Legislator's Plea For State Prison Ombudsman

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Assemblyman Frank Murphy (Rep-Santa Cruz) called yesterday for creation of a State prison ombudsman to investigate such events as the San Quentin incident in which six persons were killed.

Murphy said the ombudsman — professional complaint listener and independent inspector — could possibly have prevented the slayings at San Quentin August 21.

"All along the line during the San Quentin turmoil, the availability of a knowledgeable, permanent inspector general would have been immeasurably useful to staff, inmates and the public," he said.

A Murphy-sponsored bill creating an ombudsman has cleared the Assembly and is pending in the Senate. He said the Reagan administration has opposed the measure.

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