

unemployed and depressed, tries to visit his jailed son once a week. He hasn't heard from his other son, Dwight, in "a long time," he said.

Fassnacht's widow, Stephanie, refuses comment about the bombing that killed her husband, father of her three children. She asked that her whereabouts not be disclosed, fearing harassment from Armstrong sympathizers.

A hearing is set for next month on Armstrong's request for parole, and he said, "I do not represent a threat to society, but rather threaten those who exploit the American people and those who wage imperialist wars in the people's name."

"I have many misgivings about the

bombing because of the death of Mr. Fassnacht, but I feel no remorse for the bombing itself," he said. "With hindsight, there were better ways to destroy Army Math, which would not have involved as much risk to life. Had I known of them and they were available to me, I would have used them."

An underground newspaper recently reported Dwight Armstrong, who will be 25 Friday, was in Boston, and there was speculation he might be ready to give himself up.

The elder Armstrong said he feared for Dwight's life if he tried to turn himself in.

"I think that would be entirely up to him. That's an awful hell-hole where Karl is," Donald Armstrong said. "As a matter of fact, I think most prisons are run by sadists and I don't think this is any exception."

Fassnacht said he is not bitter about his son's death, nor upset that the FBI has not found the three fugitives. He said he doesn't think Armstrong should be paroled unless he reveals the whereabouts of the others.

"But just on the face of it, no. I don't know why he should be given a parole yet," Fassnacht said. "I certainly think that there should be some punishment to them for it. But whether they'll find them or not, who knows?"

Since the bombing, violent demonstrations on college campuses ceased and students seem more interested in their education, he said.

"Whether Bob's death had anything to do with it or not I don't know. I don't want to make him a martyr, but I think maybe it did," said Fassnacht, who in a way sympathizes with Armstrong's father.

"I think the loss by death is a lot easier to bear than what he had to bear," Fassnacht said.

Donald Armstrong has not worked steadily since the Gisholt Machine Co., his long-time employer, closed. He and his wife, Ruth, moved, and he claims he is being hounded by the FBI. Last year he had a cancerous lung removed and he developed heart trouble.

"I'm just not the most stable person in the world right now either," Armstrong said. "I've just about had it."

But he said he still believes in his sons, and thinks Karleton should be paroled.

"There's no criminal element as far as Karleton is concerned," he said. "There's nothing like that in his nature."