

No. 2 State Prison Aide

NY TIMES

Walter Dunbar SEP 16 1971

Little more than six months after he left his job as a member of the United States Board of Parole to come to New York as executive deputy commissioner of the State Department of Correctional Services, Walter Dunbar found himself yesterday in the vortex of controversy.

**in the
News
Man**

The bespectacled, pipe-smoking Mr. Dunbar — who gave out most of the information that led to the erroneous belief that the throats of the hostages at Attica prison had been slashed — was the subject of high praise when his appointment here was announced last February.

"We are fortunate," said his superior, Commissioner Russell G. Oswald, "to obtain one of the top men in the corrections field to accept the challenge of one of the state's — and nation's — most difficult problems.

"In attracting Mr. Dunbar to New York State, the Department of Correctional Services has taken a giant step forward toward improving its potential for progressive service to inmates and the betterment of the entire correctional program."

Led Correctional Association

The solidly built, brown-haired, hazel-eyed Mr. Dunbar came to New York, it was noted, with substantial credentials. These included service since 1967 on the Federal Parole Board, six years as director of the California Department of Corrections, service as a deputy director of corrections and as an associate warden at San Quentin Prison.

In addition, Mr. Dunbar has served as president of the American Correctional Association, as editor of its manual of correctional standards, and editorial consultant to the American Journal of Correction. Rounding out his professional activity were a number of advisory and consultative positions.

Among these were positions as a member of the advisory panel on corrections of the United States Office of Law Enforcement Assistance; the advisory committee of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; as a consultant on correctional standards, correctional research grants and criminal law revision; and as an assessor of planning on probation and parole for Canada and Britain.

Political Science Degree

The son of the late Evelyn and Walter Dunbar, Mr. Dunbar was born in Bakersfield, Calif. 56 years ago next Saturday. He holds a degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, where he also did graduate studies in public administration and law.

To take his job in New York as the No. 2 man in the Department of Correctional Services, Mr. Dunbar and his wife, the former Patricia McClintock, gave up their residence in McClean, Va., and moved to a Dutch colonial style home in an Albany suburb.

The Dunbars have two children, a son, William, and a daughter, Mrs. Eric de Gooyer.

In less hectic times than he has known lately, Mr. Dunbar enjoys fishing.



United Press International

His credentials were substantial
Mr. Dunbar looking over results of Monday's assault