W4300 WHEN HELL WAS IN SESSION (USA, 10/8/1979) [TV]

**Credits:** director, Paul Krasny; writer, Jake Justiz; book, Ed Brandt, Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr.

**Cast:** Hal Holbrook, Eva Marie Saint, Mako, Ronny Cox, Renne Jarrett.

**Summary:** Biographical film set in the U.S. and Vietnam in from 1965-1973. Depicts the seven and a half year imprisonment of Navy Commander Jeremiah Denton (Holbrook) who was shot down on a bombing mission over North Vietnam in 1965 and held as a prisoner of war there until the 1973 cease fire. Held in numerous POW camps, he faced starvation and torture, but struggled to organize resistance and maintain morale among his fellow prisoners. Meanwhile in the U.S., Denton’s wife Jane (Saint), was instrumental in organizing a league of POW wives to publicize the plight of the prisoners and keep pressure on the U.S. government to find a solution to the war.

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