

Attica Jury Fixed Guilt After 12 Hours

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BUFFALO, April 6—A juror in the Attica murder trial said today that he and the other members of the jury had become convinced of the guilt of the two defendants midway through their 25-hour deliberations, which ended last night when verdicts of guilty were brought in, to the accompaniment of tears, curses on the part of the defendants, supporters and bitter arguments by the defense lawyers.

The juror, who asked to be identified only as a "young salesman" said that in the first poll the eight men and four women were divided "roughly in half" on the question of whether the defendants, John Hill and Charles Joseph Parnaslice, had struck William E. Quinn, the Attica correction officer who died as a result of injuries he suffered during the initial take-over of the prison by inmates on Sept. 9, 1971.

The jurors with doubts he said, were soon won over, and the remainder of the deliberations had concerned which of the charges submitted to them by Justice Gilbert H. King applied. In the case of Mr. Hill, the jury determined that he had indeed intended to kill the guard, and it convicted him of murder, the harshest of the five charges against the defendant.

As for Mr. Parnaslice, they voted to convict him of the lowest of four possible charges—attempted assault in the second degree.

The long trial—the first major case to stem from the Attica uprising—began with pretrial hearings last November and ended at 9:15 last night when Rosa Moore, the foreman of the jury delivered the verdicts.

When she announced that Mr. Hill was guilty of murder, the 33-year-old defendant winced. His jaw trembled and



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Two of defendants' supporters reacting to the verdict of guilty in the Attica trial at Buffalo yesterday.



John Hill, who was found guilty of murder in the Attica prison riot case.

he stood up. A court officer asked him to sit down and the defendant shouted, "I want my wife."

Several women sitting among the 20 supporters of the defendants, many of them Indians, began to sob. Meanwhile, Mrs. Moore gave the jury's decision on Mr. Parnaslice. Against the background of mounting wails and heated curses, the jury was polled.

Mr. Hill's wife, who is expecting a child, embraced him and together they sobbed. A young Indian spectator stood up and cursed the judge before being led out by one of the sheriff's deputies who had ringed the room.

The judge, who presided at the trial for the last six weeks, formally excused the jurors and announced that he was remanding the defendants for sentencing on April 30.

"Why are you remanding them?" asked William M. Kunstler, Mr. Hill's lawyer. "John Mitchell was not remanded."

"They are remanded," said the judge angrily. The two had

been free on bail during the trial.

"There is no justice in this court," Mr. Kunstler declared.

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Ramsey Clark, who had embraced his client, Mr. Parnaslice, asked the judge what his reasons were for revoking bail.

"I don't want to hear any argument on this subject anymore. They are remanded," the judge repeated.

Mr. Kunstler shouted, "If they die in jail, you know who put them there."

"You did," the judge shouted back, and he added that if the lawyer wished to pursue the argument he could follow his client to the Erie County Detention Center.

Of the outburst at the end of the trial, the juror who was interviewed said:

"It's not something I'll forget for a long time. I felt sorry for the family of Mr. Hill, but I also felt sorry for the family of Mr. Quinn."