

I hear a helicopter landing not to far away, I wonder who they are bringing in.

Bobby Seal says he won't advise the rioters to accept the terms cause he won't compromise the brothers position. What the hell did they expect him to say? If he went in there and advocated the cons go along with the officials then he would be the biggest phony in the world. He couldn't do it without losing face with the radical element in this country. The stupid-ass authorities should have known that.

The scaffolds are progressing quite rapidly. These fucking officials better turn the troopers loose or they are subject to loose all 38 hostages. If that happens there will be at least 100 inmates who will be gunned down. I really believe a neat show of force will make them back down, but the Commissioner just can't bring himself to take the chance. I don't think we can condemn him for hesitating but as the old sayin goes; "He who hesitates is lost." or some such bullshit.

It is amazing what a man can do with half of a glass of water! I just shaved 4 days beard, washed my face and under my arms. I may not be the best smelling creature in the world, but I sure as hell am the best smelling guy in C block and I smell real bad!

I wish I knew how my buddy ~~is~~ Dave is. He is a good kind, you see he lets his mouth overrule his brain and ends up in a pickle. Oh, well, he survived 25 yrs. without me so I suppose he can get by without my humble assistance.

This is another lull in activity. They are active building things in D block, but I haven't seen the hacks or troopers for a half hour. Perhaps they are sleeping. I know better than that. I have a lot of respect for those troopers. They are real pros at their job!! They don't play! I guess Ken Cronse and Marchione are up here with the troopers. I'd like to see them. I know Ken from school and Marchione is one of the best cops I know.

It is rather misty and overcast today. There is a slight breeze. I'd say the temp. was in the high 60's.

I hope the hell I don't get transferred over all this shit. I shouldn't cause I had absolutely nothing to do with it. Oh well, we will wait and see.

It still bewilders me when I try to find a reason why more preventive measures weren't taken to keep this riot from occurring. No one can convince me that they didn't know it was coming. As soon as that stuff happened in Soladad California the talk was nothing but riot. Where the hell were the hacks? Don't they value their lives enough to insist on more security where they are almost 100% positive that there will be a riot. Where the hell was Mancusi?

The troopers must be getting panicky. I just put my broom out to pull something on the floor over to my cell and the dirty bastard told me to get the broom back in my cell or he would blow my fucking arm off. I assure you I did not argue!!!

The rain is coming for sure! The sky is darker than hell and it **is** thundering. I'd hate to be those guys in D block cause now 1,200 tempers will be flaring. I thank God I am over here.

Seems as though the shit is really on this time. The rioters threatened to kill all 38 hostages if the guards and troopers attack and there are troopers running all over the fucking place. I don't know what the hell is up!

The rioters are running all over too. Let me get a better look.

Now things have calmed down again. WOW! I sure thought it was happening.

I've got the crack down the side of my door pasted up with newspaper and I will put my blanket in the door window. Then I will cover my head with the other blanket and pray and pray and pray.

I will be praying for "ALL". About the most that can happen to me is that I will get sick, but those poor fools can get killed. The hacks and troopers can too. My God! What folly! All because of about 250 maniacs.

Some moronic, mongoloid, after-birth bastard is downstairs screaming - "POWER"! I hope they shoot his foolish ass.

The rioters are over there making speeches about the imperialistic, racist American Government and how poor whites should join with the blacks to fight their oppression to death. You can hear them way over here. They just let out a roar of approval to a speech by someone.

They are now hollering they want to talk to Rockefeller! I think the authorities are almost talked out.

I just couldn't bring myself to take a persons life or to participate in any activity that would bring about the death of a human being.

God, I sure hope ~~x~~people change for the better before my kids get much older.

I know one thing for damned sure. I will never go to prison again and I will be a model citizen to make damned sure I won't. I sure as hell don't want anymore of this.

The rioters just let a roar out about something. I better go look and listen.

This is no riot! This is a full scale revolt!

Those rioters are building up a head of steam with all that speech making and cheering. They either don't have any brains or they hate so much it gives them real courage. Maybe they are afraid - I'm sure they are, but none of them will admit it to the next one. I'm afraid for them. They have no wisdom at all.

It is getting dark and it doesn't look like it will rain.

The damned news media (T.V. and radio) are lousing up any element of surprise for the troopers. They have a T.V. in D block yard and have the radio on so the newscasters tell that the troopers are arming and are ready to move in. The stupid bastards would rather get the news than save a life.

I hear a P.A. System giving instruction to somebody. It isn't in D Block. I hope they don't under estimate these fanatics. They are mean and tough. They are karate trained and all lift weights and run miles. I can't make out the instructions they are giving.

I feel sorry for my friends, but the officials have to do something soon! Cripe I hope Ray is okay.

That P.A. System is in D block and William Kunstler is the one who is talking. I sure as hell hope it works!

The rioters are sure cheering him! Let me try to hear him.

Things must be getting close to jumping off cause the troopers are trading insults with the inmates. They are showing their true colors. Laughing about a sick inmate.

Now they are getting the doctor. Boys, this is an emotional situation.

