

70 More Cons Put in 'Q' Lockup

Some 70 more San Quentin Prison inmates have been placed in a special new lock-up section because they are considered "potential problems," it was announced today.

The men will spend most of the time in their cells, leaving them only for meals and brief exercise periods.

The action rises from a continuing prison checkup touched off by the Aug. 21 uprising in which three guards, two white inmate tier tenders, and Soledad Brother George Jackson were killed.

Altogether about 275 prisoners are now in lockups, according to prison information officer Joseph O'Brien. They are in the new "A" section of the south block, the existing "B" lockup section in the same block, and the so-called adjustment center.

O'Brien said officials hope eventually to return as many of the newly locked-up men as possible to the general prison population. As their behavior warrants, they will go back to prison jobs and education programs, he explained.

Five of the men who have been moved to the new lock-up section filed petitions for writs of habeas corpus in Marin County Superior Court today, claiming they were being subjected to "cruel and unusual punishment."