MAYBE THE LAW DOES FAIL TO DELIVER JUSTICE SOMETIMES-- BUT THAT'S ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN US AND ANARCHY!

CHEAP COMIX: 13 WAYS TO GET OUT OF JAIL.

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON
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The Dragon Speaks

It is hypocritical to be against injustice elsewhere and at the same time ignore it. It is naive to believe that if injustice were somewhere else it will be everywhere. Most people are fools because they believe that what their government is doing in another country they could not possibly be doing at home to its citizens, especially in the name of justice.

What really gets us here in the prisons of America is the thousands of people calling themselves revolutionaries! Will go out into the streets and protest the ruling class's involvement in places like El Salvador, and will give hundreds and even thousands of dollars to liberation groups in places like El Salvador, yet only a handful will want any kind of grape over what that same ruling class is doing to men, women and children in the prisons, juvenile centers, and mental institutions right here in America!

The Amerikkka ruling class supports what is going on in places like El Salvador because it is allowed to do it here in the penal warehouses. We will not stop what is going on in our own country, how can we stop what is going on in places like El Salvador? In a sense, aren't places like El Salvador prisons, and the people there prisoners, with the local government the prison administration which gets its support from the ruling class in Amerikkka? This is how it is in Amerikkka on the national level. In places like El Salvador, they use troops, planes and helicopters to run you down and murder you. Here in prison, they use an armed goon squad to do it, and have been known to use troops and helicopters to help.

Is it wrong to torture, rape and murder non-Americans, but cool to do the same to American prisoners? Aren't we who are locked up just as human? To us, the people in places like

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El Salvador are our brothers and sisters. Their enemy in our enemy, and we support the most and best by declaring this to our friends and fighting to the death that enemy— the enemy is the enemy of all freedom-loving and justice-seeking people on earth, but if we here won't do more than protest the enemy's involvement in places like El Salvador, there will be no freedom and justice anywhere. The people in places like El Salvador will never be free of the enemy who lives and breeds right here in Amerikkka! In other words, how about hitting the enemy at home in Amerikkka while doing something about the travesty in places like El Salvador? All the same struggle in reality you know...

Neither God Nor Master

-Anarchist Black Dragon Collective-

Celebrate!

Obviously the Anarchist Black Dragon is different. And what makes it different now is that the energy going into the Dragon is developing a bit more of that good ol' positive revolutionary energy. Like everything else in life, revolutionary movements and moments are full of contradictions. When it's running well, there's one thing for certain, it helps focus energy into power for our own good — to resist and to live free.

So the Dragon would like to celebrate all our progressive efforts (sorry we can only mention just a few), and hope that in its own little way, the Dragon breathes some more fire into the spirit of revolution.

All Power to the People!

Speak to us

The Anarchist Black Dragon Collective likes to hear from you. Don't be shy. Send letters, comments, stories, news, poems, art, work, etc. to either:

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or
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Montréal, Quebec, Canada
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$ 6 & contributions to the Dragon should be sent to: Susan Harp 1687 9th Ave. S.W. Seattle, WA 98116 USA

Speak to each other

If you want some contact with some of the Dragon readers - insiders or outsiders - send the Solidarity Committee your name & address, and maybe a short line about yourself. We'll print it in the next Dragon this autumn.

An Urgent Appeal From Cienfuegos Press

We've received an urgent phone call from Stuart Christie of the Cienfuegos Press informing us that Cienfuegos' creditors are after blood. They have demanded that Stuart come up with £3,000 by the end of January or they will force him to sell the farmhouse that houses Cienfuegos Press to satisfy the debt. Cienfuegos' has a total debt of almost £25,000 and apparently Stuart's creditors are becoming nervous about the amount owed in light of the recent furor over the publication of Towards A Citizen's Militia and the threat of possible prosecution. (See page 11)

Money is urgently and immediately needed if the capitalist jackals are to be beaten back. We appeal to our readers to support the Cienfuegos Press in its hour of need. It would be a tragedy for the anarchists movement if the invaluable work of Cienfuegos Press was cut short in such a sordid fashion.

Please send whatever you can afford to: Cienfuegos Press, Over-the-Water, Sanday, Orkney, Scotland. Make cheques and postal orders payable to either Cienfuegos Press or Stuart Christie.

John Boston, who best exemplifies the true breathing pen, has dropped out of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective - no explanations given. However, we know a good man when we see one and hope to expect his return any day now. We would like to publicly apologise to you for not printing some of the stuff he sent, so we remind everyone that the Anarchist Black Dragon is a family magazine.
Dear Solidarity Committee,

Many thanks for the bundle of copies of Anarchist Black Dragon. I was very impressed with it and have distributed. Comrades I have sent it to have all said how impressed they were with it.

All best wishes,
Fraternally,
Peter Miller
Anarchist Black Cross Leicester Group
41 Normam St. Leicester, U.K.

Greetings All-

Have received ABD #8. Your existence is more than important & needed. Stay strong - write on & keep on keeping on. Love & struggle towards better days,

rita d. brown

Dear ABD,

Just recently read an issue of your paper - it was great. To me it was the best thing I've read in a while. I'd heard of your group before and have followed the case of Carl Harp through Black Flag and other papers. I was living in London for awhile and was involved in some prison activities there. Since I've been back in the States I've been out of touch with a lot of what's happening and am slowly building up contacts again.

I was touched by your plea for money - especially since I've been working as a wait-

ess steadily for the past 8 months and am face to face with the money game and work syndrome. So I enclose $10 to help you along and send solidarity to you & your struggle. If I ever make it out west I would like to come & visit. Meanwhile I will keep reading your mag & getting inspired.

Good luck & viva Anarchism! [Signature]

Gay Community News has a bi-weekly prisoner pen-pal & info space & we try to keep them visible with news & feature articles when we can. (The articles come from (very) different perspectives because we try to be a "forum for discussion" rather than a propaganda rag) but if I had to pick a prop. rag on prisons it'd definitely be yours-

Thanks mucho mucho for keeping it up - keep 'em coming!!

Mike McGle (lesbian & gay prison project)
Gay Community News
52 Bromfield St. Boston, MA 02108, USA

Greetings friends,

Received the Dragon OK and am most impressed. (Even if the Cheap Novel refused to give me a quick flip visual thrill. I managed slow motion too!) And the topics, Kids; Tactics; Death Penalty and so on fell on thirsty ears.

There is a sick upwail in Australia at the moment for the reintroduction of capital and corporal punishment as a response to violent crimes, particularly rape. The state of South Australia is approaching the turn of the nineteenth century as far as penalogy goes, and 'tis only in the last year or so that any social awareness to prisons has been activated. These friends have been supportive at all times and we approach it as a problem to be attacked from all angles, by a unity of effort. And things catch on. A female friend of mine and an-

*VICTORIES!!!*

It Pays to Protest

In Carl Harp getting too hot to handle? Are we bugging the authorities' ass too much? The answer to both might well be YES.

As you may recall, Harp and two other prisoners took 10 prison staff hostage May 9th, 79 at the Walla Walla Pen. In what was essentially a non-violent action, they demanded improvements in prison & parole conditions. To the penitentiaries' embarrassment, the media was there witnessing the grievances. After the hostages were released unharmed, the authorities went for revenge, placing the three in segregation, threatening them with death, spiking their food and otherwise constantly harassing them.

Harp refused to plead guilty to the hostage taking charges—demanding a public political trial instead. The other two succumbed to the intense pressure, pled guilty and received 10 years each.

Two months after the incident, Harp was viciously beaten and raped by guards. After spending two weeks in a hospital, he was transferred against his will to San Quentin. There he was told he'd be isolated from the public. News of his beating and transfer was publicised and Harp launched a suit seeking damages and a return to Walla Walla.

What followed was a slow parade of victories. Last year, a previous civil suit that Harp and others launched, saw the presiding judge declare Walla Walla "ruel & unusual". Wishing to avoid being put on trial again, the State dropped the hostage charges against him. Then this May, he was awarded $7,500 for damages against his beating. To cap it off, Carl won his transfer back to Walla Walla. He's there now and the latest news has it that he'll be released into general population soon.

Carl wants to deeply thank all who helped around those struggles. The pressure put on the authorities worked. Let's do it again!

PONTIAC 16 ACQUITTED

friends and relatives in the spectators section, which was separated from the courtroom by a bullet-proof partition.

