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Prison Reform - When?
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... at knife-point is un-
... are told. When have
... negotiated on prison
... without violence or threat
of violence? How else can prisoners
work for reform of penal institutions
which even the Vice President admits
are not perfect nor beyond criticism?
Consider the recent incident of a
... peaceful protest at the Federal
"Correctional Institution" at Danbury.
... of nonviolent inmates (mostly
... objections to violence,
... or at home)
... to patent in-
... the prison system and to
... of the United
... Board. They did not
... hostages. They
... As peacefully as
... Mr. Rock-
... to behave,
... their protest by means
... placement
... Danbury, (2) transfer
... alone being
... restrains these
... to the Spring-
... for Federal prison-
... anguish to fami-
... not notified of the
... weeks later and who
... readily, whether the
... at Springfield, elsewhere
... and these are white,
... nonviolent men); (4)
... an almost com-
... by all media,
... from the Federal
... or self-imposed be-
... peaceful protest is not news-
... final evidence that peace-
... does not penetrate prison
... to reach responsible officials.
... penal institutions takes
... are told. Time starting
... Never from the time that non-
... or their families, or
... identity abuse.
... dates only from
... when a riot or massacre
... makes impossible, at least temporarily,
... callous indifference to in-
... treatment of prisoners.

This is the real tragedy, not only
of Attica but of the larger society.
MOTION OF AN INMATE
New York, Sep 25, 1971