Death of 2 Guards Laid To Pre-Assault Action

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ATTICA, N. Y., Sept. 13— them that one prisoner, known Just an hour after state police as "Mad Bomber" Melville, had proclaimed the wrecked prison been killed by a sharpshooter here "secure," separate groups as he was running with four of legislators and reporters—home-made bombs ready to the latter choesn by lot-toured blow up a 500-gallon fuel tank the facility.

The reporters found rocketlaunchers, boxes of knives, noted that the courtyard, where spears, and Molotov cocktails. more than 1,000 prisoners They were told by their guide, camped for the last five days, Walter Dunbar, deputy com-was ringed by a wide trench. missioner of correction, that "They're speculating that the two of the dead prisoners and prisoners were going to dump two of the guides were killed before the battle for the prison the trenches and set them on today.

the prison, they heard curses who constituency includes the and shouts of: "This is war." prison area.

Bomb-Carrier Shot

er Melville, was killed by a knives, spears and fire-bombs. sharpshooter as he was run-

where more than 1,000 prison-the prison riot and the subse-ers had camped for the last quent bloodshed. five days, was ringed by a wide Mr. Dunne, a Republican

the trenches and set them on fire," said State Senator Thom-when he did not come," said as McGown, a Republican whose the Senator. "But subsequent constituence includes the prison area.

The guide for the reporters, Walter Dunbar, Deputy Com-

on the grounds.

The legislators, in their tour,

"They're speculating that the gasoline-doused mattresses into day. fire," said State Senator Thom-As the reporters went through as F. McGowan, Republican,

Other lawmakers said they had been shown crates of weap-Mr. Dunbar said that one ons reportedly manufactured by prisoner, known as Mad Bomb-the inmates. These included

As they emerged, after an ning with four home-made hour and a half in the prison bombs ready to blow up a 500- area, Senator Dunne announced gallon fuel tank on the grounds. that his Committee on Crime "The legislators, in their and Correction would begin an tour, noted that the courtyard, immediate investigation into

from Garden City, L. I., said he "They're speculating that the was one of several legislators prisoners were going to dump who implored Governor Rockegasoline-doused mattresses into feller to come here on Sunday.

> events indicate that it would not have made any difference.'

"The prisoners were intransigent and showed they would missioner of Correction, told not enter into any real negotiation," he said.

But others were not so sure that Governor's appearance would not have altered situation. Mr. Eve said:

Breaks Into Tears

"So many of us called the Governor. Everyone felt that the situation was at a point that the Governor's presence was needed here. I am at a loss to understand how a Governor could fail to respond and come to save people's lives just by talking. Frankly, I can't."

Mr. Eve broke into heavy sobs, pushed a microhpone from a radio reporter's hands and bolted toward a waiting car.

Mr. Badillo said that the committee had wanted the Governor to come and "talk to us to get the benefit of our experience before he made a final and irrevocable decision.

"As far as I'm concerned, there's always time to die," said the New York City Democrat.

Senator McGowan lamented what had happened here, but said there had been no choice.
"There was much more at stake than just Attica," he said.

This was done to benefit our society."