12 INMATES NAMED IN ATTICA CHARGE

Some Are Led Into Court in Shackles for Arraignment -2 Accused of Murder

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WARSAW, N. Y., Dec. 18-Twelve convicts or former convicts were led, shackled, into court today to face the first charges growing out of the Attica prison uprising of 1971. The charges included murder, kidnapping, assault and attempted arson.

Among those accused of murder as the court opened the first of 37 sealed indictments was Charles J. Pernasilice, who allegedly was caught up in the uprising while at Attica only briefly as a 19-year-old youthful offender awaiting transit with no serious criminal record. He was accused of having fatally beaten a prison guard, William Quinn, on the first day of the revolt, Sept. 9, 1971.

All of those arraigned today were already in custody in state prisons for previous offenses.

Two men accused of killing Mr. Quinn, Mr. Pernascilice and an inmate identified as John Hill, face a charge that carries the death penalty. The murder of a prison guard or a policeman is the only capital crime under state law.

A third suspect, Mariano Gonzalez, was accused of having fatally stabbed Michael Privitiera, a fellow Attica in-

mate.

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D yard. A total of 43 men—32 tional Institution at Attica. inmates and 11 prison employes—died in the incident direction of Deputy State At-

died during the period the feller. prisoners were in command of ler declined to go to Attica the correctional facility, and during the rebellion, he directed 29 inmates and 10 guards and the state's responses and subcivilians held as hostages died sequently came under sharp of gunshot wounds during the criticism. police assault.

bewildered, but others saluted saw Civil War memorial, which friends firmly as they hobbled was decked with holiday bunt-in leg chains from prison vans ing. into the red-brick courthouse. One inmate, Vernon Lafranque,

The suspects were kept waiting for more than five hours eral Court hearing in Buffalo for the arrival of Deputy As-today dealing with inmates' sistant Attorney General Gerald charges of brutality. Ryan, who is in charge of the arraignment of what is ex-pected to be a total of several Vernon Lafranque, possession dozen individuals throughout of weapons; Robert Johnson,

entered pleas. Defense lawyers Gaughy, assault; William Benobtained adjournments of up to nett, possession of; weapons; one month to enable them to William Outlaw, study the charges and prepare arson; Calvin Hudson, robbery defenses.

made before State Supreme Quinones, coercion.

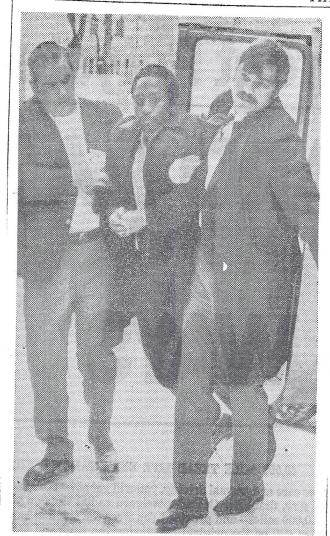
Continued From Page 1, Col. 2 Court Justice Carmen Ball on the basis of indictments handed. was ended after five days on up by a special grand jury Sept. 13, 1971, when state sitting here at the county seat. troopers stormed the prison's 15 miles from the State Correc-

and more than 80 were torney General Robert E. wounded. Mr. Quinn and three inmates appointed by Governor Rocke-

The criticism was continued today by a score of demonstra-Today, at this arraignment, tors who marched outside the some of the suspects appeared courthouse opposite the War-

Lawyers from the Attica Defense Committee objected rehad to be carried in after he peatedly that the use of sealed refused to cooperate. He said indictments was unnecessary, he had been summoned from because most of the accused a prison movie and had been are in prison already. The real told to pack with no reason given. distract attention from a Fed-

The other accused inmates kidnapping and coercion; Wil-None of those accused today liam Ortiz, assault; Otis Mcattempted and assault; Eric (Jomo) The arraignments are being Thompson, coercion, and José



An unidentified man, in handcuffs and leg irons, being carried from a van into the courthouse at Warsaw, N.Y., yesterday. A defendant in the charges stemming from the Attica prison rebellion, he refused to walk in irons.