
Story of 'Gantlet' At Attica

Buffalo, N.Y.

A National Guardsman testified in U.S. District Court yesterday that naked Attica prison inmates were forced to "run a gantlet" of prison guards who beat them after police put down the prisoner rebellion Monday.

James P. Watson, 25, testified at a court hearing in which four lawyers sought a federal order allowing them into the prison to consult with inmate clients.

Watson said he "observed people being brought in stark naked with about four guards guarding them. Nine out of ten were black. They were being poked in the groin, in the rectum, in the legs . . . Their hands were on top of their heads. The guards would stand along what I call a gantlet."

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