The outcome of the trial, one of the largest civilian death penalty cases in U.S. history, was seen as a major victory against racist injustice in the prison and judicial systems at a time of rising attacks against Blacks and the poor. Observers noted the jury quickly rejected the state’s flimsy case, which was marked by contradictory statements and outright lies from witnesses; revelations of prosecution bribes of inmates in exchange for their testimony against the 10; and threats of punishment for
During the pretrial hearing and the trial which began March 4, Illinois law enforcement investigators admitted they had paid out over $90,000 and granted early parole to prisoners in exchange for testimony.

Referring to the defense argument that inhumane conditions sparked the rebellion, Deutsch told the

guardian: "The jury refused to accept treating Black prisoners as scapegoats for the anhuman prison

system. The state had hoped the jury would be so prejudiced against Blacks and inmates that they would

not evaluate the evidence and would convict automatically.

"But given the lack of credible witnesses, the

influencing of witnesses, the theory that gangs warfare

and not prison conditions started it . . . the jury just

refused to buy this frame-up.

Three of the Pontiac 10 were immediately released

after the verdict because they finished serving their

prior jail terms. The seven others were sent back to

prison to resume previous terms.

Charges of murder, attempted murder, mob

action and conspiracy to riot were dropped

in Chicago June 1 against six remaining

Black defendants. The dropping of the charges

means the State lost its case against the

Black inmates and has ended all further

prosecution.

For more information on the defense of the

Pontiac Brothers: Pontiac Prisoners Support Coalition,

407 South Dearborn, Room 1000, Chicago, Ill. 60605;

tel: 312-437-4064.

THE SOCIETY THAT DESTROYS ALL ADVENTURE, MAKES THE ONLY ADVENTURE, THE DESTRUCTION

Plasmatics’ Williams set to fight obscenity charges

CLEVELAND (UPI) — A five-man, three-woman jury chose yesterday to hear obscenity charges

filed against punk rock star Wendy O. Williams following a January con-

cert.

Williams, the leader of the Plas-

matics, said she was serious about

fighting the charges. She was ac-
cused of appearing on stage wearing

a bikini-style top with black tape

covering her nipples, and shaving

cream on her body from the waist

up, which allegedly came off during

her performance.

She also was accused of making

suggestive gestures with a sledge-

hammer and a microphone.

She was charged with pandering

obscenely, a first-degree misdemeanor,

or carrying a maximum penalty of

six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

The prosecution’s case against the

25-year-old entertainer was expected

to include a videotape of her Jan. 21

show at the Agora nightclub and tes-
timony from 12 squad officers who

attended the performance.

Williams, calling the charges a

"colonial waste of taxpayers’ money," appeared in Municipal Court sporting a black-on-blond "mohawk"

haircut and wearing a black leather jacket and skin-tight red pants.

The courtroom was packed with

reporters and spectators, including

young Plasmatics fans dressed in T-

shirts, jeans, leather jackets and

chains. The rest of Williams’ band

also were in court.

Note: The charges were later dropped.

August 10th
National Prison Justice Day

Sub-Species Date Cummings

Dear Friends

Once again we are calling upon you to join us in commemorating the death of prisoner Eddy Nalon, which occurred on August 10th 1974. Eddy Nalon had been imprisoned at the Special Handling Unit at Millhaven Penitentiary in Ontario, for having the courage to stand up for his rights and those of his fellow prisoners.

Taking his own life was the ultimate gesture of his protest against prison cruelty.

Every year since that date prisoners across Canada have organized on their own initiative 24 hour fasts and work stoppages on August 10th, which is now known as National Prison Justice Day. Last year more than 3,000 prisoners across the country took part in this solidarity movement.

In Quebec alone since July 10th 1980, 16 suicidals and suspicious death have occurred in police stations, provincial and federal prisons. We must not forget that the legislative authorities are solely responsible for allowing the inhuman conditions which exist in these places to continue.

So far, the activities for the National Prison Justice Day this year are:

• 24 hour fast and work stoppage by prisoners across Canada;

• 24 hour vigils in front of selected male and female prisons;

• Demonstrations in front of these prisons

for more info; Office of Prisoner’s Rights 1825 Champlain, Montréal, PQ Canada H2L 289

(514) 577-8531/Prisoners Support Collective Box 5052, Stn. "A", Toronto, Ont. Canada M5W-1W4/Prisoners Rights Group, 3965 Pandora, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5C 2A8

GUARDS TAKE BACK THE WRONG PERSON FROM A PRISON TURK. THE RESULT: SHOOTING TO DEATH.

LISTEN...DON’T BE NAIVE. PER USER, RISE OR DUTY.
The new Indian Wars on the American continent continue. In what is either curious coincidence or a systematic campaign of terror, several Indians involved with the Leonard Peltier case are facing trials, forced medical treatment or "suicide" while imprisoned. At least nine people with close connections to Peltier have been killed since June 26, 1975 when two FBI agents were killed during a firefite on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This was only one in a long series of fatal incidents involving gunfire. The one difference this time was that the people and their supporters were young.

Most recently, on February 23, 1981 Dino and Gary Butler from the Siletz Confederated Tribes of Oregon were arrested by members of the Vancouver (British Columbia) police following a high speed car chase which culminated when the pursued vehicle crashed and overturned.

Out of that incident in which the police allege that there was an exchange of gun fire, Dino Butler faces seven charges and Gary Butler faces four including two counts of attempted murder each and various weapons charges. Needless to say the court denied them bail. But the court also refused to release their sacred medicines bundles which were seized from their car at the time of their arrests, claiming that the bundles were being held due to some investigation against the two men in Oregon.

There is great concern for the physical safety of the two men. Dino Butler has been continually harassed by the FBI and local police since his acquittal in the "suicide" (killing of the two FBI agents) at Pine Ridge. Since that time Dino Butler has been active in Peltier's defense and support groups. Peltier was convicted on the same aiding and abetting charges and received two life sentences.

The Butlers go to trial in late May in Vancouver, B.C. AIM people from across the continent have made their way to Vancouver to help prepare a defense. As was shown in the illegal extradition of Peltier, the Canadian authorities are at least too willing to lend a helping hand to help the Americans "neutralize" known leaders of the Indian movement.

The Butlers can be reached by writing Darell Dean Butler, or Gary Leroy Butler, Oakalla Prison, Drawer O, Burnaby, B.C. Their support committee is, "Society of the People Struggling to be Free," c/o Marginal Market, 1016 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.

Another of the principles in this long-running tragedy, Standing Deer, was recently transferred back to the Medical Centre for Federal Prisoners at Springfield, MO. He was told that the reason for this transfer was for a "hermit" operation. This came as no surprise to Standing Deer since it is his biggest problem. He personally feels that he is being set-up for a botony, an operation for which Springfield is infamous.

The FBI and prison officials have never forgiven Standing Deer for his refusal to keep his end of the bargain in a plot against Peltier's life. The plot was to rig an escape which would get Peltier to the fence at Marion prison where he would be murdered by a guard with a high-powered rifle. In return for Standing Deer's participation in setting up the "escape," he was promised treatment for his back problems and have seven detainees in Oklahoma dropped—they were in fact dropped—each of which carried a possible life sentence.

On July 4, 1978, Standing Deer met with Peltier in the yard at Marion and after a full day of discussing sacred matters and the Indian Struggle the plot was discussed and was decided that Standing Deer would pretend to go along with the State since otherwise there would only be a new and unknown assassin chosen.

Standing Deer's evidence is crucial in proving the existence of a high level government plot to assassinate Peltier. Standing Deer has submitted documents to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in California substantiating these charges. Peltier did in fact escape from Lompoc, California in 1979. He managed to elude his captors for five days before being recaptured by the local sheriffs department.

The other two participants in that ill-fated escape attempt did not fare so well. Dallas Thundershield was shot in the spine and bled to death on the ground after raising his arms to surrender at the fence. Bobby Gene Garcia who was recaptured at the fence had been Peltier's bodyguard in Marion. Garcia was found hanging from the ceiling of a solitary confinement cell at the penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana. His body which was found to be covered in bruises by independent investigators was found the morning after he had been transferred to the dreaded "hospital" unit where solid steel doors muffle any sound that might arise from an alteration. Garcia's friends gave no credibility to the claim of suicide.