I'm surprised at those troopers. That is the first thing I have heard them reply to.

Now some nut downstairs is hollering for the trooper to open his door so the guy can beat the troopers ass. How the hell ridiculous can anyone be? If that trooper ever opened the cell the big mouth would faint. He might be able to whip the trooper hand to hand, but those guys have riot guns and pistols. One of those riot guns would put a hole in him as big as my fist. He must think he is superman.

This guy next to me is angry with me because I bawled him out. The screwy moron thinks it is great because we will get better mailing privileges. It asked him if he thought it was worth a mans life to get to mail more letters. Now he is pouting and calling me names. Thats okay. We have to come out some time and when we do he can see if he wants to tackle me. It might relieve some of the pent up anger and frustration I feel.

It has become quite chilly all of a sudden. Maybe this will have some effect on the situation.

Hell, I'm going to take a nap.  
It is finally raining! I sure as hell hope it has a good effect on the situation! I don't suppose it will though.

I can't figure out what is happening. I heard sirens but D block is calm.

I can smell smoke from the old fires. This place will be a mess for a year or better.

There goes that dmaned generator again! It bothers me at first, but after 10 or 20 minutes it doesn't even exist to me.

It is now 8 P.M. and they just brought us roadt beef sandwiches, peach, a little cup of ice cream, milk and ocffee.

One of the guards said the State Police were ready to go in today, but the higher officials wouldn't let them. Talks are postponed until tomorrow.

September 13 - 6:30 A.M. - The 5th day of the riot! It is a cold, rainy morning and it is just starting to get light.

The rioters still control B and D blocks. I can see the fires in D block yard and see guys with football helmets on and blankets wrapped around them huddling by the fires in the large, metal trash cans on the cat walks. They sure look cold, lonely, and desperate. There is very little activity over there.

Today should be the day. It hardly seems that the rioters can hang in there much longer or that the officials will put up with this horseshit any longer.

It must be costing the State at least \$100,000 a day to keep all these troopers, hacks, firemen, etc fed and sheltered, plus all the extra equipment.

I could be wrong but it seems to me that the longer the hostages are in custody of the rioters the more danger they will be in.

The crucial danger points are right at the beginning and right at the end of a riot. Someone better acts soon! 8:20 A.M. the rioters just took a vote and decided to never surrender. They have some kind of flag over there, it is half red and half green. I wonder what the hell that stands for.

The rioters must still have plenty of food, they robbed from the commissary and store house. They could probably hold out for 3 weeks foodwise.

It seems some guy locked upstairs committed suicide last night. I have to check it out. If he did he must have been crazy. We are out of the riot and no one has mistreated us in any way except for a few exchanges of insults pertaining to each others manhood.

One nut, right next to me, keeps hollering to the troopers to send their wives down to his cell. I bet they got him figured for an ass whipping when this is over. Maybe not.

Some ape upstairs just threw a can of piss on a State Trooper walking outside.

The trooper just acted like nothing happened. That is damn good discipline!

They are positioning troopers all over the place! ! They are down the end of the hall checking out their gas masks. They have orders to secure the prison and baby they sure as hell look and act like they mean business.

Arthur Eve is over in D block now. He is a black state Assemblyman and has helped out.

Christ - They just put the hostages up on the cat walk blind folded and their hands tied and they have two rioters on each side with clubs and knives. Oh my God! Those bastards are insane! ! 38 lives. They must be mad !! How could anyone in their right mind condone such evil?

I'm praying nothing happens! !

The rioters are giving the clenched fist salute to their leaders. They have about eight rioters around each hostage. I'm looking right at some of them. WOW ! I am sick again.

Big yellow helicopter flying around. Two smaller ones flying around.

One of the rioters has a full guards uniform on.

Jesus! If there is a God he better interfere now.

They just let one of the hostages sit on a railing on the cat walk.

They just moved the ambulances up in position.

WHEW!! They have extended negotiations until 11 A.M.

It is now raining like a son-of-a-bitch - pouring.

Here comes that big copter again. That thing is really low.

I hope those damned fools don't frighten those rioters into doing something ridiculous to the hostages. That copter is low, baby, low!

Those fuckers have knives to the hostages throats. I mean right on their throats. One or two of the hostages are crying and begging the others.- Three.- I can see are extremely stoical about it. Maybe they are just dazed.

When that gas goes down I'm through reporting !!!! I'm getting under cover.

= I am amazed at how things have been handled. So far there has been no retribution against us inmates who weren't in it. It would be a natureal emotion to hate us.

Oh! Oh! The Troopers at the end of the hall just took the safeties off and put shells in the chambers.

A rioter just yelled: "If they want us they know where the hell we are, let them come and get us." Those guys are going to go right to the end with this.

I think I see Red Whelan as one of the hostages with a knife at his throat. He has been rather foolish at times but he doesn't deserve it.

They just put out all the lights! I guess this is it.

9:45 A.M. - Christ they did it. They got two of the hostages. I saw it! I saw it! Oh Christ. Oh God Why? Why? Why? son-of-a-bitch! Why?

They are shooting them down like flies. Oh Christ!

