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# Anarchist Black Dragon!

WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY



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The A.B.D. constitutes an important step in the revolutionary struggle, for it was clandestinely put together by a collective of prisoners in the maximum security Walla Walla Pen. Make no mistake about it, as unfree as we are on the outside, it doesn't even begin to compare to being in prison. One comrade in the collective said, "It takes 10 times the amount of energy and dedication to accomplish in prison what can be done on the outside."

Fortunately, there are many prisoners who are fighting and winning against the shit that even the state has officially branded as abhorrent. It's obvious too, that their struggle depends a great deal on the support received from the outside. Since our locked-up brothers and sisters lack so much that we have, any and every bit of help is greatly appreciated and efficiently utilized. A buck isn't much these days, but they can sure use it in prison. Stamps, literature and of course, correspondence do wonders. A glance inside these pages will reveal a portion of many activities going on inside.

Get back to the A.B.D. collective through Carl Harp 126-516, Box 520, Walla Walla, WA. 99362. Be discrete by not mentioning this publication on the envelope. You understand. You can also help by passing this copy around, especially to other prisoners. To get on the mailing list, write to the above address, or to us. Solidarity Committee, Box 2, Sta. La Cité, Montréal, Quebec.

Yours in love and anarchy,

S.C.



ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON  
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The only good State is a State of mind that practices in word and deed it's Revolutionary Thought...

THE DRAGON SPEAKS

Well, issue number two is out of the way and the only word we've gotten on it has been really good. People seem to be digging on the routine we're rapping down. Issue number one is still floating around out there somewhere. Still haven't heard about that one yet. Win a few, lose a few.

One of the things we'd like to do right off is to thank all the folks who made this possible. We have gotten quite a bit of support already, enough to get by at least, and it sure is gratifying to know that we're still loved. We would like to thank you all in person, but you know how that goes.

The prison is still here and, as you can see by this issue, lots of other prisons are out there, too. We've dedicated this one issue to the various struggles throughout the prisons of the world. Ireland, France, Canada. Brothers and Sisters being thrown into cages for one thing or another. What can you say about a situation like that? Plenty. One prison is pretty much like another. The problems here are pretty similar to the problems in any other country that has a system for locking human beings up and then dropping the tab on those that aren't. Some prisons are overcrowded. Most are run like a bankrupt business. All are inhuman. All have "behavior modification units". All are used to break people, to trample them into a mold that no sane person would willingly accept.

So it really doesn't matter where the prison is located or what particular "system" is used to run it. All are an evil instituted by the State to press it's standards upon those who resist it. In short, prison is Rape.

Think about that a minute. No sane person willingly allows themselves to be tossed in a cage, beat up, set up, stomped on, and fucked with. Yet there are people who will willingly toss you in a cage, beat you up, set you up, stomp you good, and constantly harrass you, all for no other reason except that "It's good business" or they just plain enjoy doing it. Isn't that rape? Forcing a person to undergo indignity simply because the one pressing it wants to do it and feels that he has the 'right'? Isn't that rape? Damn right it is. No other way of looking at it. Getting down to it, then, there is a very simple choice to make. Put up or shut up. Keep getting raped or fight like hell.

Don't know about all you folks out there in the "Straight" world, but lots of us are tired of getting raped. So there just isn't enough time left to bend over and take it any more. Get the picture? Ever see a Dragon get raped constantly? No way. Once or twice some Statist pig beureaucrat might sneak up and hit us from behind, but it sure doesn't get to be a habit. We be breathing fire like you ain't never seen when the time comes for it.



## THE DRAGON SPEAKS, cont.

Brothers, that time is now. Sisters, that time is now, we are hearing you and with you in your righteous love and rage. Let's get the bullshit out of the way so we can sit back and do it right. Live, love, do whatever else there is to do with all the brothers and sisters to do it with.

Let's get it done as we get it together, but first let's get rid of the bullshit, you all know what that is inside and outside i.e. the many personal and political games we have played on us and that we play amongst ourselves.

There is unity in numbers, and we are only as powerful as we are together. Come together! The prison movement is alive and growing, be a part of it and join hands and hearts with the over-all struggles to deal with the enemy, to make change, to gain real FREEDOM. The enemy is the MAN, not each other...

Neither God Nor Master

- ABDC -

(Anarchist Black Dragon Collective)

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## AGAINST RACISM / SMASH FASCISM!

- UNITY -

It is not enough to just cry: "Unity, Unity!!" We have to analyze why there isn't unity, figure out who is responsible for the lack of unity and ask the people jamming things up to make the necessary changes. We are divided and deformed and we have lots of work to do amongst ourselves to undo the terrible damage the system has done to us. It is impossible to talk about liberating ourselves in any degree when we have the State's boot on our necks, and our own boot on our Brothers' and Sisters' necks, when we are at each others' throats.

White racism must be overcome - white people must reach out to Blacks, Puerto Rican, Chicano and Indian sisters and brothers, and our third world sisters and brothers must help.

Whites are programmed racists, and in a way our brothers and sisters of the third world are racist in their attitudes towards whites. The latter is a defence/survival program, but nonetheless it is not right, and to get Unity we must drop some of our defences and try to work with each other. Robbing, beating and raping each other because of color is what the system wants within prisons. We as prisoners are all of one class, and we should be together to deal with the only enemy of us all.

## **Anarchist under attack**

When you're Black, an anarchist, and a prison organizer, the U.S. penal system isn't going to pull any punches in its attempts to get rid of you.

Such is the case for Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, a 30 year old presently serving life for hijacking a plane from Atlanta, Georgia to Cuba in 1969 as an armed protest against both American aggression in Vietnam and the domestic war against Blacks.

Komboa, along with three other blacks, has been placed in the notorious Control Unit Behaviour Modification Program at Marion, Illinois Federal Penitentiary, after the

four had protested glass in the food in the Isolation Unit. Several prisoners, including Komboa, were brutally beaten by guards during the protest.

Since then, prison officials have tried repeatedly to goad other prisoners to attack Komboa, even providing them with a zip gun and other weapons.

The Control Unit which is used to punish prison organizers and other "troublemakers" is described by Komboa as a torture chamber and a death camp.

Ten prisoners have died there in the last five years and hundreds of others have come out self-mutilated and

psychologically drained.

Letters are urgently needed to protest the conspiracy against Komboa's life and to demand that he be removed from the Control Unit immediately. Write: George C. Wilkinson, Warden, United States Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, Illinois, 62959.

More info from Audrey A. Meyers, National Committee to Support the Marion Brothers, 4556A Oakland, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

Letters of support to Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, #18759-175, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, Ill., 62959.

White prisoners have long been the biggest allies of the prison administration. The white prisoner must make a choice. He or she is part of a prison population where things are finally moving in a positive direction, and many third world prisoners are leading the way in that new direction.

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During a strike at Deer Island, Massachusetts, over 250 men were out on the ballfield to protest against a long list of horrible conditions. The strike was led by Black prisoners, but many white prisoners played active roles as well.

The white guards went over to the white prisoners, who they lock up each night and consider scum, and said, "Hey, what's the beef, why do you want to go along with those niggers for? What do you want? A new job in the commissary, an extra sandwich at night, some letters taken out for you? You don't need this protest, we can give you a softer bit than these niggers can." And then, the threats: "Hey, I thought you wanted to get out on parole. Gee, I hope you weren't planning to get out soon, 'cause the way you're going you're gonna wrap up your bit." And then some more racism: "Do you really think these spics and niggers care about you? All they're fighting for is some hair combs and nigger hair. What's wrong with your hair? You don't need that stuff. And I heard that after this thing is over they're gonna stab all the whites anyway. But then again, it's up to you!"

WHITES HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE...

The guards are right. It's up to the white prisoners to make a choice. We have a chance to break out of the horrible racist traditions of our people. We have a chance to finally stop being the most backward, brainwashed, reactionary group of oppressed people in the world. We have a chance to be free.

We have to build real communities inside these prisons. We have to begin by confronting our racism for what it is, ignorant programming. We must respect each other. We must stop preying on each other and our weak. We talk about respect, and we talk about how bad we hurt each other, but we have to stand up against all this. We have to stand up against the racist bullshit in our midst. We have to organize ourselves to protect our weak, to educate ourselves, to deal with the problems in prison, of prison, and to deal with the system that enslaves us **ALL** regardless of our color or strength.

We must not be afraid of each other. We must love each other and help each other do more than survive here. The only way to end our oppression is for us to unite as the one we really are. No one will do it for us.

-ABDC-

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OPEN ROAD

## Screws turn at Walla Walla

The longtime struggle at Walla Walla Penitentiary in Washington State is reaching the breaking point. After an alleged "breakout" attempt, a hunger strike and an explosion all took place in rapid succession recently, authorities instituted a series of repressive measures: a new, hard-line administration was brought in, use of solitary confinement was intensified, and prisoners were locked down in their cells for weeks.

