

Melville, the Bomber, Among Dead at Attica

Samuel J. Melville, the terrorist radical who pleaded guilty to the 1969 bombings of eight buildings in Manhattan, was one of the Attica prisoners killed by state sharpshooters, according to Deputy Correction Commissioner Walter Dunbar.

A prison guard said that Melville had been running with four homemade bombs in an apparent attempt to blow up a 500-gallon fuel tank when he was shot.

A prison official said he was "the electrical genius" who electrified prison fences during the disorder by a hookup to a chapel panel—a danger that reportedly was exposed by another prisoner and that led authorities to cut off the prison power during Monday's assault.

Melville, 35 years old, attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1961 and 1962 and was an engineering technician. He was arrested Nov. 12, 1969, while placing a timebomb on an Army truck and pleaded guilty June 5, 1970 to bomb conspiracy.

The bombings involved the Federal Building at 26 Federal Plaza, the Criminal Courts Building and various offices in the city. Scores were injured, and property damage was estimated at \$250,000.