

4 More Police Districts Will Merge This Month

Police Supt. Orlando W. Wilson announced plans yesterday for the elimination of four more police districts thru consolidation during June. The city now has 33 police districts, five fewer than when Wilson took office. He said he plans to reduce the number to 21.

On Monday, the East Side district will be merged with South Chicago. Capt. John Kistner, commander of South Chicago, will remain in command of the merged district. Capt. John Moss of East Side will go on relief duty in the patrol division.

Other consolidations will be North avenue with Racine avenue on June 12; Cragin with Shakespeare district on June 19, and Stockyards with Deerling district on June 26.

Plans for additional consoli-

dations have not been completed. Wilson said that closing of 17 district stations will release about 18 men from each district for patrol duty, a total of 306 men who receive annual pay totaling \$1,800,000.

The district police station, he said, has outlived its usefulness, except as an office for the commanding officer, a place for roll call, and a jail for prisoners.

By June 26, Wilson said, the elimination of four districts will release more than 100 policemen to patrol work in areas where they are needed.

He said Mayor Daley had agreed to leave the reorganization and consolidation of the police department in the superintendent's hands.