The latest round of high-profile incidents began on June 30, when a dozen guards stormed the cell of four members of the prison's Men Against Sexism group. Authorities claim they found a pistol, a bomb, hand grenades and a "breakout" communique.

The next day, guests attending a MAS "banquet"

at the pen were greeted by guards who searched their cars. Legally purchased hand guns and two automatic carbines were allegedly discovered and five guests were arrested (four were released the same day).

#### LONGTIME TENSIONS

The State claims that, after the banquet, some MAS members on clean-up detail had planned to attack the guard tower and flee to waiting cars on the outside. While authorities have claimed to hold evidence linking two members of the detail to the so-called "break-out," they threw all nine members into segregation (over half of MAS is now in segregation) and have recommended that an additional five years be tacked on to some of their sentences.

Long before this incident tensions had been building at the pen. Demands agreed upon during a 46 day strike in 1977 (the longest in Washington State history), dealing with overcrowding, the use of solitary confinement and guard brutality were being disregarded. In the Intensive Security Unit (ISU) prisoners were allowed few visits, no personal property, and little yard time. Their commissary orders were often ignored, phone calls denied, visits from lawyers restricted, and beatings were commonplace.

In May Robert Redwine was stabbed by a fellow prisoner. Despite his protests that he was in extreme pain, Redwine's wounds were described as "superficial"

and, without x-rays, he was sewn up and locked in a security cell. Nurse Eva Nelson claimed his cries were a play for drugs and she denied anyone access to his cell. Within hours he was dead from internal bleeding.

On July 19 prisoners in ISU went on a hunger strike. Most of their demands were met after three days when it seemed the strike might spread to the general population.

Still, guard attacks continued unabated. On August 6, Leonard Carter, after objecting to the wire screen separating himself from a visitor (the administration agreed to drop the screen after the strike), was handcuffed tightly and taken back to his

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cell. Carter made the mistake of commenting that the guards would "have to take the cuffs off sometimes." He was beaten, then thrown into a cell where he remained handcuffed for hours.

On August 11, while guards attempted to diffuse a pipe bomb they had discovered, the bomb exploded, killing a guard and hospitalizing several others.

All prisoners were locked down in tiny 4-man cells for eighteen days. During the three days prior to the lockdown there were four separate reports of brutal beatings by guards.

Gerald Thompson, a bureaucrat at Pacific Northwest Bell, was brought in to head up the State's prison system. He used the bombing incident as an excuse to tighten security at Walla Walla, new electronic surveillance and metal detecting devices, cut-backs on self-work programs and the firing of Adult Corrections boss Douglas Vinzant, known as a relatively "soft-line" administrator who encouraged self-employment programs and expanded club functions. Vinzant's Warden Genakos resigned.

## CHANGING OF GUARDS

The new warden is James Spalding, a former lieutenant at Walla Walla and an ex-green beret. Spalding immediately revoked the agreements won during the July 19th strike and eliminated all visits to ISU. He also capitulated to all the demands of the guard's union, long critical of Vinzant. The guards demanded increased security and got the construction of a concrete wall dividing ISU from the general population. Communication between the two groups of prisoners has

been an integral part of past Walla Walla resistance. The 1977 general strike, for instance, was an outgrowth of struggles for improved conditions that started in ISU.

The repression has deepened on many fronts. Over 1,600 prisoners are crowded together in a prison designed for 850. Medical, food, vocation, and counselling "services" are inadequate "assembly line type" operations and there is little access to the sort of learning skills required to get parole. Prisoners have 10 square feet to themselves in their cells although state law requires at least 60 square feet of unobstructed space per prisoner. But, as a Walla Walla prisoner recently wrote, "a person has no space/room/air. I don't know what cubes a government financial egg head would say the human being needs to remain whole/healthy and sane but I do know we ain't getting it."

People are involuntarily transferred to prisons thousands of miles from their friends and families with little notice, personal property has been confiscated (musical instruments, tools needed for prisoners livelihoods), there are random shakedowns, communication and movement are tightly restricted, and rights to organize idle time have been curtailed. The new wall, and Spalding's affirmation of the guard union's power, is only a license for more of the same.

On the outside, increasing numbers of people are supporting the prisoners and their demands to stop involuntary transfers, end overcrowding, and dismiss brutal administrative functionaries like nurse Nelson.

Protest ranges from letters and petitions to a recent

demonstration held in Olympia by a group called the Washington Coalition Against More Prisons (it demands the immediate release of 1,000 Washington State prisoners, including 500 from Walla Walla) to the pieing of Gerald Thompson by another group called the Committee to Release All Prisoners.

## PRISONERS RESIST

And inside, many prisoners are prepared to resist. During the lockdown, mattresses and books were burned in cells and TV dinners and body wastes tossed at guards.

A recent letter from a Walla Walla prisoner pointed out that Thompson's attitude toward prisoners is to "beat their heads when they look up... Fuck you Dixey! (Gov. Dixie Lee Ray, who appointed Thompson) I'll bet we have another riot!"

Walla Walla may explode, yet the public has little knowledge of the daily brutality faced by prisoners there. As the Walla Walla Brothers, a revolutionary group inside the walls, commented in a recent statement: "The bourgeois media... make it sound as if prisoners are bombing their captors out of mere boredom, rather than reporting these incidents as being part of a continuing fight by prisoners to change intolerable conditions of existence... Instead of seeing the continuity of prisoner resistance they look upon each action as an isolated incident, as something that won't happen again if they but tighten the screws here and there."

For information on the Walla Walla struggle write the Washington Coalition Against More Prisons, 743 Broadway E., Seattle, WA 98102.

## Criminal Law

The high court reversed the robbery and rape convictions of three Arkansas men on the ground that they were entitled to separate counsel at their trial, rather than all being represented by a single public defender when their individual interests conflicted (*Holloway v. Arkansas*, No. 76-5856).

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger was joined in the majority opinion by Associate Justices William J. Brennan Jr., Potter Stewart, Byron R. White, Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens. Dissenting were Associate Justices Lewis F. Powell Jr., Harry A. Blackmun and William H. Rehnquist.

In another ruling on the constitutional guarantee of assistance of counsel, the high court declined to review a decision overturning an Illinois murder conviction because one court-appointed defense attorney was also involved as a special prosecutor for the state in two other cases (*Illinois v. Pendelton*, No. 77-1175).

The justices declined to review the murder conviction of a 13-year-old Arkansas girl who had waived her right to remain silent and consult an attorney after talking with her mother, who believed herself to be a suspect in the same crime at the time (*Little v. Arkansas*, No. 77-5874).

Dissenting from the decision not to hear the case were Justices Marshall and Brennan, who contended that the waiver of constitutional rights by children upon advice by adults who have a potential conflict of interest presented an important issue.

The justices also left standing a decision upholding the right of prison officials to deprive an inmate of the portable typewriter on which he had written legal papers for himself and other prisoners, despite his argument that hand-written appeals to the courts are a "badge of inferiority" (*Blizzard v. Mahan*, No. 77-939).

