

A Call for Overhaul of Prisons

In the wake of the San Quentin slayings, the California State Employees Association yesterday called for a possible overhaul of the state prison system to insure safe working conditions for its employees.

The association's board of directors declared in a statement that members were "shocked, dismayed and angry at the murder of three fellow state employees and at the death of three inmates at San Quentin."

The president of the San Quentin prison chapter of the Correctional Officers Association, Arnold Thompson, said: "Obviously, all of us (in the prison chapter) are

still in a state of shock." He declined to comment on the escape attempt.

The CSEA also asked for immediate legislative and administrative action, including all necessary funds to es-

tablish a secure and modern prison system.

Members of the group will meet with San Quentin employees and correctional system officials today to discuss any proposals for change.