

## Attica News Suit Decision Delayed

Buffalo, N.Y.

A U.S. District Court judge reserved decision yesterday in a suit seeking to allow newsmen to interview convicts at troubled Attica State Prison.

Judge John T. Curtin gave the state until Tuesday to file briefs in the case and said the plaintiffs then would have until the following day to answer.

The suit, filed by a group of newsmen and two Attica inmates, was brought earlier this year, before the September 9-13 rebellion at the prison in which 42 persons died.

At a hearing newsmen told of being denied interviews with inmates who were in the prison at the time of the riot.

The newsmen's suit was filed by Tom Wicker and David Burnham of the New York Times, Donald Singleton of the New York Daily News, Jack Newfield, Mary Breasted and Nat Hentoff of the Village Voice, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, New York radio station WBAI-FM, Playboy Enterprises Inc., and Attica inmates James Carter and James Brown.

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