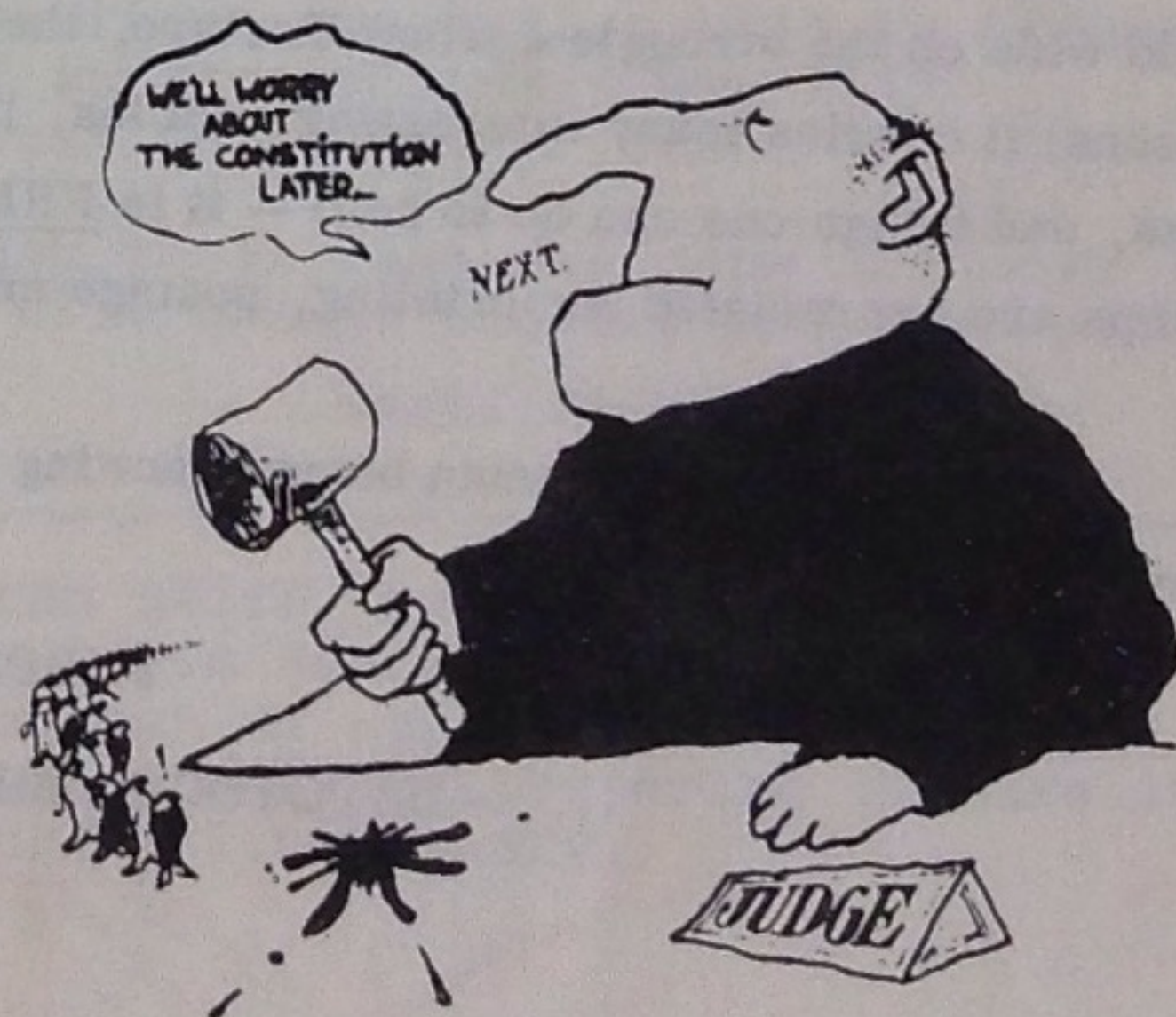
The high court declined to review the conviction of two major gangland figures, Joseph Gambino and Carlo Conti, for conspiracy, racketeering and extortion in connection with their operation of a garbage business in the Co-op City area of the Bronx (*Gambino v. U.S.*, No. 77-1206).

*Life belongs to us too! We too have a right to it! We only have to know how to fight for it! It is easy enough to live if they give you life as a gracious gift! It is not so easy when they want to snatch life away from you!*

*Rise up, people, and fight for your lives!*

*Every mother shall become a lioness defending her young! No longer shall a father quietly look upon the death of his children! The shame of the first act in our destruction shall not be repeated! May every house become a fortress! Rise up, people, and fight!!! Your salvation lies in fighting! He who fights for his life has the chance of saving himself. We rise up in the name of the fight for the lives of the helpless whom we wish to save and whom we must rouse to action!*

— From Warsaw Ghetto underground leaflet (1943)





## Shut down Marion torture chamber!

The control unit at the Federal Prison in Marion, Illinois, is a solitary confinement unit where prisoners are kept in six-by-eight-foot cells, 23 and a half hours a day, for two, three or four years. Prison activists from all over the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are sent to this torture chamber.

Conditions at the unit are so brutal that it has the highest suicide rate in the entire federal prison system, according to Bureau of Prisons statistics. The most recent example came on September 1, when a prisoner was beaten unconscious after refusing to return to his cell. Other prisoners in the unit have reported by letter that he was "repeatedly kicked and beaten with billy clubs" by the Marion "goon squad," a group of guards specially trained to suppress prison rebellions.

For six years, the Marion Brothers, prisoner activists in the control unit, have been fighting to force the government to shut it down. On November 27, supporters of the Marion Brothers will demonstrate in front of the Bureau of Prisons office in St. Louis demanding the immediate closing of the control unit.

If you want Human Rights, If you want Peace, If you want Equality, then you must take it! All this shit of waiting on the powers that be ain't nothing!!!  
Rather then continue defending ourselves everytime we turn around, let's turn it into an offensive and put all the clowns up against the wall.

-ABDC-

Sweeden (8 mil. pop.) Plans to close prisons by 1980.

Denmark (14 mil. pop.) Average prison population: 114.

Canada (23 mil. pop.) Average prison population: 20,000 (one of the highest ratios in western society.)

China (800 mil. pop.) Average detained and imprisoned population: 40,000,000.

ALL PRISONERS ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS!

## HAPOTOC FAMILY INTERNATIONAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Help a Prisoner and Outlaw Torture Organizing Committee (HAPOTOC) needs you and your assistance to help expose the state's behavior in jails, prisons and concentration camps around the world, and at the same time work for the ending of the social conditions which give rise to crime, violence, prisons, police forces, armies and dictatorships of all kinds.

Please write us:

1 : ICAT (International Crusade Against Torture), P.O. Box 22523, Fazantenhof, Bijlmermeer, Amsterdam, Holland. Deals specifically with cases of Torture, Behavior Modification, and the humans under sentence of death...this struggle wing needs to be built up so that it can become an emergency wing capable of acting very rapidly.

2 : ICAP (International Crusade Against Prisons), P.O. Box 27087, 1002-AB, Amsterdam, Holland. Deals with prison conditions, life imprisonment cases, prison slave labor...with an underlying strategy of ending the prison system altogether.

3 : HAPOTOC REBEL (newsletter of the HAPOTOC Family International), P.O. Box 10638, Amsterdam, Holland. Carries news world wide on the struggle against Torture, the Death Penalty, and Prisons; it carries many interesting articles, lists of prisoners to write, and things one can do to help — it is FREE to all. (Donations / stamps are appreciated for printing, postage and support work.)

HAPOTOC needs human beings knowing and supporting human beings...

FREEDOM!

—HAPOTOC Family International—

## B.C. prisoners go on rampage with chainsaws

CHILLIWACK, British Columbia (AP) — Convicts at the Ford Mountain minimum security prison camp near this Fraser Valley community went on a wrecking and burning rampage over the weekend using chainsaws and clubs, authorities reported.

RCMP said four to eight prisoners at the camp about 30 miles southeast of here assaulted and overpowered two guards Saturday night, attacked some of the facility's buildings with clubs and chainsaws and then set fire to the structures.

Police said authorities at the camp were kept at bay while the prison's main office, cookhouse, laundry house and four living units were destroyed by fire.

Four prisoners involved in the insurrection were removed to Chilliwack RCMP cells. The other prisoners were transferred to other forest camp facilities in the area.

Got some good news and some bad news. BAD NEWS: A new man is sitting on Death Row here after being convicted of Killing A Cop. GOOD NEWS: He's a self-proclaimed police informant.

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MEMBERS OF THE SRA Federation since MONDAY. How 'bout that?



ah, shucks

OLYMPIA

City and county jails apparently won't be inspected this year because the Washington State Jail Commission is running out of money.

The commission, created last year to supposedly oversee a sweeping overhaul of the state's local jails, was given \$200,000 for the past fiscal year and was promised more in the anticipated 1978 session.

But Gov. Dixy Lee Ray declined to call a session and the commission was told it would be out of money by June 30.

A \$50,000 appropriation has been secured, but the commission will be crippled until the Legislature passes another budget bill next year, says Executive Secretary Floyd Powell.

Powell said the commission needs \$238,000 in the current fiscal year July, 1, 1978, to June 30, 1979 - to do the work the Legislature mandated.

He said the commission staff has been cut in half, from six to three; the number of commission meetings cut back from monthly to bimonthly; and public hearings scheduled for Seattle and Spokane on proposed "custodial care standards" have been canceled.

Info from Tacoma newspaper

no \$ for max

The proposed super-max prison for New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado may not be constructed. Utah has already rejected the \$50,000 per bed facility as too expensive and Colorado and New Mexico support is lukewarm at this point.

Arizona and Nevada may go ahead with a smaller joint joint on their own. Both claim to have a high percentage of dangerous and security-risk prisoners, supposedly linked to Mafia activities.

-T.T.L.G.-

Some how all of us must understand that the important thing is, not to follow, but make an individual effort. It is imperative for the so called leaders in our world to comprehend that it is their duty and task to obtain this effort by example and not force.

Capt. Midnight, ABDC

Russia, China, Cuba, Vietnam, are no friends of ours, no friend to the People and no friend of the workers. Their behavior proves that so why not admiteit

## Links Without Chains

The War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10002, has just published **While There Is A Soul In Prison** (\$3.50 a copy or \$13 for 4), its 1979 Peace Calendar and appointment book. It contains many moving graphics, a powerful history of the prison movement and stories of personal experiences.

