Prison System Beyond Reform Clark Believes

BALTIMORE (AP) — The nation's prison system is beyond reform and only the most dangerous people should be incarcerated, former U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark says. "I don't think we can speak of reforming prisons," Clark told about 700 persons attending the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare Thursday night. "They don't work. They do not work. We won't reform them We have to start again," he said.

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Prisons are "the starkest form of segregation" in which persons with socially caused problems only get worse, he said.