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Statement by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Representative of the
United States of America to the United Nations.

The 15 American fliers held illegally by Red China as "political prisoners" should be a matter of grave concern to all civilized people. We should be similarly concerned over the hundreds of other American and United Nations prisoners of war still unaccounted for by the communists 13 months after the Korean Armistice.

The Chinese Communists should understand that just as they can not shoot their way into the United Nations, they cannot blackmail their way in by holding innocent prisoners as hostages in a game of political warfare. This is one more indication that Red China remains totally unfit for a seat in the United Nations, whose Charter is devoted to peace and common justice.

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