

## Quentin Aides Report Plot

San Quentin prison authorities said yesterday they have thwarted a plot to smuggle a stolen riot gun into that institution's minimum security area.

The weapon, a 27-inch, 12-gauge shotgun, was seized in a raid on a house in Novato on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, nine men in the prison's pre-release center were placed in isolation after contraband including drugs was found in their dormitory.

Prison spokesmen believe the nine may also be linked to the asserted plot to smuggle the shotgun into the area, which houses some 40 inmates who are let out daily to look for work as their parole date approaches.

Prison information officer Joseph R. O'Brien declined to spell out all the details of the asserted plot.

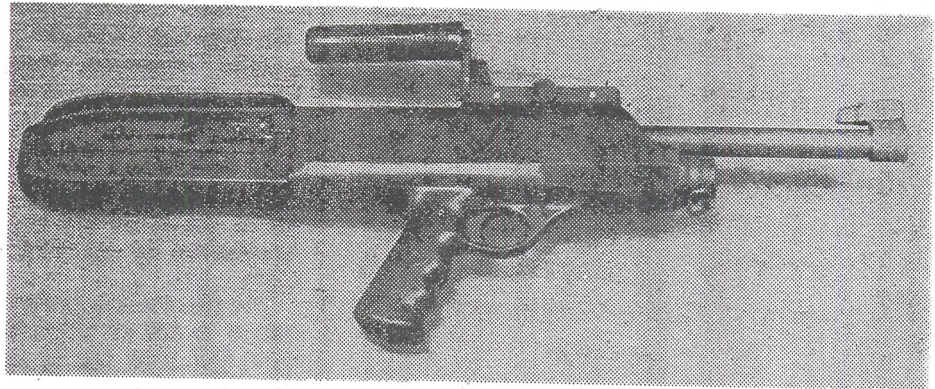
O'Brien said that for several weeks prison officials have been hearing rumors that "something big is going to come down (happen) on Monday."

An investigation, apparently using an inmate informant, disclosed the smuggling attempt, O'Brien said.

Although the shotgun is listed as having been stolen from a San Francisco policeman on November 24, neither the owner nor the occupants of the house — its location was not given — have been arrested, O'Brien said.

"The investigation into this aspect of the case is continuing," O'Brien said.

A day after the shotgun



The stolen shotgun was seized in a raid on a Novato home

was seized, guards raided the pre-release area. Several knives, a quantity of marijuana and dangerous drugs and some heroin was confiscated there, O'Brien said.

Nine inmates suspected of being linked with the contraband — and the gun smuggling attempt — were placed in maximum security cells after this raid, O'Brien said.

Charges against the nine are pending as the investigation continues, O'Brien said.

The riot gun was stolen from the locked trunk of a personal car owned by an off-duty policeman here as it was parked at the corner of 10th and Market Street.

A fully automatic weapon, the officer had been taking it from one police station to another to publicize a raffle to be conducted on December 14.

The riot gun was to be one of the prizes in the raffle, sponsored by San Francisco

Police Post 456 of the American Legion. The weapon was privately owned and not city property.

Police here declined to disclose the name of the officer the gun was stolen from.

On August 21 a pistol was smuggled into the main portion of the prison. Three correctional officers and three inmates, author George Jackson among them, were killed in the violence that followed.