

Correctional Group Demands

Representatives of some 3500 members of the California Correctional Officers Association met at San Quentin today to demand beefing up the security for San Quentin's 350 guards.

And as a result of the widely different versions of what happened on Bloody Saturday, Aug. 21, when three guards and three prisoners were killed at San Quentin, they demanded an immediate and "legitimate" investigation of the prison.

Attending the meeting were Raymond Procnier, director of the Department of Corrections, Sacramento; San Quentin warden Louis Nelson; Moe Camacho, sergeant at Soledad and president of CCOA Arnold Thomp-

son, vice president of CCOA and a guard at San Quentin; and Ken Brown, CCOA information director and newspaperman.

Requests

Camacho and Thompson asked for:

- Almost doubling the number of guards at the prison where the convict population currently is about 1600, or at least enough guards so that every guard will be within sight of another guard.

- Additional gunrail coverage for prison personnel, because guards on the grounds are unarmed.

- Closed circuit television in certain areas of the prison.

- Double locks in certain areas so that prisoners cannot reach the guards.

- A warning device such as civil defense warning sirens to be used during a crisis.

- Limiting visits to authorized relatives and friends and attorneys of record but not investigators or other employees of attorneys.

- Construction of a maximum security prison to be built at Vacaville for "the small segment of inmates bent on self-destruction."

Already Spent

"The state already has spent more than \$1 million for design of such a facility on property adjacent to the California Medical Facility at Vacaville," Brown said.

"Construction of such a facility, coupled with recogni-

tion that activities and privileges of inmates to be housed there would be minimal by virtue of the type of individual we are dealing with.

"Our officers are charged with the responsibility of keeping inmates alive, as well as inside, and in order to meet that responsibility it becomes necessary to isolate and discipline those few who are bent on destruction and violence.

Own Choice

"George Jackson (killed when he was hit by gunfire from two gunrail guards when he tried to escape Aug. 21) was not housed in the adjustment center by choice of prison officers, but by his own choice through his actions.

'Q' Beef Up

"It is high time the people of this state are made aware of the true conditions existing in our prisons, that they are made to understand we have a small segment of our inmate population that is

totally unmanageable, that is a threat to the balance of our inmates and our officers . . .

"These few troublemakers — about seven percent of the inmate population — must be isolated from the main line inmates."