The dubious death of Peltier's co-defendant, Garcia and the previous beating of three other witnesses for Peltier's defense, David Owens, Christopher Hulett and Donal Gene Richardson shows the determination of the state to re-take against those who are willing to expose this government conspiracy. Standing Deer has received many threats against his life from both prison and FBI. A mammoth international letter writing campaign was instrumental in getting Standing Deer transferred from Springfield during his first "visit." His running late last year. This is what is needed again. See the addresses below.

Not all the recent news is bad though. The conviction against Peltier for his escape has been overturned which means either a new trial which will show the evidence of the conspiracy and the cover-up that is going on the escape charges. Peltier has also been released from the hole at Marion penitentiary in Illinois where he had been charged with incurring a work-stoppage. He is now allowed contact visiting with his friends and family. Old charges dating from five years ago in Oregon have also been dropped. His support committee is more optimistic than in quite some time that their efforts are beginning to pay off.

These political prisoners need support in the form of letters to themselves, prison officials, and their support groups. But it is essen-
tial that money is sent in for stamps, especially when writing to the support group.

FROSTI: The North American Anarchist, P.O. Box 2, Station O, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4B 280

NATIVES JAILED FOR DEBT

Debtors prison is something most people think belong to the era of Charles Dickens, and that people are not thrown into jail any longer. When they can't pay a debt. What happens when you can't pay a fine though? Well, in Kenora Ontario, chances are that you will end up in jail. Native people who couldn't afford to pay fines for minor offenses, or in some cases did not receive notices of fines through the mail are spending an average of 33 days in jail to pay $120 debts. Of 60 fine defaulters surveyed in the Kenora district jail, 97% are of native origin, although only one quarter of the local population is native. More than half of the 60 people surveyed had a monthly income of less than $400 and unemployment among the group was more than three times the national average. Three quarters said they could not afford to pay the fines, and more than one third said they did not receive notice of their fines sent through the mail.

While the 60 natives surveyed served a total of 2,003 days in jail in order to satisfy unpaid fines amounting to $7,197 it cost taxpayers $20,890 to keep them there. The sheer economic stupidity would be laughable if it were not for the fact that we are talking about people whose crime is being non, and native.

QUEBEC'S WOUNDED KNEE IN THE MAKING

Recently, the Quebec Parti Quebecois government sent 275 riot-police to raid the Micmac village, 'Concerned' about the Miucmacs' "overfishing" salmon - their chief source of food and income, the pigs had리를 villagers and destroyed $75,000 worth of fishing gear. (We'd like to see them so dedicated against corporate abusers.) Band chief Metallic warned there would be killing if the police raided again.

"If anything happens this time, we'll have to retaliate. They want us to stop fishing so there will be more for sports fishermen. Do they expect our families to starve?"

TOO MANY CRIMINALS?

SENTENCE REDUCED
**LOCKED DOWN SISTERS**
case updates

**rita brown**

filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit April 1 against the Bureau of Prisons and the FBI for illegal transfer from CI-Alder-son to MCC-Chicago on April 1, 1980. Rita is serving 25 years for bank robbery and possession of a firearm (and for her political beliefs and associations as a member of the George Jackson Brigade at the time of her arrest). Rita and Assata Shakur became friends when they were both being held in maximum security at Alderson. When Assata later escaped from a prison in New Jersey, Rita was immediately classified as an "escape risk" and held down in segregation at Alderson, despite a clean record. A suit to have Rita returned to the general prison population at Alderson was won, but the Bureau of Prisons, rather than complying with the court order, illegally transferred her out of that jurisdiction to the Chicago facility, with an only 10% female population and daily pat searches by male guards.

For more information on the suit to transfer her back to Alderson, contact her lawyer, Judy Holmes, 217 12th St. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 (202-543-9345) or the Rita Brown Defense Committee, c/o Washington Coalition Against Prison, P.O.Box 22272, Seattle, WA 98122.

**dolllree mapp**

is finally out of prison. She left Bedford Hills 1972 after being released when public pressure pushed New York governor Carey's hand across Doree's clemency papers. Serving 20 years (nine of which had already gone by) for trumped-up drug charges in retaliation for her history making role in the 1961 Supreme Court case (Mapp v. Ohio) that made it illegal for police to obtain evidence without a search warrant and upheld a person's right to resist illegal police search and seizure, Doree helped organize the prisoners' Committee Against Life for Drugs while she was at Bedford Hills.

**dessie woods**

is still locked up in the Georgia Women's Institute of Corrections, Hardwick, into her 6th year of a 22-year sentence for defending herself and her child against the armed attack of a would-be rapist by shooting him with her own gun. However, at a hearing in late February, a judge ruled favorably on a petition to investigate charges of violations of due process.

According to Ajowa, of the National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods, the judge said it would take anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months to reread all the transcripts connected with the trial. Obviously, it's taking a lot longer than originally expected, but this turn of events is the most hopeful thing going for Dessie's years of prison, which have been marked by beatings, druggings, and denial of parole.

For more information and to contribute toward her defense, write: NCWOW, P.O. Box 92084, Morris Brown Station, Atlanta, GA 30314.

**Rita Silk-Nauni**

Rita Silk-Nauni, a Native American woman sentenced to 150 years in prison in the manslaughter death of an Oklahoma City policeman while protecting her son, was again released on April 30 from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary after the State Court of Criminal Appeals overturned District Judge Joseph Cannon and disqualifier procedure to vacate the case. Rita had surrendered to prison officials on June 28, 1979. The Court of Appeals also upheld their earlier ruling that Silk-Nauni was entitled to a free transcript of the trial.

**Bond reinstated**

Silk-Nauni was originally released from prison on March 27 when $100,000 bond was posted as a result of a seven-woman defense committee defendant by Silk-Nauni's eight-woman Defense Committee, the National Conference of Churches, and individual donors. However, Cannon, who had presided over Rita's trial and sentencing, ruled that a $40,000 surety bond was invalid because it was signed by an unregistered bonding agent. Silk-Nauni's attorney, Douglas Parr, cited Oklahoma state law that a hearing must be held before appeal bond can be revoked, a legal order from the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Parr and Cannon have had an adversarial relationship since Rita's trial began on June 2, 1980, before an all-white jury. The defense noted that Parr was disqualified from the trial and initiated the appeal process.

The Defense Committee, whose spokesperson is Frances Wise, now estimates an appeals budget of $19,000.

The severity of the 150-year sentence was considered a "victory" because the state had asked for a verdict of first-degree murder, punishable by death. The jury returned a verdict of first-degree manslaughter.

"Victory" or not, the implication is tacit acceptance by representatives of the judicial system that women—especially minor-ity women—are objects of abuse and have no rights to defend themselves or their children in times of crisis. The attempt to portray Rita Silk-Nauni as undeserving of bond seems to me to blame the victim; and the deci-sion of the state Court of Criminal Appeals to reinstate bond and assign a new judge is perhaps a hopeful sign that an impartial trial may be possible.

by nancyフィ THAN

Contributions to the appeal fund can be sent to:
The Rita Silk-Nauni Defense Fund: P.O. Box 2933, Cincinnati, OH 45229.

**kiansman killed**

In Cincinnati, Anna Small, 42, is charged in the shooting death of a Ku Klux Klansman, Clyde Hensen, 27. Small, one of few blacks in the community, was harassed by her neighbor Hensen for 10 years, including when nails were put in her tires and cars driven over her lawn and gasoline poured around her house. Police refused to investigate the hate crime even after they found an empty gas can on his porch. The day after the gas incident, Hensen and 5 or 6 friends were playing football on Small's lawn, throwing the ball against her house and using abusive language. Hensen entered Sam's house after she had asked them to leave. He continued his abuse and threats. Small warned him with her gun and shot him as he advanced toward her.

Cincinnati's courts have a reputation of racism. Small's defense committee can be reached at: P.O.Box 29334, Cincinnati OH 45229 (Guardian April 29, '81).
A New Max for Women

This is a drastically edited version of a 24 page letter received from Sally Moore in the Federal Corrections Institute at Alderson, W. Virginia 24910 USA.

"We have a control unit here - a real control unit operating under the same program statement with essentially the same rules as the men's unit at Marion Illinois. They are serious. Control unit prisoners are not to be allowed any contact with other prisoners. I have some physical problems and denied the occasional hospitalization that results because it means to be locked in a room that even nurses & doctors cannot enter unless two guards are available. Now that has some amusing side effects. I had to record my own vital signs & call them out false info to the police. He's facing extradition from Louisiana. Meanwhile, the Moors who make over 40 C's a year managed to get welfare for the children!

