

He was in that yard by himself many times. He wasn't afraid of the cons. He didn't have to be. He sure was aware of what was going on at his prison.

They should take all the political appointees out of the Correction Department and have it run by pros.

I saw that one hostage got his throat cut just before they let loose with the gas. I don't know whether that provoked the attack or what, but I do know that the hostage got his throat cut before the attack! I know that for sure!

Clintonprison will probably be next although all these deaths might have frightened the radicals.

They have the dead bodies on the stretcher laying on the cat walk. I can only count 10. They say there are more. Those are the bodies of the dead inmates.

This is sure going to stir up a lot of shit on the streets. The Panthers, Weathermen, etc. will be on the rampage over this.

We sure need a stronger and better - Oh bullshit. What is the use? What a date for this - the 13th.

Maybe Leonard Bernstein will hold a party to raise funds for the murdered hostages families. The simple bastard loves cop killers so much (Panthers) may be he could do something decent for a change.

They just carried a trooper and a guard through the tunnel on stretchers. They look dead. Jesus Christ! I am sure bewildered! I can't understand how people can hate so.

Well, there certainly will be a lot of remorse and sadness in many families tonight. My heart goes out to the families of all the dead. This was out and out insanity.

The National Guard is over in D Block now.

I don't know if it is any consolation or not, but the hostage I saw murdered died like a man. He didn't whimper or cry for mercy like a couple did. I don't blame them for acting that way. I would have been worse! Their hands were tied and they had blindfolds on.

The guy I saw ~~at~~ it had two guys on each side of him and one behind him. The rioter behind him had the hostages hair, pulled his head back and had a knife at the throat. Just seconds before the shooting started he sliced at the guys throat and it looked like the guy to his left, my right, hit him with something. Then the helicopter dropped some kind of a gas bomb and everything was clouded. I heard shot after shot and when I could see again there were several bodies on the top of the cat walk.

Well, this has been a real horror show! I hope I never have to go through anything like it again.

It is now eight hours after it all happened and I still can't believe it! My God 39 people dead. 39 People! What the hell did it accomplish? I am still nauseated.

That is the first time I ever watched anyone get his throat cut. I sure as hell hope it is the last!

The guards just brought us cheese sandwiches (6 P.M.)

I'm never going to be able to forget this day! Mans indifference to each other is horrible. I am going to spend the rest of my life trying to make this a better world!

I have never seen such profound hatred as these revolutionaries felt toward the administration and whole establishment. They really hate!

9 P.M. - Well this riot is over, but the effects of the riot will take many years to simmer down. There is much hatred on both sides. Things will be bad for a long time to come and this has set penalogy back 50 yrs. This riot accomplished nothing but the deaths of 38 people. The widowing of many wives and making many children fatherless.

My heart is breaking and today I am ashamed that I belong to the human race. I have lived a nightmare for five days and the climax was witnessing that hostage getting his throat cut then seeing men lying dead all over the place. I'm sick at heart, mind, body and soul. Honest to God, I still can't believe I saw all this happen.

I'm so sick! My God! How pitiful to have 38 people die for nothing. I will spend the rest of my life trying to keep such things from happening.

They just put two guys in the cells across from me. They were both in D block during the rebellion. They say that 85% of the guys didn't want to be in the riot. They say that those bully bastards raped the young, small guys. It guess it was five days of terror because they feared both sides.

Several of my buddies are dead and several guards I know. I keep seeing their faces in front of me.

I will never understand what these people thought they could accomplish. They sure as hell had to be stupid if they actually thought they could get away with murder, arson, kiddap, assault etc.

That guycut his hacks throat just like it was nothing. Like you'd stick a chicken in the neck. God what kind of a guy could do that? I will never be able to erase that picture from my mind. Mans inhumanity to man.

It is a strange, strange thing to me that a so called all loving God would let such a horrible thing happen.

I know that I can never hate again - not after I saw how hatred can turn men into viscious animals. They were animals!

I hope something was learned by all this. What, I don't know, unless it was that appeasement is never the answer to people who use force.

