

trial is being held. The caller threatened, "Whites have rights, too. We're serious. There's a bomb in the courthouse." Although no bomb was found, the courtroom was cleared. Despite the clearly intimidating effect the bomb scare had on the jury, a defense motion to declare a mistrial was denied by Clyne on May 3.

Later on May 3, Clyne gagged the defense attorney, Colbert, denying him any Cavanaugh the right to discuss the case with the press. This ruling came after Clyne overheard Colbert discussing with a radio reporter an incident which occurred the previous night. On the evening of May 2, defense lawyers were driving to Napanoch prison for interviews with perspective witnesses. On the way, their car was nearly driven off the road by another vehicle. The other car then proceeded to alternately slow down and speed up forcing the defense lawyers to slow their car to avoid an accident. When the lawyers attempted to get the license plate number of the car, they discovered that the license plate was covered with mud and unreadable.

To protest the injustice of the jury selection process and Clyne's actions 40-50 supporters of the August 8th Brigade demonstrated in front of the Ulster County Courthouse in Kingston on May 2. Despite police harassment and attempts to intimidate the demonstrators, the protest called attention to the denial of Castro's right to a trial by a jury of his peers.

A defense coalition consisting of the August 8th Brigade Defense Committee the Inside/Outside Prison Collective and others have called for a mass demonstration on Thursday, May 10 at 9:00 AM at the Ulster County Courthouse in Kingston. The demonstration will demand an end to the media blackout of the case and that all charges be dropped against the Brigade.

Paul Aldridge, a spokesperson for the August 8th Brigade Defense Committee stated, "Felix Castro not any other member of the Brigade will get a fair trial in Ulster County. What is going on inside the courtroom is not a trial - it is a legal lynching. Castro has been denied the right to a speedy trial, the right to choose his own lawyer and the right to a jury of his peers. The constitutional guarantee that a defendant is innocent until proven guilty has no meaning in this trial. Castro's only chance of defeating this attempt to railroad him into a possible life sentence and getting real justice lies in mobilizing broad-based support inside and outside the courtroom. We are asking every individual who opposes racist injustice to join us in protesting this outrage!"

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Letters demanding that all charges be dropped against the Brigade should be sent to: Governor Hugh Carey, State Capitol Building, Albany, New York, 12224.