

"Castro and the other members of the Brigade are being singled out to teach a lesson to every prisoner in New York. Felix's conviction says that Black and Latin prisoners do not have the "right" to defend themselves against KKK guard brutality. The court is clearly saying that prisoners must either allow themselves to be beaten and degraded by racist KKK guards or get what Felix got in the courtroom. It was right for the prisoners at Napanoch to take whatever action was necessary to deal with the threat of the Klan. Where the Klan and other such scum is involved, it is absolutely necessary to fight fire with fire.

"It has been the Defense Committee's belief from the beginning of trial on April 30 that the brothers in the Brigade could not get a just trial in Kingston. Beginning with the fact that the jury was all white with an average age of near 60 and the Klan bomb scare on the second day of the trial, it has been clear that the judge and the prosecution had no intention of giving Castro a chance to present what really took place at Napanoch and why it happened. Castro is the victim of a "legal" lynching. He was tried and convicted on the basis of the color of his skin and the fact that he refused to accept the racism of the prisons. Everyone, who opposes the KKK and the railroad that we have just witnessed, must rally to the support of the August 8th Brigade."

Letters of support or requests for more information should be sent to:

August 8th Brigade Defense Committee
P.O. Box 524
New York, N.Y. 10036

Or call: (212) 869-9239

Letters demanding that Judge Clyne not Invoke the Persistent Felon statute against Felix Castro should be sent to: Judge John Clyne

Ulster County Courthouse
285 Wall Street
Kingston, New York

Letters demanding that all charges against the Brigade be dropped and Castro's conviction overturned should be sent to: Governor Hugh Carey
State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224