

FREE OUR SISTERS IN JAIL

BAIL IS RANSOM

70% of the sisters and brothers held on Rikers Island are there because they cannot raise the bail to get out--their crime; being poor in a society where how much money you have determines your freedom. The sentenced prisoners are being held also because they are poor, Black or Latin. They are accused of having committed acts of survival in a country where the racist corporations owners are excluding more and more people from jobs, unemployment insurance, and welfare.

THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ON RIKERS ISLAND

- imprisons 700 women who have not had a trial and 200 sentenced women;
- is hailed by Lindsay as a luxury hotel but keeps women in isolation cells;
- is plagued by electrical fires due to bad construction and does not provide soap, toothpaste, tampax, cigarettes, and other necessities for the women;
- drugs women to keep them "manageable";
- has no legal books available to the women;
- compels women to have vaginal examinations every time they enter the jail and court;
- censors mail;
- pays women an illegal 3 to 10 cents an hour for work;

THE WOMEN'S BAIL FUND

is a coalition of Third World and white women who are:

- raising bail to release women prisoners from Rikers Island;
- establishing communication with women inside;
- assisting women who are bailed out in meeting their needs;
- providing legal information for prisoners;
- making public the torture these women undergo;
- supporting prison struggles everywhere.

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