

## Found Near Novato

# 'Q' Shotgun Smuggling Try

An attempt to smuggle a 12-gauge shotgun into San Quentin was disclosed today by prison officials.

They said that, thanks to "information from a confidential source," they were able to confiscate the weapon in a house in an unincorporated area near Novato.

And, in a related development, they added that nine men had been removed from the pre-release, minimum security center outside the prison walls and placed in segregation cells inside the prison.

### Knives, Grass

The center was searched because their information indicated it was to be the entry point for the shotgun, and the men were transferred because three knives, including two switchblades, and some marijuana were found near their gear, according to prison information officer Joseph O'Brien.

O'Brien stressed that the nine men were not necessarily suspects in the smuggling attempt, although the possibility that some of them were

involved is being investigated.

The weapon itself was described by police here and the Marin County sheriff's office as a high standard model 10, which holds five 12 gauge shells.

### Police Weapon

It was "strictly a police weapon," they said, and belonged to San Francisco Police Post 456, American Legion, which had posted it as a prize in a drawing to be held next Tuesday night.

The gun was stolen from the trunk of a car belonging to a policeman and left in the parking lot at the Franciscan Hotel, 10th and Market Streets, on Nov. 24. Police said several other cars also had been ransacked, apparently entered with a pass key.

No ammunition was taken with the gun, nor was any found at the house where it was recovered, according to officials.

The weapon, according to Lt. Guido Battaglia of the Marin sheriff's office, is of the latest type, and so modernistic in design that it

might be mistaken for a toy.

Battaglia said that his men had simply "assisted" San Quentin authorities in the matter, and that they were making no further investigation.

O'Brien, however, said that prison authorities are continuing with an intensive investigation in an attempt to determine the channels by which the gun was to have been moved inside the prison walls.

"I think," he commented, "it would be possible to get anything inside if they planned it, and kept at it long enough. It gives you a pretty good idea of what we're putting up with from outside."

The prison was the scene last Aug. 21 of an attempted break in which convict George Jackson, three guards and two other prisoners were killed.