Kamalla and Arthur are fighting back and you, they need our help. Protest letters and defence money are essential. Send those letters to: Kamalla's P.O. Eddie Cobb, District parole Officer, Arkansas Dept. of Corrections, Probation & Parole, Box 386, Bentonville, Ark. 72701. Also to Michael A. Schumacher, Chief Probation Officer, box 10260, Santa Ana, CA 92711. & to the sentencing Judge: Byron McMillan, Orange County Courthouse, Santa Ana, CA 92701, & lastly to Gov. Jerry Brown, State Capital, Sacramento, CA. 95814.

For info and addressed contact Bayou La Rose c/o Kamala, Rt.3, box 1440, Huntsville Ar. 72740.

We are not the docile easily controlled people that all too many prisoners are. We have very little to lose so we tend to resist these bastards and to be very uncooperative. During that ghastly 90 days at the new maximum security prison in programs, I had two fights with guards. I injured two of them. It took them almost 5 years to make me finally fight them physically. The memo and charges written as a result of those two fracases make me sound like the incredible Hulk, not a 5'3" 127 lb 52 year old woman (with a heart condition) who never had a physical fight in her life...

Take care,
Sally Moore 04851-180
TOWARDS A CITIZENS MILITIA cont'd from p.h)

This booklet is the product of European anarchists who have been active in many conflicts, particularly in underground work in Spain during Franco's reign. Thus it has a harsh realistic edge to it that may not appeal to North American anarchists who are of an anarchist-pacifist inclination. But even those committed strictly to non-violent direct action will find good suggestions here for a variety of resistance activities in propaganda, communications, behavior under siege or martial law, demonstrations, sabotage, occupations, conduct in prison or during interrogation, and most importantly, basic concepts and problems in libertarian organization and authority.

Whether attempting to achieve success in either a non-violent or an armed conflict, the principle of the indirect approach can be crucial. Working with the crude head-on force of the adversary and thus permitting him to disable or disable himself in a method used in military and political actions used by both Napoleon and Gandhi. The technical and bureaucratic (thus de-humanized) might of the Pentagon, the KGB, Exxon, or the United Fruit Company can be turned to an activist's advantage if the strategy of indirect approach is fully understood. To that end, this booklet can be a sound, realistic beginning.

--Al Caracolos (Note: Cienfuegos Press Publications may be obtained by writing directly to its' Scottish headquarters at Over The Water, Sunday, Ormoy, KMI 2BL, U.K. For more info and address contact Bayou La Rose c/o Kamala, Rt.3, box 1440, Huntsville Ar. 72740.)

KAMALLA & ISHKA
This is really an outrageous sham of child custody rights. Very briefly, Ishka and Jason, children of Kamalla and Arthur Miller, (two working class anarchists) were taken by the California State because some family difficulties and given to Kamallas rich reactionary parents. None of the Miller family wanted this deal & preferred to stay together. The children had a lousy time with their grandparents, the Moores. Ishka tragically suffocated on a plastic bag and Kamalla, in some desperation, took back Ishka and ran off to Arkansas.

After a nationwide search, Kamalla was busted. The judge went against all recommendations and sent Tahka back to the Moores. Ishka, especially, wanted to stay with Kamalla. The California State made history by honoring Kamalla with the first child-stealing conviction of her own child. She got five years probation in Arkansas. The Moores have disappeared with Tahka.

Kamalla has to refund the State for her extradition, and is getting harassed by her probation officer. Arthur has three warrants for his arrest in California. The first for failure to pay child support to the rich Moores, (too he was denied the kids in the first place because he was poor). The second for contempt of court. (We consider that an honorable charge, ed.) and a third for giving

ASTRAL PROJECTION
Report from Walla Walla on Conditions of Black Prisoners

In reference to your telegram on January 6, 1981, concerning the conditions of the Black prisoners, now confined in the segregation unit of the Washington State Prison, I shall convey the general sentiments of those of us in prison for being activists in our struggle for equality.

The Washington State Penitentiary, located in the center of a community called Walla Walla, is presently being operated by the most vicious, racist and oppressive elements of society. For the Black prisoners, confinement here constitutes misery and suffering, and this is a cruel place, because of the KKK mentality that prevails out of ignorance and insensitivity to the needs of the minority offenders. Blacks are met with the same racism, oppression, and degradation as those in the free community, in a different manner, but with the same system. Blacks are constantly harassed, provoked, mistreated, and violated by civil and constitutional rights are a common occurrence. Our problems are political and the solution must be obtained through political channels.

The conditions of this penitentiary have not changed; although a federal judge ruled conditions were "cruel and unusual," and ordered the state to improve conditions. Guard brutality is commonplace. Programs for Blacks are inadequate to meet our individualized needs, and treatment is a farce. The tamping of mail, the beating of students, the forcing of the taking of medication and the neglect of medical treatment are just a few of the many problems Blacks are subjected to, that plague this prison. Idleness is apparent, since over 45% of the Black population is unemployed or underemployed. The administration makes every attempt to provide programs. Their efforts produce such trivial results as the fix-it shop and lunch program, but such jobs are not available in the free community, thus those efforts can only be classified as failures. The administration's true intentions, which can be illustrated by documented facts, are institutionalization.

African America was called assaultive, operated through political channels, and was instructed to mold him into a mentality that believes he is inferior to all the other races provided to society. An example of the racism that permeates this institution manifested itself in the following: the race riot that occurred on December 29, 1980 disturbance. The catalyst for this disturbance was the negative treatment of the Blacks and other prisoners. Now, because the administration realized they are responsible, they are trying to employ the usual methods of covering up by blaming "negative elements," and if the public isn't careful they will be successful. Every Black who was locked up in segregation as a result of this disturbance was given upon appearance before the racist disciplinary hearing the maximum sanction allowed and possible. The administration called in their chief racist-Lieutenant Dodd-to administer what they tell the prisoners is justice. The administration's racism and fear is unable to see the racist nature of this penitentiary, which constantly manifests itself in the instant case involving Blacks.

The same sanction rendered to Blacks was 20 days isolation, 10 days segregation, loss of good time for the remainder of the period, and 4 of the Blacks received recommendation that 2 to 3 years be added to their minimum sentence. Since being in the segregation unit, combined with the trauma of being convicted by a racist, arbitrary, and discriminatory kangaroo disciplinary hearing the mood of the Blacks in segregation there are 10 of us—ten that we are political prisoners caught up in a malicious plot of repressing and retaliating by the racist prison administration. This is deliberate attempt to silence the leadership of the Blacks and other minorities from exercising the rights of freedom and individuality which are inherent in human beings. I have been engaged in a total lack of respect to the black leadership, of the Walle's is United, has been established so that prisoners will know what is required of them to be released from the hole. (At present, men have been in this cell for 8 years.)

In the struggle, Brante Washington

DEMANDS OF WASHINGTON PRISONERS

Industrial-union organization for all prisoner-workers, at the prevailing wage.

1. Expulsion of all guard unions, and police organizations from the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, etc.

2. Community control of the prisons.

3. Abolish capital punishment.

4. Immediate release of all paroled prisoners and any prisoners whose min-max terms have expired, to reduce overcrowding at Shelton, Purdy, Monroe and Walla Walla.

5. Maintain a maximum capacity of 500 prisoners at Shelton, Monroe and Walla Walla.

6. The immediate return to Washington of all those prisoners who have been involuntarily transferred to out-of-state prisons.

7. The stop the use of corporal punishment of Native Americans and oppressed prisoners at Walla Walla and all other Washington prisons.

8. Immediately comply with all Washington Administrative Code (WAC) rules and regulations by administrators and guards at Walla Walla.

9. Stop rationing or depriving segregated prisoners at Walla Walla and Shelton of food, exercise, showers, phone calls and clothing as arbitrary and illegal forms of punishment.

10. Return all confiscated property and reimburse all rights and privileges taken from administrative segregation prisoners on a tier of Walla Walla's ISU, rights denied them because of their strike.

11. Stop confining mental patients of the disciplinary tier as arbitrary punishment, and remove all administrative segregation status prisoners from A Tier of the ISU.

12. Harasses should see segregation prisoners within 24 hours and dispense all medications.

13. No prisoners should be segregated for over 26 days, and meaningless punishments must be abolished.

14. End the oppression of pay prisoners in Washington's prison system. Stop punishing lesbian and gay prisoners for their sexual affairs.

