Soledad Two Denied Move From Quentin

The California Supreme Court yesterday denied a request of the two surviving "Soledad Brothers" for a transfer from San Quentin.

The decision came in a one-time, unsigned opinion. It noted, however, that Associate Justice Raymond Peters believed the two should be granted a hearing on their allegations.

The two — Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette — sought a transfer because they claimed they were beaten by San Quentin guards.

Clutchette and Drumgo, both blacks, are accused of murdering a white Soledad prison guard in retaliation for the shooting of three black Soledad convicts.

The third "Soledad Brother," George Jackson, died during last month's escape attempt from San Quentin in which two other prisoners and three guards also lost their lives.

Drumgo and Clutchette claimed that, after the breakout attempt, guards repeatedly beat them in retaliation for the tragedy.