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San Quentin To Censor Publications

An angry San Quentin administrator said yesterday that so-called revolutionary publications — advocating violent acts such as "kill the pigs" will be censored before convicts get to read them.

"We're going to take a hard look at such publications," Associate Warden James W. L. Park told newsmen, "and if court rulings mean we have to censor them issue by issue then we'll do just that."

Park, whose angry remarks included occasional epithets and obscenities, also said the prison is going to review and change its policy on visits to inmates by attorneys.

LAWYERS

"We're not going to have any goddam parade of lawyers coming in any more," Park said. "Of course we're still going to protect and honor an inmate's right to counsel... but if he has one attorney of record he doesn't need a goddam army of lawyers running in and out of here."

In the meantime, officials in San Quentin also announced that strict new limitations will be imposed on visits to inmates by attorney's investigators and interviews by newsmen.

Only licensed investigators will in the future be allowed to talk to inmates at random, but will not be allowed to interview specific inmates on request. The move virtually cancels possibilities of interviews with inmates directly involved in Saturday's incident.

Nobody will be allowed to carry a tape recorder into prison, officials said.

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Raymond K Procunier, director of the State Department of Corrections, said he is contemplating possible changes in the way "revolutionary and incorrigible" inmates are handled in California's prisons.

But, he emphasized, "this in no way means we intend to go back to tough, old-fashioned methods like those practiced 50 years ago."

Revolutionaries are something new in the state prisons, he continued, "and they are presenting a new problem . . . they are inmates who don't give a damn about what happens — even the killing of innocent persons — as long as it achieves what they want . . publicity and support for their cause."

Procunier said he is going to make an immediate tour of all prisons in the state to see what individual wardens and a d m i n i s trators feel about the current situation. and what changes should be made.

Shortly after Saturday's breakout attempt in which six men died prison officials began speaking out against revolutionary and underground publications and urged they be banned altogether.

Warden Park said the rhetoric in the radical press "impresses the convicts with a false feeling of importance . . . some of them think the whole outside world is waiting for them."

He described revolutionary publications as "the kind that get their jollies from advocating 'kill the pigs.'"

He blamed the Saturday violence on "a lot of bull---talk by revolutionaries."