

Quentin Stabbings

--5 Inmates Hurt

A "lockdown" of all but essential activities at San Quentin Prison was ordered at 2 p.m. yesterday by Warden Louis Nelson after five inmates had been stabbed in a 24-hour period.

Inmates were returned to their cells and remained there except to march to meals under unusually heavy guard.

Associate Warden James Park said there appears to be a "pattern of retaliation" on the part of blacks, whites

and chicanos despite the effort of inmate leaders to "cool the situation."

The rash of stabbings began late Monday in the east cell block when Wayne D. Early, 24, a black, suffered superficial wounds. A chicano suspect is being held, Park said.

At 7:40 a.m. yesterday, in the south cell block, Frank Tubach, 28, and Douglas R. Spencer, 28, both whites, were attacked by what Park

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called "other people."

Tubach suffered stab wounds in the hand and back, and Spencer in the ribs. Both men are in good condition.

Park said authorities do not know who attacked the two.

At 12:15 p.m. in the north cell block, Arthur Golia, 27, a white, was stabbed in the stomach and back with an ice pick-like weapon. He underwent lengthy surgery and was listed in good condition. Park said there are no suspects yet in the Golia stabbing.

At 2 p.m., another white inmate, Robert Sconyers, 34, was stabbed in the chest, arm and back during an attack that Park said apparently was launched by three blacks in the education department of the prison. Sconyers' condition is said to be good.

Only three weapons have been confiscated so far, Park said.

Park said he was told by inmates that the Early stabbing was a "personal thing" and that "young hotheads took it upon themselves to expand the situation."