

Quentin Is Getting Back to Normal

By Tim Findley

Nine days after one of its most violent incidents, San Quentin Prison was once again "approaching normal" yesterday, according to prison officials.

Two state legislators and members of the Marin county Grand Jury toured the institution yesterday as a gradual "unlock" of inmates continued.

DEMANDS

About 700 of the prison's 2300 inmates were allowed out of their cells for routine assignments yesterday. For many of them, it was the first time they had been "unlocked" since the violence August 21 that left three correctional officers and three inmates dead.

Questions and high level inquiries about the incident continued and there remained demands for safer conditions by San Quentin officers.

State Senator Mervyn Dymally (Dem-L.A.) and Assemblyman John Miller (Dem-Berkeley) both toured the prison yesterday as did members of the Marin Grand Jury.

Prison spokesman W. D. Achuff denied reports by groups representing correctional officers that 13 resignations had been submitted in the last week. Achuff said that a total of eight officers resigned last week.

SAFETY

Whatever the numbers, however, organizations representing the officers hammered at demands for im-

proved safety conditions.

The California Correctional Officers Association has requested a meeting today with Corrections Director Raymond Procunier and San Quentin Warden Louis Nelson to discuss new safety provisions.

The association, which filed a suit with the State Department of Industrial Relations charging unsafe working conditions at the prison only two days before the violent incident, is demanding tighter supervision of inmates and, more recently, closer supervision of their visitors.

CONTROLS

An association spokesman said the group will ask for controls on the number of at-

torneys allowed to visit adjustment center inmates and the number of visits they make to such inmates.

Ken Brown, information director for the officers organization, said in a sharply worded statement that "many officers believe ... that we either reverse this current trend that provides so-called rights and privileges to these warehouse cases at the expense of the vast majority of others, or that our judges and other bleeding heart lawmakers will simply have to run the prisons."

Marin county District Attorney Bruce B. Bales said his investigation into the incident is continuing. No charges have yet been filed as a result of the bloody episode.