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Attica Book To Discuss 'Revolution'

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP) — State Correction Commissioner Russell G. Oswald says in a soon-to-be-published book that he believes the bloody Attica prison riot was planned and executed by skilled, revolutionary inmates.

Oswald's view is directly opposite to the finding of the State Special Commission on Attica, which concluded in its final report that the uprising which cost 43 lives was spontaneous.

In the book, "Attica—My Story," to be published Oct. 13, Oswald states that the rebels fought the swiftest and most skilful revolutionary offensive since the 1968 Tet attack in South Vietnam.

"They had manufactured literally hundreds of weapons such as homemade knives, bludgeons, etc., during what must have been weeks of supervised imprisonment. They had worked out an attack plan while in captivity under the eyes of our corrections personnel."

Oswald describes rebel inmate leaders in such terms as "radical" and "Marxist-Leninist" and suggests that their motive was not prison reform but an attempt to break down the prison system and stir a revolution in the larger society.

Oswald writes that the stage for the revolt was set when "the disinherited and the villainous, the alienated and the pawns, the flotsam and jetsam of society and a new generation of revolutionary leaders focused on the prisons as their point of leverage."

The book is to be published by Doubleday.