

Ex-Cons' Group Calls It 'Setup'

The United Prisoners Union, a radical organization of ex-convicts, said here yesterday that Saturday's San Quentin escape attempt was a "setup" by prison authorities to execute Soledad Brother George Jackson.

At a press conference at Glide Memorial Methodist Church, spokesmen for the organization said, however, they had "nothing from the inside," since San Quentin has been under strict lockup, but were basing their contention on their experience and knowledge of state prisons.

The union claims a racially-mixed membership of 450 ex-felons and others in California.

Spokesman Popeye Jack-

son, 41, who served 19 years in state prisons for robbery and burglary, contended: "It would have been totally impossible for Brother Jackson to hide a gun in his hair."

(Jackson, a Negro, is not related to the inmate George Jackson).

"We speak for the oppressed convict class," another spokesman J. Douglas Halford, who served time for armed robbery.