Yes - I'm crying for everybody. Oh Lord, Lord! How could you let a small group of maniacs bring this about, Oh God!

The bastards are dropping tear gas~~x~~ all over.

The copters are telling the rioters to clasp their hands behind their heads and come out and they will not be harmed. "Do not harm the hostages. Line up in D Block corridor - Line up - you will not be harmed. Don't harm the hostages. You will not be harmed - You will not be harmed - Please place your hands on top of your head. Do not harm the hostages - you will not be harmed."

(Excuse me while in puke!!)

"Line up in the B or D Block corridors. Keep your hands clasped on top of your head. Do not harm the hostages."

The copter keeps repeating the above over a very loud - loud speaker.

WOW! Those guys sure as hell know their business.

I hear sporadic firing, but I don't think they shot anyone. What I heard at first was the gas canister.

The poor idiotic fools! They never stood a chance! How the hell could they ever think they did?

It is too damned bad that a tiny minority of the prison screwed things up so badly for the rest.

I just saw one dead hostage lying in the ground. What a shame! There are several dead inmates by the looks of things. What a shame! They offered them everything they could. You can't offer amnesty for murder.

Some of them are still holding out. Oh, Christ, there goes another rifle shot.

The copter is saying: "Those of you who have not surrendered - surrender now - put your hands on top of your heads and surrender to an officer." They are shooting some place. Those are rifles not riot guns - maybe they are shotguns.

This has cured me. Never again will I do anything that will have even a remote chance of bringing me to prison.

I wish I could take the side of the inmates, it would be much easier for me and I have some good friends involved in this riot, but if I am to report this accurately as I see it, then I have to say it was foolish, futile and completely uncalled for!

The copter just said medical help was needed.

The lights just wen back on. There is still shooting for some reason. I can't imagine anyone being foolish enough to stand up after that onslaught.

There are hostages and rioters laying all over out on D block catwalk - One civilian and about seven inmates. They are still shooting over in B block.

They just brought some nude inmates up on top of the cat walk.

There must be lot of deaths. What is it the Bible says? "Those who live by the sword shall perish by the sword." How true!

I think the lights going off was the signal for the attack.

Oh man! My ulcer is really acting up!

This mess has sure as hell had a sobering effect on the inmates who weren't in the riot.

They took the body of the hostage away. There are still six bodies lying on the catwalk.

What a crying shame - at least eight people dead for a little better food, better mailing privileges, better visiting rights etc. There was no brutality - force, yes, Brutality no. What do these people expect? If you are in prison and you hit a hack you have to submit to a lockup or be forcefully put in the obx; How else could they work it? If you hit an inmate you are locked up. Those rules are for every ones benefit. What the hell kind of a place would this be if inmates knew the guards would back down. There would be total anarchy and in here, that would be horrible!

The troopes are over there (D block cat walk) looking at the dead inmates. I say dead because they haven't moved a muscle.

Some of the die hards are holed up in B block. The troopers are going in to clear them out. That means more dead.

They ( the hacks and troopers) made a lot of people hate them today, but I don't see what alternative they had. Some of these cons are real angry!

They are bombarding B block with gas.

I saw one young trooper look at a dead con - walk over to the edge of the cat walk and heave his guts out. The other troopers led him away like he had fainted. He better develop a stronger stomach than that.

I would have more sympathy for this riot if it had gone off because of prison conditions, but this was 100% political. Every ring leader of the Panthers, Peoples Party, Young Lords, and 5 Percenters was ranting, having political activists who had cadres of well conditioned and disciplined followers. They preached Maoism and all about how repressive our form of government was and all that shit.

I suppose all the revolutionary groups will claim this is a form of racism, but maybe they better stop and figure out why more blacks got shot. The leaders of this revolt were 95% black and Puerto Rican. ~~TheyxxRixxxx~~ guy who cut the hostage throat was black - I saw it! I know! If they don't want to go to prison then they should not commit crimes. If they bring about a revolt they should be willing to suffer the consequences.

Each man has two choices - right or wrong and he is free to chose either.

No one told these guys to pull off this riot. They chose to do so for purely political reasons because this prison was not brutal and so many reforms had taken place I hardly knew it.

There goes the lights again.

They are asking us whether we want to transfer. Shit! This is over here, if I go some place else the same thing might happen. Fuck that, I'm staying here!

I guess they have a pocket of resistance in B block. They are supposed to have some hostages.

8 hostages killed and maybe 30 inmates. I can't see how these radicals can justify that. They brought it on themselves, but it sure is sad. There is a white inmate on the ground just outside. He is dead. I can't make out who he is. I hope it isn't Danny.

That fuckin Warden is an asshole! He fucked up the whole situation. He is as much at fault in some ways as the rioters! He was criminally incompetent, he could have quelled all this before it even started, if the bastard was more aware of what was going on in the prison.

Every time any con talked to him he acted like they were a hunk of shit! He is a very hated man!

It is too damned bad we don't have more men like old Warden Murphy who used to be at Auburn. He didnt' coddle the cons but he always gave us a fair shake. The most important thing was that he knew what was happening in his prison.