

No-Parley Rule In N.Y. City Jails

NEW YORK — (AP) — The city has adopted a policy of moving in immediately without negotiating with prisoners in the event of prison insurrection.

“As much force as necessary,” barring firearms, would be used to restore order, under the policy.

Leo Zeferetti, president of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association of New York City, says this is “now the policy of New York City” and has the approval of Mayor John Lindsay.

He described the policy before a taping in Boston of the

public television program, “The Advocates,” to be broadcast tonight.

William vanden Heuvel, chairman of the city’s Board of Correction, acknowledged the policy yesterday but said it did not conflict with concern for the preservation of life.

“You do not negotiate under duress,” vanden Heuvel said.

“Prisoners do not have to take hostages here because we have gotten through to them the fact that we do listen to them. Prisoners take hostages only to make the authorities listen.”