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Raymond Procunier walked by Senator Richardson (Rep-Arcadia) after testimony

## Procunier Says 'Hell No'

### Sacramento

California's prison boss replied "hell no" yesterday to a resignation demand from a conservative state senator who claimed state penal policy has become too liberal.

But he said he will step down if Governor Ronald Reagan asks for his resignation.

Raymond K. Procunier, director of the State Department of Corrections, made the statements in an appearance before a special Senate committee as he defended his 21,000-inmate prison system for three hours.

Senator H. L. Richardson (Rep-Arcadia) demanded Procunier's resignation Tuesday with an attack on work-furlough and 72-hour pass programs and a charge of illegal operations going on at the Don Lugo Rehabilitation Center.

"If the old man (Reagan) wants me to quit, I'll quit," Procunier told newsmen at

the start of the hearing of the Select Committee on Penal Institutions.

Reagan defended Procunier at a news conference Tuesday but said some of the newer rehabilitation programs are being investigated.

Procunier conceded some administrative mistakes were made at Don Lugo and reported they were being investigated. But he said it was only one of 12 such camps where there had been problems.

Procunier offered these comments about the problems of running prison systems today:

Prison administrators give up control of their institutions if they don't have an "adjustment center" for punishment and isolation of troublemakers. "If we've got a group out preaching revolution, and we think that it's dangerous, we lock them up."

"I don't know what people

mean when they talk about dehumanization of prisons . . . Very few people live in a 5-by-7 cell on the outside . . . I've seen people grow into men in prison. Some turn into animals."

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