

U.S. Alerted All State Prisons

Washington

A rare alert was issued by the Justice Department to all state prison directors after Monday's violence at the Attica, N.Y., prison, it was learned yesterday.

The United States Bureau of Prisons, a branch of the Justice Department, warned all state prison directors by telephone of possible trouble

in response to the Attica uprising.

A spokesman for the bureau declined to disclose the exact warning issued by Washington. But prison directors were advised "to be cognizant of the situation," he said.

About 90 per cent of America's 200,000 prison inmates are in state-run institutions,

with the remainder in federal prisons.

Warnings of possible violence in other institutions were also relayed by the FBI.

Philip D. Guthrie, information officer for the California Department of Corrections in Sacramento, said state officials received "a general kind of alert" from the FBI to expect reactions to the

New York violence.

Although six persons died at San Quentin prison last month, there were no serious repercussions there to the Attica revolt, Guthrie said.

An FBI spokesman said he could not comment on whether the government had evidence that other prison rebellions were planned.

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