. Questions focused on military data and personal details about O'Dell, his wife, children, family, life insurance, savings, political affiliation and other organizational memberships, written confession and tape recording in which the prisoner termed himself a children of the prisoner of war, were accompanied to the prisoner of war, were about how long we held out." O'Dell said. "Pain levels vary." "I was told at the outset, 'Tim gonna break your tegs one at a time. I'm gonna break your tegs one at a time. I might kill you. 'After a day

mose of the airplane and the side of the airplane." O'Dell recalled. "Mystarplane and into a crazy, tumbling airplane that into a crazy, tumbling Thrown from the ejection seat of a plane which had cracked into the ground.

"I felt lucky because I had no broken bones until I realized where I was," he recounted. mentally. That's the worse hazard."

TODAY, TALKING in a brown business suit, O'bell recalls) being hung upside down and having his head bounced against concrete! He remembers the "pretzel act" with his handst tied behind his back and his body lain on its side while being jumped on. "After a while you prayed for homent you'd go unconscious." I'm not trying to impress on anybody that I'm a hero. I'm not. I was cared as anybody else,"

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One and one-half years of O'Dell's skay at the POW camp were shared with another prisoner in a room without windows or ventilation, measuring 10 feet by 10 feet.

"WE WOLLD just lay on the concrete floor and try to absorb coolness from It. We peaked out of cracks. It reminded me very much of pictures of Dachau."

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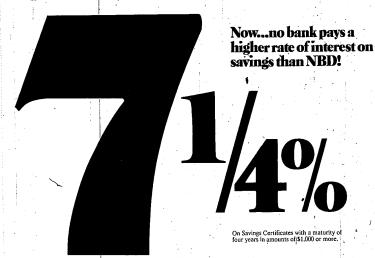


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