If they had gone in full force that very afternoon of the riot things would have.

One of the State Troopers just went beserk and threatened to shoot us. The other troopers and guards took him away. He was a young guy and the emotional strain must have gotten to him - son-of-a-bitch that was a close call. That poor bastard was out of his head. They have been up for hours and hours and he probably killed his first man today. It is no wonder he broke under the strain. They are human even though you couldn't convince some of the inmates of that.

I'm staying from in front of those windows tonight. These guards and troopers are under a real strain and it might make some of them snap like that kid just did.

Well, up til now I have been against this riot, but after what I just saw I don't know. That fuckin trooper put his pistol right in the guys cell window and threatened to shoot him. The man was sound to sleep. I will tell myself he was one of a kind, but if I see any more I will form a different opinion. son-of-a-bitch if it isn't insane cons it is screwy troopers. One thing after another.

1 A.M. - Sept. 14 - The male nurse just came around to give medications and see who was sick. I guess they must have been busier than hell over to the dispensary.

I will say that considering the emergency situation and being terrible short handed due to the emergency, these ppeople have taken real gppd care of us. It is amazing how efficient they have been. I suppose someof the cons would say otherwise but I feel that one should give credit where credit is due.

This prison administration is swift and efficient. About 5:45 A.M. they took a mess of people out of their cells and shipped them to other prisons. I guess they are trying to get the population down a little. Hell, I really don't have any idea why they are doing it.

Things are beginning to calm down.

We've been locked in six days now and it is starting to get to the guys. If everyone who claims he is going to punch somebody else in the chops does so when we are released from lockup, there will be a bigger blood bath than the rebellion brought about.

They are just letting off steam. Some of these guys are real meek when they are not locked in, but now they know that no one can get to them they are roaring like tigers. I get a charge out of them.

I sure as hell hope they get the water on soon.

Just got word that the A block clerk Barry Swartz was executed by the revolutionary committee. One of the cons who was over there hollered to me.

I know they had several guys marked for execution if a riot ever did go down. Dave told me that, but he ranted and raved so about imperialism, oppression, and all that horseshit I never paid all that much attention. I used to argue with that prick everynight. He called me Mr. Capitalist. I called him the Comnisar.

I'd like to know what the hell is any more oppressive than a bunch of bastards setting up their own kangaroo court and executing an innocent man.

I'm sure old Dave and his Peoples Party would loved to have had me over there, so would that young S.O.B. with the Mr. Peepers glasses. I made him look like an asshole one day in the yard. He was preaching that revolutionary shit out in the yard and I broke it down to him why I thought he was wrong. He got angry as hell and threatened to kick my ass til i called his bluff. After that he tried to sway me to the cause, but he would have liked to have me over there. He is a black racist.

Well, I will close this report of the Attica Prison Rebellion. The most futile, asinine, horrible event I have ever been an eye-witness to.

Maybe something constructive will come of all this, but I don't see how. All those dead died in vain. How terrible! How pathetic that a few radicals could bring about the deaths of 40 people!

The radio just said the Attica Cororner stated that all 9 hostages were shot. I can't believe that cause I saw the inmate jerk the guards head back he made a motion with the knife. He started to turn, let go of the hostage. The hostage fell and all hell broke loose. The copter swooped and there was a loud explosion and a big cloud of gas. Bodies were falling like flies on that cat walk. That inmate sure as hell looked like he slit that guards throat. I will take a lie detector test on that!!!!

The guy in the cell across from me had a much better view than I did said he thought the inmate had cut the hostages throat. He said the hostage rolled over and tried to get up then laid down and kicked. His name is Vosburg.

I would testify under oath that I saw it just as I describe it. If me and Vosburg thought the hostage got his throat cut the officials probably thought they saw the same thing. I sure as hell hope so cause if they didn't there was an awful carnage for nothing. WOW! It is a sickening thought to think they indiscriminately cut loose on that cat walk. I can't say they did and I sure as hell hope they didn't.

What a propaganda weapon that will be for the Panthers. I can see it now. Oh! Oh! Oh!