

U. S., Russia Discuss POWs Reds May Free

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP).—The State Department said Monday night the United States has taken up with Moscow the question of protecting and arranging for the release of American prisoners of war held by Germany in line of current Russian advances.

Pending receipt of assurances, it was said at the War Department that it was assumed the same procedure will be followed as in the case of Americans liberated by the Red Army advances through Rumania and Bulgaria. In those instances the men were cared for by the Russians and released as quickly as possible to American authorities.

There was no information immediately available here as to the number which might be freed by the present operations on the Eastern Front or might already have passed into Russian hands. At one time more than 1,000 Americans ground force officers were held at Oflag 64 only 20 miles northwest of Inowroclaw, the capture of which Stalin announced Monday.