

REFLECTIONS ON MARION

i have been imprisoned for 14 years now, the last 8 years were at Marion. Recently i was transferred to USP Leavenworth due in no small measure to the pressures brought to bear on the BOP by the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown and associated groups, friends, comrades and atty's.

That is well and good, but Marion still remains, and many of my friends and comrades remain there also. And as long as Marion exists many will be sent there in the future.

Therefore Marion must be closed down--it's a snakepit designed to destroy prisoners or break them down into groveling idiots willing to do anything for a transfer out.

Much of the terror and brutality comes from the guards. From the moment a shackled prisoner walks thru the front gate he is pushed, shoved, cursed and yelled at, in an attempt to provoke him into a reaction. If he reacts he's immediately set upon by a mass of guards and beaten senseless. Welcome to Marion. Such atmosphere continues until the day he leaves.

But frankly, not all the terror comes from the guards. Officials have become so sophisticated in their craft that they've created an environment where much of the terror comes from other prisoners--preying on each other.

Marion is a "control" prison--meaning not only do they tightly control every facet of the prisoners existence, but they also control which prisoners are sent there. As a rule high notoriety political prisoners are selected for Marion, also prisoners with high expertise or influence in a particular field, and/or those that are high escape risk, and/or serious assault histories--but they also select enough ignorant, psychotic, racist, predator and/or thug mentality prisoners to inject into the Marion population to keep turmoil going between the prisoners themselves. This way much of the maiming and killing at Marion is done by prisoners to each other, as well as by guards.

This constant terror together with the almost total isolation from the outside world, the long-term 23 hrs/day lockdown, makes Marion one of if not the most oppressive and treacherous prisons in the world. And it goes without saying that mostly Black and 3rd World prisoners are sent to Marion.

It must be closed down. The closing of the Lexington Control Unit shows that it can be done. Lexington today--Marion tomorrow!

The Struggle Continues

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