

Attica Cons Tell of Beatings After Riot

Buffalo, N.Y.

Two prisoners from the Attica Correctional Facility testified yesterday they were beaten by police after the big riot at the prison was quelled September 13.

Frank Lott and Roger Champion testified at a hearing before U.S. District Judge John T. Curtin.

Both said that, after they had surrendered and were stripped naked they had run a gantlet of police and guards.

"There were officers on both sides of us and we were forced to run a gantlet," Lott said. "The officers hit us with sticks and belts, then put us three in a cell."

The two inmates, both

black, said they have been harassed and threatened with death by guards since the September 9-13 uprising that claimed 42 lives.

Lott and Champion said they have been confined in a special security section of the prison.

Champion said a prison supervisor came to the cellblock one night with about a dozen guards. The guards told the inmates they were going to kill them, Champion said, and "make an example of you guys. You don't deserve to live."

The inmates testified in support of an injunction sought by lawyers of the Attica Defense Committee.

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