The Brotherhood of American Indians, inside the Washington State Pen, is asking for donations to help them win the legal right to practice the "natural spiritual ways of our people." Write the group at #1, P.O. Box 520, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Tax exempt number for cash or money orders is #91-1018893. For general information on many native political prisoners write the **Native American Solidarity Committee**, P.O. Box 3426, St. Paul, MN. or the **Leonard Pelletier Defense Committee**, P.O. Box 1, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Astrid Proll, a member of the West German urban guerilla **Red Army Faction**, is fighting extradition to West Germany from England where she was arrested in September. She has very real reasons to fear for her life if returned to West Germany (eight RAF prisoners have died in jail since 1974). Send donations and letters of support for Astrid C/O the **Astrid Proll Defense Committee**, at her lawyers, Harold Weston and Co., 21/23 Westbourne Grove, London, England W2 4UaXX and the **Friends of Astrid Proll**, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London, England EC1 ROAT. Often it appears that the West German State uses its powers to attack only members of the RAF and its "supporters." This picture is far from true. For example, six members of the **2nd-of-June Movement**, an anti-authoritarian guerrilla group in West Germany, are presently charged with carrying out a political kidnapping that secured the release of five prisoners. For further information contact **AKAS**, C/O Postfach 3021, 4 Dusseldorf 1, W. Germany.

The American Revolution will not be brought about by blacks, chicanos, indians, or women.

The American Revolution will be brought about by the prisoners who fill Americas jails and prisons.

Through their rage may come the love that will change history and the world.

Capt. Midnight -ABDC-

You can stick that apple pie, and mom up your ass Amerika, because we have had enough of apple pie and mom, we want more and are preparing to take it by force if necessary.



# Harris' still fighting



Bill and Emily Harris

Former Symbionese Liberation Army members Bill and Emily Harris have been sentenced from 10 years to life in prison for their role in the SLA's kidnapping of Patty Hearst. The Harris had entered guilty pleas to the charge, while denying Hearst's claim that she had been tortured, raped and

brainwashed.

Their guilty plea, they stated, was a pragmatic choice made to "gain control" of the amount of time they have to serve. In a statement to the court they stressed that it "does not represent bowing down to the State". Their lawyers estimate that they could be on the streets in five

to seven years.

The government, they believe, was relieved not to have to bring them to trial because such a trial would have exposed the relationship of the state to the Hearst fortune. By exposing Patty's lies, it would have embarrassed her family's efforts to get her released from prison immediately. Also, it would have highlighted "the Hearst family's history of greed, manipulation of public opinion, open advocacy of racism, and championing of imperialist aggression".

"Like anyone," the two conceded, "we experience doubts, pain, sadness and loneliness" in confronting a future of years more of degradation and separation in prison. "But our feelings exist within a pervading sense of strength, knowing that "time" can't destroy the sense of freedom that's within us."

In pleading guilty, Bill and Emily took "full responsibility for our participation in the first political kidnapping in this country." They remain proud that their actions forced the Hearst family to funnel two million dollars worth of food to poor California communities, shattering the invisibility of the ruling class. And they retain their "confidence in our combined strength to continue fighting for the principles we believe in—the right of all people to control their own lives and to be free no matter what the costs."

## GJB holds court

Members of the urban guerrilla George Jackson Brigade turned their recent Seattle trial into an indictment of capitalism and some jurors found it guilty as charged. Faced with several counts of bank robbery, explosives, and conspiracy, Terese Coupez and John Sherman, acting as their own lawyers, planned to present a defense that their acts were justified in the face of the current system. Although the judge ruled against this plan, they were still able to take the offense: affirming their revolutionary actions while

explaining that armed struggle is not "terrorism." The surprise came when, although the two had presented themselves as urban guerrillas, some jurors held out for acquittal and others suggested leniency.

They each got twenty year sentences instead of the maximum 120 years. The success of their appeal to the jury shook up the State to the point that it has now dropped any further prosecution of GJB member Rita Brown (held in Alderson, W. Va., federal women's prison) because she's already got more time (25 years) for fewer "crimes" than Coupez and Sherman were sentenced for. While Coupez and Sherman were holding court, Janine Betram was being sentenced to ten years after pleading guilty to the same charges. While Betram was sentenced separately, she released a message expressing "love and respect" for the other GJB members.

The courtroom victory of Coupez and Sherman prompted the government to offer Sherman deals on upcoming trials (he's the only GJBer still facing trial). He answered that the only deal he'd accept is freedom. In a trial in September Sherman was given thirty years for his role in the Brigade's aborted bank robbery in Tukwila, Wa., but the time runs concurrent with his other sentence. He faces one more trial (escape from custody) and is, thus far, eligible for parole in 8½ years.

In a statement at the Tukwila trial Sherman said he no longer considered himself a member of the GJB because of the possible confusion about whether, from his isolation in a cell, he's speaking as a Brigade member or as himself, and because he can no longer share in the daily development of the group although he doesn't know if the GJB will continue to exist.

Sherman stressed that his withdrawal from the GJB should not be taken as a denunciation of the group: "I'm proud that we rejected the view that the common people in the country are unfit for revolution... I'm proud of our willingness to listen and change, and to learn from our mistakes and our successes."

For more information about the GJB write the Public Support for the George Jackson Brigade committee, P.O. Box 22204, Seattle, Wa. 98122 or Left Bank Books, 92 Pike St., Seattle, Wa. 98101.

BURUJ is a "jail-house lawyer" collective, recently formed in the Georgia State Prison to provide legal and financial assistance to the many "penniless and forgotten" prisoners who are "victims of the same monster that captured all of the others." While recognizing the importance of organizing around "political prisoners," the collective plans to address itself to the needs of the often forgotten prisoners locked down for economic crimes rather than those held on explicitly political charges. They ask that financial support be sent to BURUJ, c/o First Federal Savings and Loan of Atlanta, Box 3251, Atlanta, Georgia 30302. Other correspondence should be sent to Geral Price, 70725, E-1, Georgia State Prison, Reidsville, GA 30453 or Abdul Shaheed Hameed, 70823, E-1, at the same prison.

Four Black Americans, Jean and Melvin McNair, Joyce Tillerson and George Brown, are facing trial in France as a result of their 1972 hijacking of a jet from Florida to Algeria. The four successfully fought extradition back to the US but, due to a Franco-American treaty, will be tried on the hijacking charges in France. However, one of the group, George Brown, is being extradited to the US to serve the remainder of a robbery sentence in Trenton Penitentiary in New Jersey where he escaped in 1970. Before leaving America all four actively opposed US involvement in Vietnam (one is an army deserter) and fought for Black Liberation. For more information, and to send letters asking the French government not to extradite Brown, write **Comite de Defense des 4 des Fleury**, C/O Pasteur Marcel Henriet, 2 Allee Maurice Ravel, 92260 Fontenay aux Roses.

U.S. authorities have a five year plan (1977-82) to spend 1.4 billion dollars increasing America's prison capacity by 24%. In Canada, the government intends on building twenty-four new federal prisons at a cost of \$500,000,000. Opposition is building in both countries. Check with **Jericho, National Moratorium on Prison Construction**, 3016 Mt. Pleasant Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010 and the **Moratorium Committee on Prison Construction**, Box 2175, Station D, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5W4.

Good Grief,  
Big Brother



read  
FREEDOM



# Deadlock Continues At Pontiac

CHICAGO—The struggle of the Pontiac Brothers continues on two fronts.

The deadlock imposed on the 2,100 prisoners after the July 22 rebellion at the Illinois prison is still not over. But it is being modified. On October 23, Warden Pinkney was fired and replaced by Warden Harvey. Harvey immediately increased the number of visits allowed prisoners. Pinkney's firing was in part the result of pressure generated by publicity about the deadlock.

Then on November 3, Federal Judge Crowley made a preliminary ruling in a suit against the deadlock filed months earlier. The judge ordered that prisoners must be allowed to get phone calls and three visits a month. He also ordered regular exercise and showers immediately for the prisoners. In addition, he told authorities to submit a plan in a week to end most other aspects of the deadlock.

(On November 9, however, an appeals court threw out Crowley's order, except for the ruling on phone calls and

visits.)

Crowley had noted that the long deadlock violated prisoners' rights to due process, and that it was prolonged in order to pressure prisoners to give evidence to investigators seeking indictments against prisoners in the rebellion.

These indictments are expected soon. Thirty prison-

ers have been transferred to the prison at Stateville (Joliet). It appears that the prisoners who will be charged with murder, arson, and other charges will be some or all of these 30. When indictments are issued, the focus of the defense work will shift to the trials of the indicted prisoners. □



so you can see that no matter how hard it becomes for all of you, the fight that you have against the prison system must never stop.

At this moment and any other, we wish that it would be possible to unite with you physically, mentally and spiritually in order to fight as one and bring about the change that we want. Brothers, Comrades, be strong and always keep in mind that the August 8th Brigade stands by your side in every way possible.

