

No Bargains With Cons, Says Reagan

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — Governor Reagan says prison officials can't bargain with convicts holding guards hostage because that would sentence "every prison employe and guard . . . to the possibility of death."

When he returned from the National Governors Conference in Puerto Rico yesterday, the Republican Governor was asked about the mass deaths at the New York State Prison at Attica where officers stormed cellblocks held by armed inmates.

Reagan said he supported New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's decision to stand behind the prison authorities who decided to attack the inmates although they held a number of hostages.

Reagan compared that riot with the bloody escape attempt Aug. 21 at San Quentin Prison where three guards and three inmates died.

"In both instances it reflects the revolutionary tactic of taking the revolution into the prison and attacking the establishment there," he said.