

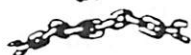
ATTICA



Once the inmates of Attica prison took over the facility on Thursday, September 9, 1971, a committee of inmates drew up five demands as preconditions to end the takeover. These five demands would be broadened into "fifteen practical proposals" that would form the basis for the attempted negotiations among the prisoners, the committee of outside observers, state prison officials, and representatives from the governor's office.

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TWO DECADES OF PRISON RESISTANCE :

First speaker:

(B.C.C. representative)

2:10pm

Video presentation:

("ATTICA") 80mins.

2:30pm

Guest speaker: Akil Al Jundi

(former attica prisoner)

3:55pm

Bonnie Kerness

(human rights activist)

4:15pm

Panel Discussion

(questions/answers)

4:30pm - 5:00pm

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important for us to constantly remind ourselves that a lot of people are making a lot of money in the US prison industry.

On the wall is a banner which has pictures of some of the men in the Management Control Unit in Trenton State Prison. On the table is a biography of one of them, along with some articles telling of the courage of some of the people in another isolation unit called the Administrative Close Supervision Unit, In N.J. prisons, consistent with prisons all across the country, if you Africanize your name, if you are involved in any progressive political movements or actions, if you are a Muslim, a Black Panther, a member of the Black Liberation Army or believe in independence for Puerto Rico - in other words, if you exhibit any consciousness of genocide or oppression of people - you may be singled out for solitary confinement. You don't have to break any institutional rules to be placed in the control unit....you are placed there because of who you are and what you believe. The warden of Marion Federal penitentiary, which is the governments largest control unit prison, has been openly quoted as saying "the purpose of the Marion Control Unit is to control revolutionary attitudes in the prison system and in the society at large".

Just picture the method this country uses to accomplish this.....you are placed in a cage in a human warehouse where you will eat, sleep, exercise, wash, read, think and take care of bodily functions/ You are there 24 hours a day, day in and day out, year in and year out. There is a steel door between you and the rest of the world and should you have to leave that cage, you are subjected to a strip search which often includes an anal probe. You move with shackles around your waist and legs, and you are handcuffed. Perhaps you are allowed out twice or three times a week for an hour or two of recreation, and you may be allowed a 15 minute phone call a day. Your phone calls are monitored and your reading material is censored. Your food may be tampered with and your medical care is non-existent. You are totally under the control of a white supremacist bureaucracy who has made it's feelings about you abundantly clear. You remain constantly on the alert for your own mental and physical deterioration. This world of isolation and segregation for indefinite periods of time because of one's beliefs is nothing short of torture.

The summer before last, at New Jersey State Prison, the guards would, once every two weeks. wake up half a dozen prisoners in the control unit at 1 o'clock in the morning dressed in full riot gear and accompanied by dogs. They strip searched the prisoners, ransacked their possessions, had the prisoners pack their belongings and made them switch cages. This was done repeatedly throughout that summer for no reason other than harassment. I receive frequent reports of those cages being tampered with - either freezing cold or inhumanely hot. I hear of constant

faded for me - and I find that it lives on in many of those behind the walls in the New Jersey State prison system.