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Reagan Assails 'Mad Dog' Convicts

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 4 (UPI)—Gov. Ronald Reagan says he wants California to become the nation's leading controller of "mad dog" prison convicts.

Addressing 750 businessmen, ranchers and civic leaders, Reagan departed from his prepared text Friday to comment indirectly on the recent San Quentin escape attempt where three guards and three prisoners, including Soledad brother George Jackson, were killed.

Reagan said because of re-

habilitation programs California's prison population now is made up of a higher percentage of violent inmates than before. The less dangerous prisoners, who previously provided a stabilizing influence on the institutions, have been freed through rehabilitation.

"We now have an overwhelming percentage of the true violent type of criminal," Reagan said. "Add to this the revolutionary climate that seems to be abroad in our land, which has taken its place in prison, and you have the

type of violence we have seen in recent days."

The governor pledged his administration will not "go backward with regard to our No. 1 position in the nation in modern prison reform."

"That is not going to be our goal," he continued. "But we do have another goal, and that goal is we're also going to be No. 1 in restraining the mad dog type of criminal and revolutionary so we will not have the kind of tragedies that we have had."

The Reagan administration

is surveying its 12 prisons to determine where additional guards are needed. More than 40 already have been authorized for San Quentin.

Nigeria Crash

LAGOS, Nigeria, Sept. 4 (AP)—A passenger bus and a truck loaded with steel bars collided about 28 miles west of Lagos, and reports reaching here today said 12 persons perished and nine suffered critical injuries.