15. Free all political prisoners of the Irish Republican Army.

16. Support the Marion Brother's strike.

The above demands were drafted by exiles (Walla Walla prisoners banished to out of state institutions) and the most active elements of those struggling in Walla Walla's Intensive Security Unit (ISU, or just plain hole). The demands are incomplete, and I would like to make them more complete. If they want to be included in the concerns of Purdy, Monroe, Shelton, Walla Walla's population and youth institutions. But these are the most important issues of overcrowding on a statewide level and otherwise represent the interests of all prisoners in terms of long range goals.
**TACTICS**

... and it cleans up dirty scum!

An anonymous group sent us an open-letter saying that the prison movement is a dead end. They justified this with a lot of wild accusations and half-truths. The whole letter makes us suspicious about its origins and intentions. It reeked of cynicism. They did say that political-prisoners are worthy of support (how generous), but that they would seek a suitable revolutionary movement elsewhere. When they find that perfect movement, we hope they let us know.

The political-prisoners mentioned in this Dragon were imprisoned because of their political beliefs and actions against the ruling system. The State charged them with criminal offences to discredit the political reality of their struggle.

Let's contrast them with 'common' criminals. It's funny how there are so many from the welfare 'cheat' down to the President. Our capitalist/authoritarian system doesn't allow anyone to get ahead without ripping off or perpetrating the foundation of the charlatan. It promised us love, prosperity and liberty, but instead delivers alienation, exploitation and endless restrictions. When we say that "All Prisoners are political-prisoners" it's of course because only a selected group in our society are exceptionally fucked-over. For them, even self-defence can be a crime.

Many prisoners become politicized from their experiences inside. Individually and collectively through strikes, rebellions and smash-ups, they challenge their powerlessness and the authority of the State. So to those who say that 'common' prisoners aren't worthy of support due to their individualist crimes, we maintain that nowhere else in our society are people fighting toe-to-toe with raw State violence.

So if prisoners like most other oppressed groups can help bring the system to its knees, the question becomes "How to change it?"

There are a variety of methods available to today's modern person intent on toppling this system. Some are easy, requiring only 15 minutes a day without even raising a fuss. Simply, all you have to do is consume, pollute and act like a shit. In otherwords, be a good western citizen. (I told you it was easy). The social and ecological system will eventually collapse.

Beyond that, it gets more difficult. Starting again with the easiest are the authoritarian methods. If you can qualify, join the military society and start a nuclear strike against Russia. This system will quickly change. Another tactic is to help build the reactionary movement. With enough people and determination, you can change society back to the good ol' days when the white man was undisputed King and God ruled.

Still along the authoritarian line, but changing to something more new and exciting, and hence involving much more effort, are the Leninist methods. Basically, through lots of mass activity, democracy and capitalism are eliminated. However, you still have an authoritarian society. Like scum, power and control remain on top. Prisoners get filled again to the brim. The excitement soon wears off.

There are many ways of "helping" prisoners. One is to impose what you think is "best" for them. This is the typical approach of often-meaning "experts" and "professionals" who are members of the criminal (in)justice bureaucracies. Another way of "helping" prisoners is through charity. We use charity in prison to provide relief of suffering, and to express compassion. But there are problems with charity. Charity creates dependency. It communicates need rather than shared outrage and can romanticize the prisoner. Charity can sometimes relieve the suffering of prisoners but it does not alter the basic conditions responsible for the suffering. A third way of helping prisoners is to become their ally. These are some of the qualities of a prisoner ally as compared to those of the "charitable" person.

Due to the growing severity of the State, mass rebellion against the prison system is inevitable. Whether they be generally negative like the Santa Fe riot, or radical like some of the Walla Walla rebellions, depends on who (outside support and how able prisoners are to collectively control their situation. And that makes the prison struggle similar to other revolutionary efforts.

The common bond of all genuine revolutionary activity (accept no substitute) from our anarchist perspective is the desire and ability of people to empower themselves. That is, to take control as individuals and as social beings, of their lives without oppressing others. (We also don't think that fighting the enemy in "reverse authoritarianism" like some Marxists do). We believe that your methods of struggle will determine your results. Just like you don't raise well adjusted kids by beating them, you can't build a liberated society by using authoritarian schemes.

It's beyond the scope of this article to suggest what action to do. But whatever forms we take and structures we use in the struggle have to reflect in practice our revolutionary goals. We need...

*Use structures that bring the information and power to decide & act within reach of all concerned, instead of just the elites.*

*Treat each other with more support, respect, with equal value and rights - unlike the power relationships we have now.*

*The charitable person does not think of altering the prisoners persistent need for help. The prisoner must always depend on the charity will of the charitable.*

*The prisoner ally helps the oppressed become empowered to change his/her situation.*

*The charitable person often acts out of guilt and pity, the prisoner who is often seen as a "poor soul".*

*The prisoner ally treats the prisoner as an ally in change, sharing anger about prison oppression.*

*The charitable person might think the prisoner's situation comes from some fault within the prisoner.*

*The prisoner ally understands social and cultural forces that contribute to the cause of the prisoner's oppression.*

*The charitable person often has a plan for the prisoner, who is not regarded as a peer.*

*The prisoner ally and the prisoner strategize together, mutually; no one must be "choked."*

*The charitable person expects the prisoner alone to change.*

*The prisoner ally works with the prisoner and takes mutual risks, experiencing change also.*

*The charitable person has his/her own view of what the prisoner must feel.*

*The prisoner ally understands the prisoners experiences through the prisoners own words.*

*The charitable person has easy access to the criminal (in)justice bureaucracies.*

*The prisoner ally has a strong relationship with the bureaucracies, because s/he is perceived as threatening to persons who hold power in the system.*

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*Cooperate on common goals - there are many.*

*Help those who need it.*

*Let people do their own thing as long as they don't step on others.*

*Restructure work towards cooperative relationships within humanized settings.*

*Live for joy instead of just marking time.*

*Without police (in whatever form they appear) we have the opportunity to change our everyday lives. Let it be marvelous!*

- Solidarity Committee -
*POLITICAL PRISONERS*

Did you know about the R.A.F. Hunger Strike?

Over 30 prisoners began a hunger strike Feb. 2 in West Germany. It ended a month and a half later on April 16 when a letter had been sent by the W. German Secretary of Justice to Amnesty International stating that prison conditions would be changed if the strike ended.

Most of the prisoners were members of the outlawed Red Army Faction, an anti-imperialist guerilla group that shook up Germany during the '70s. Sigurd Dubus, one of the strikers but not a member of the RAF, died the same day the strike ended as a result of medical complications from his intravenous feeding. Another prison doctor commented that the method and contents of his forcefeeding were deadly. He had been clinically brain dead for a day and was artificially kept alive for the strike ended. Sigurd joined the hunger strike because the demands of the RAF prisoners were also his own.

These demands were the minimal guarantees of the Geneva Convention to be applied – the association of prisoners under conditions that enable them to live as humans. This means the abolition of total isolation, a method that in the long run destroys a person; release of Gunter Sommerbock, who has serious brain damage as a result of injuries received when he was arrested, and of Verena Becker, who has open tuberculosis. Both of them can only get well outside of prison. (Ed. Has anyone become well inside of prison?)

The West German State applies special programs of imprisonment only against those prisoners who come from militant resistance groups. These prisoners are subjected to isolation torture in the penal cells of the "high-security wing" and applied to them for over four years, with no association periods at all, some with no exercise period either. Surveillance of the prisoners is total, in the soundproof called cells which are constantly lit. If prisoners do have association, it is behind a partition window of bullet-proof glass. Visits of one hour (it performed at all) take place in the same conditions.

The state acknowledges the political nature of the resistance by the methods it employs to try to crush it. The policy of criminalization is a crucial part of a coordinated international strategy to deny the claim of prisoners to their identity, in order to deny the political nature of the resistance both inside and outside the prisons.

The first few weeks of the hunger strike were marked by the publication of all public information. At the same time, prisoners were harassed: their cells were searched and some were sent to other prisons. Over 40 outside supporters were arrested during the strike because support work like handing out leaflets was criminalized! (Advocating in favour of a terrorist group.)

The news ban on the hunger strike was broken when numerous actions and demonstrations had made it impossible for the authorities to further ignore the strike. The news coverage was in direct preparation of the public the death of a prisoner. This death was said to be surely followed by "terrorist activity".