**Free all political prisoners! Free the Pontiac Brothers! Free Puerto Rico now! Free all third world nations! Freedom is our only plan and goal!**

**En la lucha siempre,  
—The August 8th Brigade**

**Marxist-Leninist:** The reactionary, fascist, imperialist....

**Anarchist:** Alright, already, how about some air on the jive! If you got some thing to say just break it down to the the streets man, shit.

December 25th:

To the rich man,  
the poor man,  
the dreamer,  
and the fool.

To the hooker,  
and the hooked.

MERRY CHRISTMAS....

## NICE NEWS (Rumor)

Correctional Officer Steward and Correctional Edwards of the State Penitentiary here at Walla Walla decided to harass and assault a man down town who was on Parole. Seems they both got run over by a car the parolee just happened to be driving. Edwards is high in the Pigs Union, and Steward is a backstabber who plays cool with the cons. Send all cards to the General Hosp. down town.

## BAD NEWS

**Fact:**

Sgt. Gilliland the MAGGOT from Segregation is now a counselor. Very sick man here Bros. a fascist, next time you see him ask him how the shit tasted that he was hit with in Seg....

When your asked for donations for Big Red and Death row help out will you, they need...

**August 8th Brigade Writes:**

## Long Live the Prison Struggle!

Greetings Brothers:

From within the confines of this prison we send our highest and most sincere force of solidarity in the fight all of you are waging against this prison system. We say "this" prison system because it is the same all over the U.S. of amerikkka.

We have read and studied literature that you have written and in our studies we have seen the similarity in the fight that we are undergoing and yours. The fight is a long and difficult one but knowing that everyone in prison will be affected by the outcome of our fight, it gives all of us the strength to continue in order to change the system or destroy it completely. The growing forces of the Ku Klux Klan has to be stopped no matter what they are in power or what means they have to destroy us. The

struggle behind these walls is more important than our lives. We will fight to the end but our voices will be heard. **Long live the prison struggle!**

Through our experience, beginning on August 8, 1977, until this day and time, many things have happened to us. We were shipped to different facilities all over New York State. Taken to court in very barbaric manners and been set up on different institutional charges so we could be kept in the "BOX" for lengthy amounts of time. It has been a long and hard 14 months of fighting but to this day we stand together and continue to fight back with every means that is available to us. At times it all seemed to go down the drain and our strength was getting weaker and weaker. We say all this



# Letters

## Overcrowding

Governor Ray recently stated that overcrowding of state penal facilities is not the problem in Washington's prisons. She said overcrowded conditions is but one of many problems, most of which date back to 1966 and the introduction of the philosophy of rehabilitation. In her opinion the root cause of prisoner unrest stems from the introduction of an improper conceptual approach to corrections.

Her scapegoat is Dr. Conte, the former Director of Corrections, and the man responsible for trying to implement the concept of rehabilitation into this state's prison system. The governor advocates getting back to "basics" as a solution to the increasing anger of prisoners - corrections basics is a euphemism for pure punishment. Those who disagree with her are branded as being "simplistic".

We are a group of progressive prisoners here at the Washington State Penitentiary who happen to have some ideas of our own. Since we are victimized on a day-to-day basis by the oppressive cruelty of these institutions, we have the right to put forward and fight for the demands that will best serve the interests of both the public and the prisoners. This puts us at odds with Governor Ray and the solutions she proposes. While we agree that the problem of the prisons is an old one, going a lot further back than the decade suggested by the Governor, we do not agree that the solution lies in regressing into the arms of the failures of the past. It was, if you remember, the failure of long sentences and strict punishment to curb the growing recidivism rate that led to the adoption of the rehabilitation concept. This concept has never been given a meaningful opportunity to work. Changing the name of prisons to "Corrections Centers", guards to "Correctional Officers", wardens to "Superintendents", and prisoners to "Residents", has not resulted in the rehabilitation of anyone. Neither has the institution of token reforms that did not involve a transfer of actual power into the hands of the prisoners, such as control of all non-custody budgets and a voice in release procedures, lead to anyone's rehabilitation.

And, while the state cries about the failure of rehabilitation to work, the only vocational training available to prisoners in this place is license plate making 101. The con-

cept of rehabilitation has not failed; it was sabotaged by the state before it ever got off the ground. The answer is not to go back into the unworkable past. It is, rather, to go forward into a more just future. The starting point is to implement the concept of rehabilitation in a real way, with genuine prisoner-helping-prisoner programs, and concern for the material and emotional well being of prisoners.

We would indeed be guilty of oversimplification if we tried to pass the problem of the prisons off as a difference between the conservative and liberal approach, i.e. punishment versus rehabilitation. It is more complex than that. Actually, both concepts are bankrupt inasmuch as each has as its aim the adjustment of prisoners to an environment that is destructive to the best notions of humanity. No, overcrowding is not "the" problem. It is more like a symptom of a far deeper problem - one that Ray cannot admit - and this is the inability of the state to provide it's poor with jobs or other meaningful social opportunities. It is a problem of the system. Capitalism is in such a state of decay that it cannot meet the basic needs of an increasing segment of it's population. Such a situation must inevitably result in prisons stuffed to the gills.

We don't claim that a reduction in prison populations is going to in any way solve the growing number of poor people forced into unlawful means of support. It is not. What we are saying

is that it is morally, ethically, and legally wrong to confine four human beings to the tiny cages provided for prisoners here at Walla Walla; to force prisoners to experience the stress placed on the prison hospital, kitchen, and together essential services that were designed to serve half the number of prisoners they presently serve. (This stress is measured in terms of inadequately treated or dead men at the hospital, or improper clothing to wear if considering the clothing room).

It is cruel to make people live in an atmosphere of fear and tension because of the short tempers resulting from too many people in too small a space for too long a time. This dehumanizing condition of existence is politely referred to as the strain of overcrowding. Our captors justify this condition of existence by saying that we have been convicted of a "crime", the theory being that such

**PEOPLE  
CALL US  
NAMES!!**

SHORT RIBS

THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY.



THAT FIRE-BREATHING  
DRAGON IS SO SMALL,  
I'LL SQUASH HIM LIKE  
A BUG.



by Frank Hill  
RULE NUMBER ONE: NEVER  
UNDERESTIMATE AN  
ADVERSARY.





## The 13th Amendment: cont.

Crime and unemployment are good for the System. We will always have crime because it is a system of have and have nots, and full employment is unprofitable and dangerous to the economy. No crime, and full employment is a threat to the ruling class, and the State.

The 13th Amendment justifies slavery, and slavery exists in America, it's as obvious as the nose on your face that this is true, but in order to see it one must open ones eyes. Doing away with the 13th Amendment changes nothing, but it is a good start. It removes the license from the books....

Capt. Midnight -ABDC-

I've been asked to do a piece on what I think is one of the most important phases of Anarchist theory.

Only have one thing to say. To Hell with a bunch of theory. People dwell too much on theory - like it was some sort of god that would lift us physically from the earth to a fabled Never-Never Land. I've had it up to my ears with theory.

Theory never amounted to a damn thing except arguments unless it was put into practice. Then it was no longer theory, but something else.

## Indiana Prisoners Salute Pontiac Rebellion *'Your Fight Is Our Fight'*

### Pontiac State Prisoners:

That this statement of solidarity and support comes now—some 90 days since the rebellion/fightback is indicative of our ever-growing but low political level of development. But that we present it today is demonstrative of our growth.

We as prisoners can easily embrace and most correctly recognize what quantitatively led to July 22, and sympathize with the loss of human life. Further, we can openly support and second the passage put forth in "Statement of the Pontiac Prisoners," in *La Antorcha/Torch*, Oct. 15-Nov. 14, 1978:

**"We don't believe that exploitation can be ended under capitalism nor do we believe that crime will end and prisons be abolished as long as the system of oppression which creates and profits from these continue to exist. So today we will give you no promises that there will be no more bloody prison rebellions here."**

As prisoners we know too, the concrete conditions existing in Pontiac on July 22 were not just peculiar on that day or only relegated to Pontiac. But were only unique in that on July 22, 1978, prisoners at Pontiac fought back! Serving further to heighten the already escalating contradictions of "the prison business" in the U.S., in general, thus ce-

menting once again the connection to working and oppressed people in particular.

The Pontiac prisoners struck back primarily in/with the only means appropriate—concentrated, concerted violence! Violence is/was appropriate in that violence and prisons are one and the same! Violence and amerikkka are synonymous! Violence and the political system of exploitation chiefly characterized by the amerikkkan government forces the inevitability of violence as the only means of redress in the prisons!

As prisoners we know all too well the atmosphere of violence that has to be created just to acquire some of the needed things, i.e., medical treatment, even respect of our families and friends when they come to the prison to visit.

The Pontiac Prisoners Statement that asserts: "... the very real danger that prison reforms will be taken as ends in themselves instead of a means to put checks on the authoritarian power and lessen the severity of prison repression..." is absolutely correct.

