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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

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When it becomes *absolutely clear* that a human being must be separated from society, he should be placed in the care of *qualified* people whose principal responsibility is the *inmate's* rehabilitation, personal growth and well being rather than his submissive storage. The brutality and arbitrary nature of the present system must be replaced with justice and fairness. Work must be instructive and meaningful, with rewards proportionate to the quality and amount of effort expended. The entire process should be viewed as *a training period for good citizenship*. The general quality

of day to day life should resemble, as nearly as possible, a normal productive life. For the protection of society as well as for obvious humanitarian reasons we must end the dehumanizing degradation that is the present penal system.

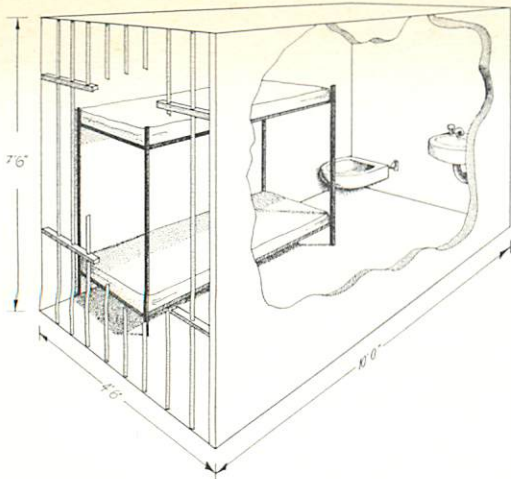
In evaluating any new proposal or procedure, the concerned citizen should use as his yardstick the questions: "Will this help a man grow into the kind of individual that I want returned to society? Is he learning the things that society holds in high esteem? How would I react if they did these things to me?"

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This is a replica of the typical two man cell at Folsom and San Quentin prisons. Men spend between 10 and 23½ hours per day in these cells depending on their custody status as determined by the California Department of Corrections. Since California still retains the system of indeterminate sentencing, the actual number of years spent in these cells is set by the politically appointed members of the Adult Authority rather than by a judge or jury.

About 80% of the men subjected to this form of treatment fail to become productive citizens upon release and are eventually returned to jail or prison. The same people responsible for this 80% failure are now planning for newer and bigger prisons under the label of "reform." They have failed to realize the simple fact that *abnormal conditions do not produce normal people.*

Dear Governor Reagan,

I have just seen a replica of the typical cell at Folsom and San Quentin Prisons and I would like you to know how I felt when I saw it . . .

What are your feelings? Name _____

Address _____