It is important now that the hunger strike has ended, to keep on fighting for better prison conditions for our prisoners. This has become even more important now that prison has become part of the reality for a great part of the militant left (militant squatters have been sentenced to long terms, anti-make people are being brought to trial again). The end of the H Block prisoners' first strike in December clearly shows that the state doesn't necessarily mean to do what it says. In this context we ask you again to send letters of protest demanding that the prisoners' demands be implemented. (See addresses below).

FLQ still Barred

In the '60s, the struggle for Quebec independence was more militant in the hands of popular movements than it is now under an elected nationalist government. One group, the Front de Libération du Québec-FLQ practiced guerilla tactics against symbols of Canadian and U.S. imperialism, and Quebec collaborationists. They were avowedly separatist as well as nationalist calling for popular resistance.

In 1970, they kidnapped British diplomat James Cross and Quebec politician Pierre Laporte. Quebec was put under a state of siege. Laporte was accidentally killed while trying to escape and a short time later, the Liberation cell holding Cross traded his freedom for a passage to Cuba. Most of the cell's members have returned recently and have received minor sentences or parole. Members of the Chénier cell responsible for Laporte didn't fare so well. They were eventually captured and charged individually with kidnapping and murder.

There are still four members of the ex-FLQ serving time. They are: Robert Hudon, doing 20 years for a bank job in '68. He's been eligible for release since '74 but is being punished for his political association; Jacques Lanctôt from the Liberation cell who returned last year and got three years; Francis Sinard from the Chénier cell who was convicted of kidnapping and murder. Eligible for parole since '77, it appears a bureaucratic appeal process is keeping him in.;

Finally, there is Paul Rose, also of the Chénier cell. Rose is one of the principal militants of the FLQ and is regarded by many as only a folk hero. Despite recent state evidence that he wasn't present during the killing of Laporter he is still serving time that he got. Eligible for parole since '77, he is quite obvious that he is being publicly punished. Despite the fact that Rose now resides in a medium security pen, the parole board claims he is a public danger. He has only been out once to attend his mother, Rose Rose's, funeral this year.

We'd like to honor her memory by saying that she was always around fighting for the liberation of her two sons. (Jacques was released last year).

For more info & support, contact C.I.P.P. (Political Prisoners Information Committee) 1045 des Ste-Catherine, Montréal, Québec H2C-2G4. (tel 216 (514) 849-4620) A just released book, Dossier Paul Rose (in French) is available from them for $6.00

YOUR CRIME IS DECRIMINALIZED...ATTRACTIVE MARDON...
The Writings of Bobby Sands

The war in Northern Ireland has taken a dramatic turn with the hunger strikes to the death of the imprisoned "blanketmen." In their struggle to gain political status recognition of the H-Block prisoners, 4 martyrs have given their lives. Bobby Sands of the outlawed IRA died first, on May 4 at the age of 26.

In writings smuggled from the H-Blocks, Bobby tells how life there, where the monster of British Imperialism and the prison regime it has created will kill him but without destroying his spirit.

The following excerpts are from The Writings of Bobby Sands. There are a limited number of free copies available for prisoners. Outsiders are requested to send an extra $1, to cover the costs of those sent to prisoners (total $3). Write to Comité Québec-Irlande, CP 126, Succ. E, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Imagine how it would feel to be locked up naked in solitary confinement, 24 hours a day, and subjected to total deprivation of not only common, everyday things, but of basic human necessities, such as clothes, fresh air and exercise, the company of other human beings.

In short, imagine being entombed...for 20 torturous months...in surroundings that resemble a pig sty, and you are crouched naked upon a thin mattress in a corner, freezing cold, amid the lingering stench of putrifying rubbish, with crawling, wriggling white maggots all around you, fat bloated flies pestering your naked body, the silence is nerve-wrecking, your mind is in turmoil.

You are sitting waiting on the screws coming to your cell to drag you out to be forcibly bathed. You have heard and seen the terrible results from this...the skin stripped from your body with heavy brushes. The screws have told you that you are next. You wait all day, just thinking. Your mind is wrecked. Maybe they've forgotten, you kid yourself; but you know they never forget. They don't come. The next day is the same, and the next, and the next. You become more and more depressed. For what your thoughts have been the same, a mass of fear, fearing what lies ahead.

Consider being in that frame of mind every day! Knowing in your mind that you're to be beaten nearly senseless, forcibly bathed or held down to have your back passage examined or probed. These things are common facts of everyday H-Block life.

"I can say that this physical and psychological torture in the H-Blocks has brought many men to the verge of insanity.

The monster is shrewd. It plays with me, it humiliates me, and tortures me...When I resist, it doesn't understand. You see it doesn't even try to comprehend why I resist. I refuse to be beaten. This angers the monster. It brutalises me to the point of death. But it doesn't kill me. I often wonder why not? But each time I face it, death materialises before me. The monster keeps me naked. It feeds me. But it doesn't feed me today because it had tried so hard to defeat me and failed.

If we don't beat it soon it will murder me. Of this I am certain. It keeps me locked up in a dark smelly tomb and it sends its devils to keep me on edge, to keep the torture going. They nearly won yesterday. They beat me into unconsciousness...My tomb may be my grave.

"They always have something new. Will I overcome it? I must. Tomorrow will be my seventh hundred and fortieth day of torture - an eternity. Yes, tomorrow I'll rise in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh. Yes tomorrow I'll fight the monster and his devils again!"

BOBBY

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Love & Rage is excerpted from a diary Carl Harp has kept while in prison. Harp was charged with murder and assault, both in the 1st degree, in August 1973. In spite of obvious errors by the prosecution in accusing Harp, and a blatantly unfair trial, Harp was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences.

Love & Rage covers his diary entries from August 30, 1979 to January 11, 1980, with a short update to November 19, 1980. In this period, Harp was transferred from San Quentin to Walla Walla, and back to San Quentin. (See article, "It Pays to Protest" pg ).

More than a source of information about prison life, something which this book gives you in large doses - it is a source of some understanding of feelings most of us will never know. It is hard for me to imagine a life where my entire future would be spent largely locked in a single room. It is hard for me to imagine a life where violence, brutality, race war, and murder are a daily reality. It is hard for me to imagine a world where simple pleasures like the visit of a friend had to be carried out through a piece of wired glass over a crackly telephone, or the frustration of not being able to see loved ones when I wanted to see them, or touch and hold them when I did see them.

It is hard for me to imagine a world where there is the very loud and nasty fascism of the prison system. Harp's book helped me understand these things a little better via a sane look at the emotions of one man caught in this situation. Inside the quiet fascism of American society lies the prison system. Harp's book helped me feel it a little bit.

"Mike Ryan"
Dear Torch,

Readers of your newspaper may be interested to know that the research center for the federal prison system's "behavior modification" and "drug therapy" programs located in Marion in the last issue is located at a neo-modernist, concrete and glass Skinner box, located at Butner, North Carolina, and dubbed the "Federal Center for Correctional Research." Although Butner is regarded by many in the federal prison system (as well as the rest of the world prison industry) as being "the best of all possible prisons," and the model for the "prisons of the future," we are afraid the reality is somewhat more dismal.

At present, the population at Butner consists largely of individuals who are either court-designated mental cases, or individuals "randomly selected by computer formula" for which read "management" and are removed from other institutions. Those "randomly selected" are subjected upon arrival that they have been done a "wonderful favor," by having been transferred from wherever they were in the system before. They are assured that the staff is here to "help" them become productive citizens in every way possible.

The staff neglects to tell the newly arrived inmate that, in most cases, he will be relocated to a higher security level (or designated an "exception case") to prevent a lessening of security restrictions, that he will receive fewer vocational programs and be subjected to more harassment over minor details of the "rules and regulations," and that he will be put through an endless labyrinth of staff-initiated mind games to the point where, sooner or later, he is one of the lucky ones on the "voluntary program," he will find himself eagerly "opting out" in order to return to his former institution, overcrowded and unpleasant in comparison to Butner though it may be. If he is one of those who have been designated a "mental health problem," he has no chance whatever of escape whatever ingenious programs of mental torture awaits him.