As we write this we know all too well of the prison authorities power-crazed ideal of itself, how it feels it has the right to openly intimidate/harass and dehumanize our families and

friends with their perverted concept of control through fear and terror. Terror and fear can control frightened people...but not forever!!!

As POW Bro. Dhoruba locked down in a kamp in New York State correctly pointed out in an open letter to demonstrators recently: "Black and oppressed people are living in a state of undeclared war!!!"

Therefore we are not under any illusions about what typifies day-to-day, month-to-months and year-to-years of existence where oppression and racism either in their more sophisticated forms (behind the walls) of "disciplinary proceedings/classification committees etc.," or, in their more blatant forms of Nazi and Klan activity. Our/your fight is against the very nature of capitalist/colonialist and imperialist rule!

So again we acknowledge that your fight is our fight and our fight is your fight! We are winning and we have suffered setbacks...this process will continue universally until self-determination/political independence and national liberation will rightfully restore to the world's people the natural order of things--a true socialist society!  
**Peace—After fierce struggle!  
War to the nub!  
Indiana State Prison  
Revolutionary Collective**

Anarchy is Life. You don't study theory to live. You LIVE. You don't read a book to learn how to breathe, you BREATHE. You don't join a study group to learn the proper methods of heart-beat. Your heart simply beats.

Are you an Anarchist? Don't talk about it, DO IT.

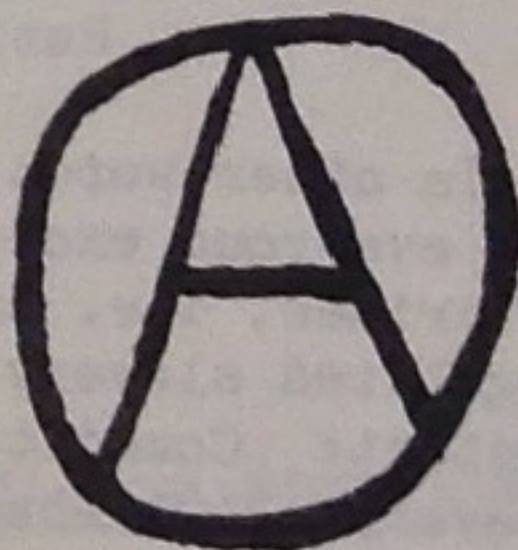
Don't think about it, BE IT.

Don't write stories about it, DO IT.

Don't discuss it, LIVE IT.

To Hell with a bunch of theory. I am an Anarchist. I AM. That's the whole script right there in those two words - I AM.

Capt. Killjoy  
ABDC





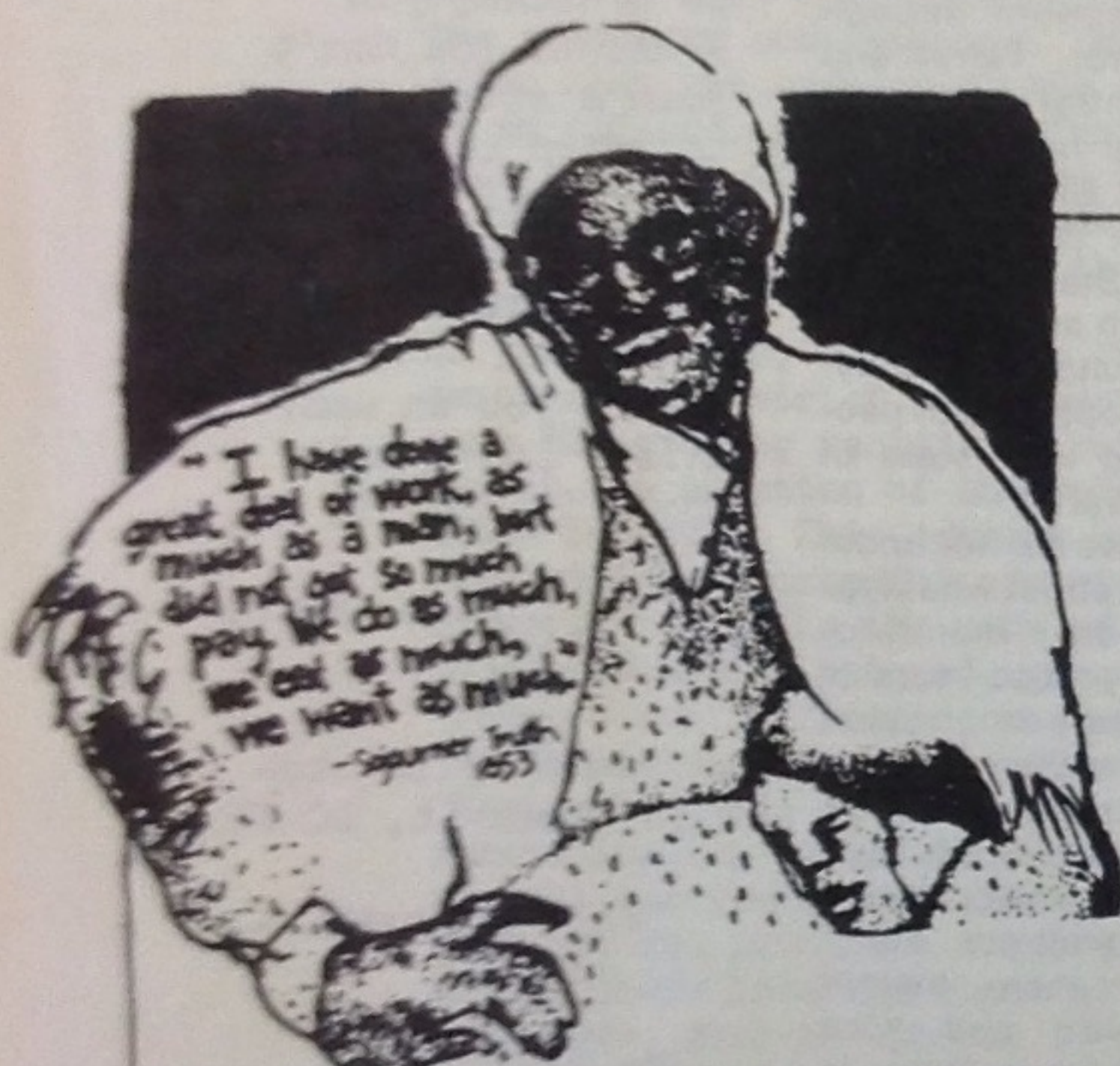
The Crime and Justice Foundation of Boston conducted a national survey to learn how other jurisdictions plan to deal with overcrowding.

They sought to determine what steps, other than, or in addition to prison expansion, were being taken. Responses to questionnaires were received from 49 of the 50 states.

The major finding was that correctional authorities are relying on the traditional use of secure incarceration as the answer to prison overcrowding. Of the total amount of new bed space planned, 70.5% is medium security and higher, only one-tenth of that (7%) is community-based. The survey did not reveal any other substantial new or innovative plans for the relief of overcrowding.

Regarding plans to expand correctional capacity by means other than traditional secure facilities, 21 states (42.8%) reported expanded use of community-based work release and restitution centers.

--From ON THE LINE  
American Correctional Association



"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been fully convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Proposed 1/31/1865  
Ratified 12/6/1865

...In other words, slavery is illegal for everyone except those convicted of crimes, i.e. prisoners. Prison is legalized slavery. For more information contact: Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery, 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA. 94705

## Links Without Chains

The infamous "box car cells" at Marion (Ill.) federal penitentiary were declared unconstitutional ("cruel and unusual punishment") in April but the Marion Brothers are finding it will be some time before prison authorities decide whether to obey the law. Trouble is, the decision was so vague that there are numerous loopholes the authorities might slither through.

The boxcar cells—six-by-eight-feet, three concrete walls and a solid steel door—have caused the deaths of nine men in the last five years, including three suicides in 1977 alone. They are located in the notorious Control Unit, the super-maximum behaviour modification facility reserved for prison organizers, jailhouse lawyers, political prisoners, Muslims and other "troublemakers" from every corner of the U.S. federal prison system.

Just prior to the ruling, Marion guards launched a reign of terror, and prisoners responded with a three-day hunger strike and other protests. Black anarchist prison organizer **Lorenzo Komboa Ervin** (serving life for hijacking a plane to Cuba as a Vietnam War protest), and three comrades were slung into the Control Unit, where racist white guards attempted to set up Ervin to be murdered (the white prisoners declined the invitation.)

