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Lawyers Allowed In Quentin

SAN QUENTIN — The first outside visitors to this troubled prison since Saturday's bloody killings were permitted inside the gates today.

Lawyers representing prisoners with pending courtroom appearances were allowed to see their clients.

Half a dozen attorneys had entered the prison before 10 a.m. A small group of sign-carrying demonstrators clustered on the road leading to the main gate.

The attorneys were not permitted to carry briefcases or tape recorders into the conference room.

One of the first to emerge was Michael Friedman of San Francisco who represents Hugh Pinell, 27, charged with assault on a Soledad Prison guard. He said five attorneys and five inmates were permitted into the room at the same time but had to converse through a wire screen.

Friedman said guards also were stationed in the room so some of the attorneys communicated by written notes.

Asked about any evidence of prison brutality, Friedman said he saw bruises on Pinell.

He said they did not appear to be severe. Pinell was chained hand and foot, according to Friedman.

Tight security measures imposed on most of the prison's 2,600 inmates since Saturday's violence in which three guards and three convicts died also were being eased a little.

The majority of the prisoners were permitted to leave their cells for the evening meal yesterday.

Relatives will be allowed to resume visits starting tomorrow, according to Irvin Ritter, prison business manager.

"We've got things under control," he reported. "Now if the outside groups would stop agitating . . . they're making the problem here, not us."

Among the "outside groups" heard from yesterday were several hundred demonstrators outside the main gate of the prison, several attorneys who filed a multi-million dollar damage suit in Federal District Court in San Francisco and a number of black lawyers seeking an official legislative probe of alleged mistreatment of prisoners.

Attorney Henry Ramsey Jr. of Richmond, representing the Charles Houston Law Club of Northern California, said a number of black legislators, including Congressman Ronald Dellums of Berkeley and Assemblyman Willie Brown of San Francisco, were being

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asked to join the investigative committee.

Dellums said the committee should be a representative body including nongovernmental persons and the probe should include the entire California penal system.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California also called for an investigation by the California Legislature declaring that "only a prompt and full scale investigation can bring the full facts to public attention."

Prison officials in a series of affidavits denied allegations in the suit seeking \$1 million in general and \$1 million in punitive damages for each prisoner that inmates in the adjustment center were mistreated or denied medical care.

Associate Warden James Park said charges filed by attorneys Philip Ryan and George Vaughn were "completely false." He said prisoners had to be subdued to foil an escape attempt Saturday but that minimum force was used.

All prisoners with injuries received "full, complete, prompt, adequate medical care," Park said. He added that Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette, who claimed at a court appearance Tuesday to have been beaten, were not

hurt and did not ask for medical attention. They are awaiting trial for the murder of a Soledad Prison guard.

Park also cited the case of inmate Allen Mancino alleged to have been critically wounded in the leg during the prison break. Park said Mancino, who was on the ground, suddenly arose and lunged "in a menacing manner" causing a guard to fire a shot into the pavement near him.

Mancino suffered minor lacerations in the legs from lead and concrete and is in good condition in the prison hospital, Park declared. He also said that the report of another prisoner having his teeth knocked out by a guard was untrue, the facts being that the man in question wore partial upper and lower plates and these were removed as part of the security measures.

Judge Spencer Williams also received affidavits from prison medical officials Dr. John B. Krahl and Jack V. Lavelle attesting to the good condition of the inmates involved at the adjustment center. The judge denied the request by Ryan and Vaughn that an outside doctor be sent to the prison.

Prison officials said a meticulous shakedown of the 500-acre facility is continuing. Yesterday's search turned up a number of prison-made knives.