The unspoken but ever-present threat which hangs over an inmate's head at Butner is that he could at any time be designated a "mental health problem," and be subjected to what is not-so-laughingly described on the compound as "the Thorazine shuffle." The psychiatric staff has available more provocative pharmaceuticals. Ronald Reagan has jelly beans, and they are always the lookout for the chance to increase their job security by adding another "patient" to their caseload. Faced with the prospect of being turned into a sloth, mindless zombie by the "enlightened" psychiatric staff, many inmates are terrorized to protest any sort of improper or illegal treatment by the staff whatsoever.

THE macabre irony in this "Cuckoo's Nest" operation is that, to quote an unnamed specialist on the institution, "90 percent of the staff is in far greater need of psychiatric treatment than any of the inmates." He has further stated that "every staff member feels that he is a psychologist, even if he can't spell the word." This leads to the almost incredible (but actually) situation where inmates (who may or may not need some form of psychological treatment or assistance) are uniformly made not "better" but worse.

Although at first blush this may seem merely to be yet another unfortunate but essentially accidental byproduct of the empire in its collapse, the truth is far different, and even more sinister in its implications. The fact is that by worsening rather than improving the psychological condition of the inmates in its care, the federal prison system guarantees that a high percentage of those who are eventually released back into society are foredoomed to return to prison sooner or later, the increasing the prison populations and assuring future job security for those whom the system employs. It must not be overlooked that staff members at these institutions without exception are making a substantial living; all paid for, of course, by the workers whom the system is supposed to "help.

FOR THE benefit of fellow inmates at other federal institutions who might be tempted by rumors on the prison grapevine to make a transfer to Butner, we leave this message: stay where you are. From the moment you step off the bus at Butner, you will be required to struggle to keep the one thing you thought the government couldn't take away from you—your mind.

In Struggle,
Rabbi & Fingers

Citizens of Prisonia

The following is an excerpt from a speech given by William G. Nagel, Executive Director of the Institute of Corrections, to legislators on "Alternatives to New Prison Construction." This excerpt is reprinted from the August, 1980 issue of Psychology Today.

I imagine that all the prisoners in the world's most crowded prisons and jails are able, somehow, to incorporate themselves into a city called Prisonia. Prisonia would be one of the very largest cities in the United States, ranking immediately behind St. Louis, just ahead of Denver, and larger than many cities having large basements and football franchises—Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Seattle, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Oakland, Miami, Buffalo, Denver and Tamos. America, the world leader in telephones, automobiles, air conditioners, heating and bath tubs, has almost become the world leaders in prisoners per 100,000 of its population. The U.S.S.R. and South Africa surpass us.

In 1979, Abt Associates of Boston did a sophisticated study for Congress. They found that the most important single contributor to prison population was not crime, or unemployment, or family breakdown, or rate, or inflation. It was simply the availability of cells. Judges, prosecutors, police, and parole boards all adjust their practices to the availability of prison space. If it is found that we Americans could lock up many of our fellow Americans to lock up we only had the cells.

Judges, given no options, send people to prison. Judges with viable options...such as probation and parole services...more often do not. Texas and Pennsylvania both have about 12 million people, almost the same number of blacks, and a crime rate within the nation's middle third. Yet in...1979, Pennsylvania had less than 7,000 state prisoners, while Texas had 30,000.

The comparative percentages are: 52 per 100,000 for Pennsylvania and 12.5 per 10,000 for Texas. A 15 percent more apt to be mugged in the Lone Star State than in the Quaker State, and a woman twice as likely to be raped.

"Revolution is for everyone and must place not only for, with and among those with broken hopes and dreams but also among those with bent nose, broken faces, torn and crooked bodies, who may not have immediate revolutionary potential but have the potential to engage in the struggle to human."—Larry Tiffit & David Sullivan

CRUSIN' FOR A BRUISIN'

And other diversions across the nation.

A man from Richmond B.C. bought a recreational vehicle equipped with cruise control. He drove out of the highway and put the van on cruise control. Then he got up out of the at the van made itself. He is at present in a full body cast (Vancouver Province).

Mrs. F.M. Carlson, Vancouver

Anti-spray group says it set fire to helicopter

TOLEDO—Members of an anti-herbicide spray activist group claimed responsibility Monday for the Saturday burning of a privately owned helicopter.

A rebuilt 1977 H-12E helicopter was burned Saturday by an unknown person or persons at the site where it had been parked two miles southwest of here in the woods.

The machine, with an original value of $180,000 is owned by Western Herbicides of Newberg, The Toledo Division of Publisher's Paper Company had leased the helicopter for spraying herbicides on forest lands the company owns near here.

Charges against the helicopter was burned Saturday, the event was not reported to the Lincoln County sheriff's office until Sunday.

Late Monday morning selected media received a photocopied of a handwritten message from a previously unknown, Peoples' Brigade For A Healthy Genetic Future. The message called the burning its "Second Annual Spray Helicopter Destruction Derby."

The message said the burning was a message to "companies who profit from spraying poisons indiscriminately with a disregard for human and animal life and Mother Earth. We will strike again."
their lady got a prison radio show to air on F.M. and in a few weeks the show’s collective has grown to eight dedicated persons. Things are forging ahead; the Prisons Department has had a cerebral haemorrhage in the process and banned all prisoner contact with the station.

At times I have tried to present shortcomings within this institution to the administration in a peaceful and rational manner but democracy within prisons is minimum. I went on a hunger strike and a work strike and because of this was labelled “anti-authoritarian and prison political”. My security rating was changed from minimum to maximum. My main disappointment lies in the fact that at all times I have been open and stepped forward to be seen, I would have thought that frankness and sincerity might be rewarded with some amount of respect. This is not so.

My goal would be the abolishing of penal institutions. That is the romantic altruist in my character, and the day of such is yet on the far horizon. Prison reform is the stepping stone, I would wish to lay as many as possible.

Such involvement has a useful community role as it is the community that has to house the mutated persons that prisons produce. It has a much greater personal satisfaction because after tasting the sour bars and commingling with the cold walls, I owe it to my brothers and sister who remain caged after I am free, to make their lot better. Too many are released and look back on the experience as a bad dream. How can they forget so easily the nightmare that lives with each of their brothers and sisters who can not share their good fortune? If there is anyone who would like to strike up correspondence, it would be received warmly. ‘Till later, take care, stay strong.

Yours in fraternity and solidarity,
Lea Lehmann
PO Box 53
Adelaide
South Australia
Australia

Dear ABP,

I think I love Freddie Jo Morry after reading his poem “For twenty-five years” in the ABD that just arrived. No, I didn’t get the other copy you sent me but pig-stogged mail is the story of my life. I used to have some good raps with Rita Brown before the corrections criminals put a stop to our communication. I spent uncounted months in Chicago MCC in 1976 and me and my two brothers never left the eleventh floor hole. We had four man orders on our doors before they could be opened. They wanted to strip search our attorneys, etc. Unbelievably paranoid clockwork orange scene in the MCC supermax. My heart is with that beautiful sister.

My people are presently at the June 4-11 native people’s conference in White Earth, Minnesota. Things are happening on Leonard’s case. Escape conviction in California overturned and a new trial. Government conspiracy to assassinate Leonard will have to be entertained by the new trial.

In addition, collateral attack on original conviction (2 life sentences for defending our people against FBI terrorists) will soon be ready. Lawyers are guarded optimistic since evidence of FBI crimes has been uncovered. Meantime the beat goes on.

If I didn’t spend so damn much time in solitary confinement I’d think the world was one vast conspiracy in my favor. I am gleeful noting that the united states government is about to collapse under the weight of its own bullshit. Maybe the next issue of ABD will be the glorious straw. Let’s hope so. In case my estimation is too optimistic let’s all give just the teeniest extra shove for good measure.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse & Conrade George, Standing Deer

P.S. — Bad news dept.: On May 31 Oscar Lopez Riviera, whom the enemy believes to be the leader of the FALN, was captured with freedom fighter Wilfredo Santana in Glenside (a Chicago suburb) with ransom of two million capitalist dollars.

Douglas Wakefield

Dear ABP,

Since our comrade Douglas Wakefield was kid-napped by the state six years ago, he has spent over 1,350 days of it in isolation! He has been transferred to no less than 19 prisons in that time, often at all hours of the night and never told where he was being taken. Currently at H.M. Prison in Long Lartin, he receives a pittance 86 pence (1.75) a week, the lowest wage for any U.K. prisoner and with this cannot even afford the simplest necessities. He is deprived of all contact, even with his daughter, Restricted correspondence (by the Home Office) is his only link with the outside world. His solicitor has, unsurprisingly, achieved no success and all protests to his M.P. have thus far fallen on deaf ears. Pickets of the prison have been of little success and there's little indication of any improvement to the barbaric treatment he's receiving from the supposedly non-political prison system of the U.K. (Not South America, but the U.K., a blatantly obvious disregard for human rights and freedom even for the supporters of the 'democratic' system!)