Meanwhile, five of the Marion Brothers have been declared political prisoners of conscience by the Helsinki-based World Peace Council. They are Puerto Rican nationalist **Raphael Cancel Miranda**, American Indian Movement militant **Leonard Peltier**, black author **Eddie Griffin**, and prison organizer **Victor Daniel** and **George Blue**. More on the struggle at Marion from the National Committee To Support the Marion Brothers, 4556a Oakland, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

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News of **Noel** and **Marie Murray**, the Irish anarchists who narrowly escaped the noose last year and are now serving life on framed-up charges of killing a cop: Marie is in, good spirits, but feeling isolated; she's been expecting her appeal to come up for several months, but no sign of it yet; meanwhile, she's contemplating a suit to force the authorities to grant her conjugal visiting rights. Noel is in Curragh military prison; all the other anarchists have been released or moved, and he spends his time reading up on the law and planning legal moves. He would like to receive historical books on people's struggles (Marie can only order books through the library). Both would appreciate receiving letters with lots of news. Write Marie at Limerick Women's Prison, Limerick, Eire; and Noel at Curragh Military Detention Camp, Curragh, Co. Kildare, Eire.

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The Italian authorities have revived the old fascist practice of "confino"—banishment of political opponents to isolated mountain villages or remote islands without even a semblance of due process. The exiling of militants—especially of the anti-authoritarian Workers' Autonomy—usually follows their "precautionary arrest" (preventive detention) on the say-so of a magistrate who accepts police statements they are "socially dangerous" or "inclined to criminal acts." One young anarchist, **Robert Mander**, 26, was recently banished to an island where economic conditions are so bleak and the locals so hostile that he has to depend on handouts. Follow Italian events in the biweekly **Peoples' News Service**, 182 Upper St., London N1, England (\$5 for 10 issues).

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Have a read of **The Cellmate**, which carries news of and by gay prisoners (free from Box 5570, Los Angeles, Calif. 90055); and **Don't Mourn, Organize!** with lots of news on the prison movement (free to prisoners, \$1 for three issues to others, from 1133 Broadway, Room 517, New York N.Y. ... **Prison Law Monitor**, a monthly compilation of judicial decisions, new laws, prison movement activities, and other developments affecting prisoners' and juveniles' rights, is due out this summer, edited by former jailhouse lawyer Jimmy Potts. It's a non-profit venture, but research is still expensive, so they're asking \$6 per year from prisoners (free if you can't afford it) and \$12 from movement groups. Write, PLM at 1346 Conn. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. ... A national newspaper for prisoners in Canadian joints is in the planning stage. Contact Dale Berranger, 9024 101st Ave., Fort St. James, B.C.



## Prisoner Found Dead

At approximately 5:35 p.m., Sept. 5, 1978, inmate Al McDougal, about 40, was found dead while on a tier (the "hole") in the intensive security unit of the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla. It was adjudged suicide.

During the previous two weeks, he had attempted suicide twice. On Sept. 4, 1978, he drank a cup of bleach. He was taken to the hospital overnight and then placed in ISU the next day. He threatened to hang himself. Approximately one and one-half hours after the threat, he was found dead. It took the authorities 15 minutes to get oxygen to his cell. It took 35 minutes for the doctor to arrive.

Normal procedure for prisoners placed in a tier cell is for the guards to check on them hourly, since they are shut behind steel doors. If a prisoner is suicidal, he is to be placed on suicide observation. In the case of McDougal, neither procedure was followed, although it was known that he was suicidal.

## Carter, Brezhnev, and Hua say 'happy birthday' to shah

On October 28 people throughout Iran were hearing the testimony of the political prisoners released on the shah's birthday. Accounts of gruesome torture, murder of defenseless prisoners, the anguish of relatives, filled the newspapers and were related at mass meetings.

But a different type of testimony appeared in *Rastakhiz*, the government newspaper. Instead of the outrage and opposition to the shah being expressed by millions of Iranians, *Rastakhiz* featured birthday greetings from Jimmy Carter, Leonid Brezhnev, and Hua Kuo-feng.

Nothing was said about the massacre of unarmed demonstrators or the shah's torture chambers and execution pits in these expressions of praise and support for the shah.

Carter assured the butcher of Tehran that despite "the recent unrest . . . your majesty can be proud and very satisfied with all you have done

for the progress of your country during the last thirty-seven years."

The messages from Moscow and Peking didn't even bother to mention the huge upsurge that is threatening to topple one of the few remaining absolute monarchs in the world.

Referring to the shah's massive military program, which is aimed against the Iranian masses, the USSR, and the prospect of social revolution elsewhere in the Middle East, Hua said: "I hope your royal highness will enjoy good health and that Iran will meet further successes in the defense of its independence and national sovereignty. . . ."

Brezhnev called for "good neighborly relations and cooperation" between the shah's dictatorship and the Soviet regime.

His shameless greeting to the shah was an indication of what Brezhnev means by "cooperation."

## strip searches out

On April 22, prisoners at Great Meadow Correctional Facility in New York won a victory against strip searches. A district court in Manhattan ruled that the searches, which were performed routinely at the prison, should be restricted to cases where it can be shown that there is reason to believe the search is necessary. Prisoners at Great Meadow had been forced to go through these searches every time they had a visit.

The decision was the result of a suit filed by Michael X. Hurley, a prisoner at Great Meadow at the time. For refusing to submit to degrading strip searches, Hurley was beaten many times by prison guards while at Great Meadow, as well as when he was at Comstock and Auburn. To cover its crimes, the state is planning to try him on eight counts of assault on prison guards. This could add 30 years to his current sentence.

In eight years of subjecting countless brothers to this form of harassment, the prison big shots had one bit of "contraband" to show for it - one marijuana cigarette!

A spokesperson for the Prisoners' Legal Services stated that they were going to try to get this decision extended throughout all New York prisons. The victory sets a precedent that other prisoners can use to fight to stop routine strip searches elsewhere.

-- Torch

Well kids that's all for this issue, we think we said something and hope you think so too. Comments,, critizisms, curses, etc. are always welcome. Seeings how we can not receive them directly please write us through the various Anarchist Publications that exist and we will see it. Your support is vital to our very existance and work here so please keep an ear open for any cries of help from us.

Please know that we are thinking of all of you even if we don't know your names where ever you are in struggle. Thank you Brothers in W.S.P. for passing us around inside, and for the many good strokes you have given us and the expropreating you have done to help us in our work.

We send greetings to Phil Ruff, Bill and Emily Harris, Joe and Russ, The Marion Bros., the B.C. Pen. Brothers, to our English, German, Mexican, and Irish Brothers. To Hapotec, Freedom, Open Road, Dandelion, Black Flag, Black Cross, SRAF, and the Anarchy Collective plus Left Bank Books a big hug, smile.

Merry Christmas Brothers and Sisters, and remember - one of these Christmases VICTORY!

We are the future, practice that future everyday. Don't give up, fight, fight, fight back, organize!

We Love You!

-ABDC-

ANARCHY IS BUT ANOTHER WORD FOR FREEDOM





## PRISON

For all the terrible stories one hears about prisons, it would appear that there really isn't too much good that can be said. But the fact remains that these places can be used for the advancement of our goals. In prison you can learn many things - most "illegal", to be sure - that can help you overcome the obstacles put before you "on the outside."

The State has the idea that putting a person in prison will stop his interests in illegal pursuits. But with so many people with the same interests jammed into the same area it becomes obvious pretty quickly that some of the information regarding various hobbies and/or occupations will undoubtedly rub off. Since this is so apparent, why not take advantage of it?

We do not advocate that one should build bombs to redecorate police stations or should learn armed robbery techniques to hit the Corner Grocery. But we do advocate that a person learn how and when to defend themselves. We do advocate that the people learn how different people react and the various value systems there seem to be. Prison is supposed to be an education. So learn.

Capt. Killjoy, ABDC

Revolution is a necessity, but it is not about hurting people, and violence. It is about changes.

To do that best is to live your life right, clean and good, always upfront, if you do not violate the peoples trust they will always back you up.

To be Revolutionary we must be real, responsible, and independent.

To win we must not support the system that enslaves us in any manner, we must take care of ourselves and learn how to make a living for ourselves and others. We must be self-reliant in all we do.

Change is mandatory, and only we can do it, no one else will do it for us...

Capt. Midnight -ABDC-

We hope this publication gives you all something to think about. We are the future. Let's hear it from some of you out there. Bitches, gripes, bellyaches, complaints, kudos, hurrahs, hellos, huzanga. hoochiecoo. WHATEVER... Write to Carl Harp 126-516 Box 520, Walla Walla, WA. 99362

**Those who danced were  
thought to be quite insane  
by those who couldn't  
hear the music-**

## Chicano activist framed up

Two years ago, Ramon Arroyos, a Chicano activist in El Paso, was framed on charges of firebombing a department store and sentenced to five years probation. Now the courts are trying to railroad him into prison for probation violation. On March 25 Arroyos was arrested and charged with drunken driving. The charge was such a flimsy attempt at a frame-up that the local county attorney was forced to dismiss the charges a few days later. But the Probation Department saw a chance to put Arroyos away and moved to revoke his probation based on the arrest. They did so even though Arroyos' own probation officer recommended against revoking probation.

