

Attorneys Named For Quentin Six

A half dozen Marin county attorneys were appointed to represent inmates accused in the August 21 attempted escape at San Quentin prison yesterday, over the vigorous objections of the six inmates themselves.

It was the third attempt at arraigning the six inmates accused of murder and conspiracy in the bloody incident that left three guards and three inmates dead.

As in the other two attempts, the inmates, brought into court one at a time and elaborately shackled with chains from their necks to their ankles, said they did not have attorneys.

MEETING

A court-ordered meeting between the accused inmates and six prominent Bay Area attorneys proved useless, the inmates complained, because prison guards listened in on what was said and communication was impossible.

Attorney William Stein, representing the State Attorney General's office denied that and presented affidavits from guards to back up his arguments.

But the inmates had their own affidavits, and although they were technically not represented by counsel, attorney John Thorne supported their charges with sharp comments from his seat in the spectator section of the court.

Thorne, who was the attorney for George Jackson, one of the inmates killed in the August 21 incident, was one of the attorneys who met with the six accused inmates Wednesday night.

DECISION

The others were Charles Garry, Elaine Wender, G. Douglas Vaughn, Richard Silver and Len W. Holt.

Judge McGuire said he would make his own decision on any future conference to be held between the lawyers and inmates.

Although it appeared clear

that the inmates want those six lawyers appointed by the court to represent them, under technical rules, such a request must be made not by the inmate but through an attorney.

Thus, Judge McGuire named six Marin county lawyers and set November 5 for the next appearance of the inmates in court.