This is a plea to all comrades to sit down for a mere fifteen minutes and write two letters, to his solicitor and to his M.P. Even if it's only a single sentence demanding his release from the isolation unit, letters of protest do have some accumulative effect. Address letters to:

James Saunders
97 Golborne Road
London W. 10.9N.
ENGLAND

Denis Healy, M.P.
House of Commons
Westminster
London S.W.I
ENGLAND

Address any reply to:

If anybody has ANY funds or letters of support for Doug so that it will ease an intolerable situation please send it via me at BOX 3254, Station "O", Ottawa, Canada.

Don't let these barbarians get away with destroying our comrades! IT IS UP TO ALL OF US to protest every way we can, and we cannot underestimate the influence of an international letter protest. PLEASE! Just two letters. Now. Doug extends his deepest gratitude for all who support him, and I thank all those showing solidarity with us.

IN DISGUST AND FULL OF HOPE
Henry Petzet
Ottawa, Ontario

P.S. Finally, a brilliant detailed statement by Doug has been smuggled out of prison and has been printed by PROP. Copies are available for about $3.50 through them at:

PROP
97 Caledonian Road
London N.1
England
I am writing this letter to respond to an article in issue 8 of ABD by John Bosch called "Dragons & Dragons". The article was simplistic and intellectually inartiging. He accuses Black radicals of practicing "racism in reverse" against white people and equates Black nationalism with Ku Klux Klan mentality. He minimizes the entire history of slavery and the racist political and social institutions of this country. In fact, he pretends that neither one exists and that its all a Black "plot" to elicit sympathy and support. He never explains why there is a Klan and who it is they are organized to repress. Instead he sticks his hand in his ass. Who does he think runs the American state and instigates and carries out racism as a deliberate policy? Blacks are not enslaving or lynching white people, nor are they systematically depriving white people of decent housing, clothing and food. The black unemployment rate is 60-902; that is conscious under-development of the Black community. Is there a white power structure? Certainly, racism is integral to the American capitalist state. That is elementary, except to a naive fool like Bosch, who inhabits a fairy tale world.

The underlying assumption to his mindless tirade is that everyone-Black and White- is "treated alike" by the American state. Further, that the Klan is some new phenomenon. But, no, such is not the case. The Klan is merely an organized instrument of the lynchings, murders, rape and other violence carried out extra-legally to the attacks of the state. This has been its function for over 100 years. Were the Black slaves expressing "Black racism" when they killed their slavemasters to stop their brutality? Are they expressing "racism in reverse" when they resist the manifestations of white supremacy from the American state? This fool Bosch wants you to believe that when we speak of a "White Power Structure" we are attacking all Whites at random and are trying to start a race war. Maybe Bosch identifies with the government and this is the whole problem. I would doubt it, but think he is just emotionally responding to his mindless beliefs around Blacks and political struggle. His is a dangerous naivete which virtually dominates the anarchist movement and inhibits its growth. It is too white, pacifist, male, middle class and comfortable. Blacks and other non-Whites are not encouraged to participate and the Anarchists make no attempt to be in the forefront of anti-racist struggles, or to direct propaganda or provide organizers to the Black and other U.S. national liberation struggles. Whites have never been oppressed and murdered as a people, but Blacks certainly are. We must fight back in unity of our people and allies. Not the foolishness of Bosch that Blacks and Whites will do all the fighting and Whites will stand on the sidelines and lead the cheers.

The left in this country is just now beginning to understand that there are two aspects to the struggle in this country: class and race. In order to be successful social revolution until this is understood. The Black struggle has its own autonomous dynamic, it is not just subservient to the struggle by white workers. It has its own social and political objectives, which converge with the labour community and revolutionary struggles of other sectors of society. This leads to the social revolution, but it does not help to subordinate Black Women's or other struggles and say they are not important in their own right. No one fights for that which does not benefit them and advance their condition in society.

I also criticize the ABD for giving this fool a soapbox but not analyzing and challenging his drive.

In solidarity,

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John Bosch' article on Dragons & Dragons didn't sit to well with many of us because of his characterization of the Afrikan Nationalist Liberation Movement as racist. Separate? Yes! Racist? No! Afrikan Nationalism, like Feminist Nationalism requires a mass-separatist leadership to identify with the specific priority facing Afrikans which is national-racism. Wymen face the priority of overcoming nationalism. Mass leadership must separate from reactionary leadership.

The "White power structure", or White Nationalism, is the reactionary contradiction to the revolutionary movement. Those of European descent cannot fence straddle on the national questions, they must either support the White Nationalist reaction or the North American Nationalist revolution.

The title "nationalism" places a priority on confronting national questions from an exclusive and uncompromising position. Anarchists have their own separate philosophical priorities. Wymen, Afrikans, Hispanics, and others have just as important national priorities.

Europeans when they came to the Americas gave priority to racial supremacy. The races of "North Americans" and "Whites". Those names only deminate European descent. Those of us who have not surrendered to the invader have named ourselves.

Bosch fails to properly understand the system that perpetuates racism. If he did, he would never characterize Afrikan nationalism as racist. He sees national-racism as a system comprised of four basic elements that make it whole-Afrikan nationalism is not a composite of these elements.

1) Racism: the myth based belief that a 'primary' race (nation) is morally supreme in its relationship with 'secondary' races (nations).
2) Race superiority: the unfounded belief that a 'primary' race is mentally and physically superior in relationship to 'secondary' races.
3) Territorial and economic exploitation of the land of origin, the labor and consumerism of the 'secondary' races by the 'primary' race for profit of the 'primary' race.
4) Xenophobia: the generation of unreasonable fear and hatred between the races in order to perpetuate the above enumerated elements of racism.

Racism is not an individual choice but a national race system perpetuated to ensure economic, territorial, social, moral and overall political control by a 'primary' race over 'secondary' races.

Where anti-racism is a priority of oppressed nations (races), the anti-racist mass leadership must clearly raise up out of the oppressed nations (races). This cannot be characterized as 'racist' in itself, as Bosch characterize it!

Love & Struggle
Mark Cook
Time/Life vs The Anarchist Black Dragon

Time/Life Inc. is the largest publishing corporation in the world grossing over $1 billion a year. The Anarchist Black Dragon is giving them a run for their money.

We've enlarged our size to 14 pages, expanded our features section, added more graphics, colour and humor, and have redesigned the layout. Letters from many have testified that the Anarchist Black Dragon is better than ever.

However, it comes at a price. Besides increasing our top notch staff, we finally had to give them their overdue raise and redecorate their high-rise offices. Rest assured, they have no intention of unionizing. To give you excellent quality copies, we purchased the latest state of the art off set press - the Multilith 1250. And to run this beauty, we hired Italy's best underground printer, Enrico (Clean) Malatesta.

Sadly, we did feel a pinch. Despite our large contribution to the executive's pension fund of the Canadian Postal Worker's Union, they were unable to keep their members from striking. This lead to further unavoidable cost by having to hire a low flyer, to get the issues into the U.S., and then paying 20% extra on the currency exchange for postage. Never the less, we got the issue out on time!

I'd like to personally thank all of you who sent us funds to print this issue, and of course those letters of gratitude and devotion were so inspiring. To those of you who didn't remember it pays to insure your name doesn't wind up in the wrong bureau.

Again, I'd like to remind everyone that the Anarchist Black Dragon will always be free to prisoners no matter how much it costs. This means that you non-prisoners have to fork over for their share too.

So don't delay! Send us a sizable portion of your savings before the Justice Department gets wise to you and seizes it. You don't want them to have it! Short on hard cash? We'll take stamps or anything else of value.

Thank you,

Send it all to: Robert H. Murdoch II A.B.D. c/o C.P.2, Succ. La Cité Montréal, Quebec, Canada H2W-2N9

Natural Resources

The following are some of the magazines we've received that we can recommend. Most are free to prisoners. * means that it's prisoners oriented. Also, see the names inside at the end of some of the articles.


DON'T FORGET! *The Bulldozer: The Only Vehicle for: Prison Reform, box 5052, Stn. A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1W4 Canada