At the hearing Judge Sam Callan told Arroyos: "If this was a jury trial, you would walk away. But I cannot put myself into the position of telling the community that the police are liars." After this lecture on the neutrality of the courts, Callan revoked Arroyos' probation. He is currently out on appeal.

## In brief...

Prisoners at the **Massachusetts Correctional Institute** ended one of the longest prison strikes in U.S. history with a victory on October 20. Prison boss Lawrence Parnell agreed to the strikers' main demands: ending strip searches of visitors, allowing relatives to participate in prison programs, and the holding of hearings on Norfolk's classification system.

On October 13 an all-white jury in Cullman, Alabama, convicted **Tommy Lee Hines** for allegedly raping a white woman. Cops claimed that Hines, a 26-year-old Black man, confessed in writing to the crime, although Hines is mentally retarded and barely able to write his name. The only identification of Hines was made by a woman who admits her attacker was masked. The pig judge sentenced Hines to 30 years in prison.

Fifty people attended the November 4 fund-raising party for the **Cassandra Peten Defense Committee** at the Chicago RSL hall. Late in the evening there was a break in the dancing for brief speeches from News and Letters Committee, the National Alliance of Black Feminists (which did most of the work for the benefit), and the RSL. Cassandra Peten will go on trial November 27 for attempted murder and several gun charges for wounding her husband after he beat her for years. Around \$200 was raised for Peten's defense.

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## The 13th Amendment:

### AMENDMENT XIII (1865) Section 1

" Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude , except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

## Model Prison?

Washington state's "model" prison, Purdy, is straying further and further from being the "rehabilitative facility" that it never was in the first place. In short, a prison is a prison, and this one is definitely getting worse. In the past several weeks especially, Purdy has been getting more repressive.

The state does not provide clothes for women when they are in Purdy. Because many women have only one set of clothes when they arrive, other women share their clothes until new women can get some of their own. The administration recently decided that the women have too many clothes, and the number they can have will be restricted and not shareable. Visitors are now required to fill out extensive and detailed inventory lists when they bring in clothes or other articles for women inside. That way the administration will know what belongs to whom.

Spot check urinalyses are common in Purdy as they are in most prisons. The purpose is to check if women are taking illegal drugs or drinking alcohol. Women on work release at Campion Towers in Seattle are getting sent back to Purdy on the basis of their urinalyses, when they have *not* been taking anything illegal. One woman at Purdy was recently told that her urine showed traces of heroin. She had not, in fact, taken any heroin, but she was punished with a 10 day sanction in her room, which means that she is confined to her room for 10 days.

The usual punishment for that type of infraction is four to five weeks in maximum security, but maximum and administrative segregation are both full beyond capacity, for the first time. General population is also overcrowded. The single rooms are being made into doubles, and doubles are getting bunk beds put in them.

Part of Purdy's "model" program has been that women earn privileges as they get "rehabilitated." You start out with no privileges and gradually are given the right to have things like telephones, radios; and you work up to larger privileges like work release and school release. Those privileges are awarded arbitrarily and pretty tenuously, which is clear from the fact that women from Campion Towers are

from the way in which women from Campion Towers are busted back to Purdy. The fact that maximum and administrative segregation are full indicates that punishment is starting to be more prevalent than privileges.

One of the most insidious things about Purdy is the arbitrariness and the manipulateness of the treatment, regardless of whether it occurs in the granting of privileges or the enforcement of punishment. The latest repressive measures are typical in that they seem to be random and unconnected. It's harder to organize against repression when it comes down that way; but the women there know what's happening.

*from Through the Looking Glass*

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When you are convicted or plead guilty in a court of law, that court turns you over to the Penal System. (The Penal System and the Courts are the Criminal Justice System)

The Penal System is a huge warehouse disguised as a ghetto at Walla Walla ( a reformatory or a prison in other places). The things in it are property, and profit is made directly and indirectly from those things. The Courts handle the contacts, and the Prisons hold the merchandise. The System profits, and the State remains in power.

The State complains that it costs approximately \$15,000.00 a year to keep a Prisoner in Prison, but what they don't tell you is how much they make off of the Prisoner. Without the Penal System there would be no Criminal Justice System as we know it today, and without the Criminal Justice System the economy would take a dive.

At first glance one would not believe this, but with thought the reality of the fact is self-evident. ONE Prison employs how many? All those people pay taxes, and all those people buy things, all seek pleasure and leisure, all those people are semi-loyal, at least, to the system, they must eat. Without those people the State would have no excuse to exist but the truth, which is that it exists to enslave humanity. This truth can not be realized by everyone at the same time, the ruling class realizes this very well.

The Penal System, like so much else, is nothing but an excuse for the existence of the State, and the classism that goes with it. It is also a justification for the ruling class's grip on it's reins.

The State is evil, it serves no good purpose , and is really unnecessary. The cause of crime , like the cause of unemployment, is the System itself, the State, which the ruling class uses to control and protect their interests with. The truth about crime is getting harder and harder to deny, only the ruling class struggles to deny it for the truth hurts and further exposes their lies. The reason for unemployment they can not deny and so they admit it, like they admit racism and sexism; they realize that as long as everyone is talking about it no one will do anything about it in an unprofitable manner. They also see everyone conditioned to believe that unemployment, like prison, is a necessary evil.

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conviction deprives us of the right to resist the crimes being committed against us in the holy name of punishment.

If punishment is to be the name of the game, so be it. The mere fact that we are confined in a condemned prison 350 miles from our families and loved ones is the only legitimate interest the state can have in punishment. Anything beyond simple confinement is a form of torture. Now we might passively submit to the numerous indignities inflicted upon us by overcrowding if it were not for the fact that it is an unnecessary condition. The Chairman of the state Parole Board told the House Institutions committee that several hundred W. S.P. inmates could be released immediately. The former warden put the figure at 800 prisoners. And the President's Task

Force on Corrections says that eighty percent of those confined in maximum security prisons do not require such an intense level of custody. There are hundreds of non-violent and victimless offenders at W.S.P. who can be released immediately, thus reducing the terrible strain of overcrowding. The Governor Knows this. She also knows that all she has to do is order the parole board to release the necessary number of prisoners and the intensity of the problem will be relieved. With a ceiling of 850 prisoners, instead of the nearly 1,400 we presently have, this particular problem will not reoccur.

Governor Ray was here a few months ago. She examined the cells and made noises on television about how small they were. She saw our posters demanding relief from what we called intolerable overcrowding and was told by prison leaders of the pressing need to rectify this situation. She went back to Olympia where she quickly forgot the problem. Months of continuous unrest in the state's prisons, including a work-strike around overcrowding at Monroe and a bomb blast in the Walla Walla control room that injured five guards, should be an indication that prisoners are not going to continue to let the state ignore its' responsibility to those in its custody. No, overcrowding is not the problem. It is, however, a symptom from which we must have some relief. State law requires that prisoners be given more unobstructed floor space than we are receiving. In fact, the law provides more space for animals in a zoo than what they give us. This is a crime against both law and humanity. Governor Ray and the system she represents are the criminals.

Love and Struggle,  
The Walla Walla Brothers

## JOINT ACCOUNTS

Been getting all sorts of exciting here. Every day is just as exciting as the one before.

Snowed the other day, but the Administration couldn't find a memo authorizing it so all the flakes (snowflakes) were rounded up and escorted out the front gate. Warnings were issued and the FBI is busy investigating to see if any federal laws were broken.

The Administration promised us turkey for Thanksgiving and they kept their word. All the "decent" guards spent the day at home and the indecent ones showed up for work. Some couldn't find their keys, some couldn't find the right buttons to push, and some couldn't find their asses with a map.

There is a new drug going around the prison. Rumor has it that it's called "Pipe-bomb." Word has it that it will really blow you away.

Our sources have confirmed that once again the Vatican has lied to millions of people. The new Pope claimed to be taking the name John Paul II to commemorate the memory of the Pope before him. He also promised to follow in his predecessor's foot prints. It has come to our attention, however, that the new Pope has already broken his first promise by staying alive more than a month and a half.

You may have heard that a while ago one of the guards here nonchalantly blew himself up when he was attempting to disarm a pipe-bomb that was discovered in the Recreation Hall. The bomb itself was located on the second floor of the Hall in an area known as the Education Floor. Sticking his chin out in his best Kirk Douglas imitation, he is reported to have said, "Let me handle it. I know what I'm doing." He then removed the device from the empty Education Floor and diligently transported it to Control - a populated area.

It has been erroneously reported that he died in the diligent dispatching of his duties. It would be more correct to say that his (un)fortunate demise was more in the nature of a sudden discharge.

All of us hear many rumors about these things, but suffice it to say that we all miss him, and strongly urge all the other guards to follow his example. He has shown us all new hope.

Capt. Killjoy, ABDC

