

Why a Guard Left the Job

Thirteen correctional officers quit their jobs at San Quentin last week following the escape attempt of August 21 in which three convicts and three guards were killed.

Here is the letter of resignation of one of the officers:

"It is my intention to tender my resignation effective 12:25 p.m. on 27 August 1971. I am not in accord with the trend toward return of so-called "normal conditions" at this institution.

"In order to maintain complete control of the inmate population in a manner which will assure the safety of all correctional officers employed here, there would have to be a sweeping change of administration policies, which, due to many Supreme Court decisions and softened policies by the California Department of Corrections relating to inmate rights, would be an impossibility

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"I have struggled through WW II, Korea and Vietnam, I see no future in laying my life on the line for a convict, nor do I see any future for other correctional officers to lay their lives on the line either."

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