

**Invited Guest
Presenters at the
Youth Institute on
Prisons, Racism
and Society:**

Akil Al-Jundi

participant in and survivor of the
Attica Prison rebellion

Bonnie Kerness

Coordinator of the
National Campaign to Stop Control
Unit Prisons

José López

leading member of the
Puerto Rican independence move-
ment

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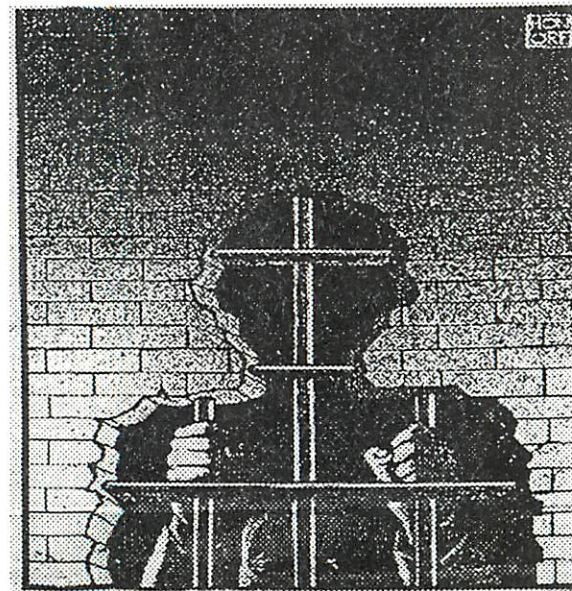
co-defendant with Julius and Ethel
Rosenberg

Delbert Tibbs

Former wrongly convicted death-row
inmate

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**Chicago, Illinois
July 7-20, 1997**

**Sponsored by the
National Campaign to Stop
Control Unit Prisons**

Are you a young activist working on prison issues — freedom for political prisoners, shutting down control units, fighting for the rights of women in prison, ending the criminalization of youth, combatting AIDS in prison, eliminating the death penalty? Are you interested in working on campaigns like these? Are you between the ages of 18 and 22? If the answer is yes, we would like to invite you to Chicago for two weeks in July, 1997, for a Youth Institute on Prisons, Racism, and Society. We have an exciting program designed to help young activists develop the knowledge-base and skills for radical prison activism.

What is the Youth Institute?

The Youth Institute will run from July 7 to July 20, and is being organized by the Chicago section of the National Campaign to Stop Control Unit Prisons (NCSCUP). As one of thirty participants from around the country, you will develop an understanding of crime,

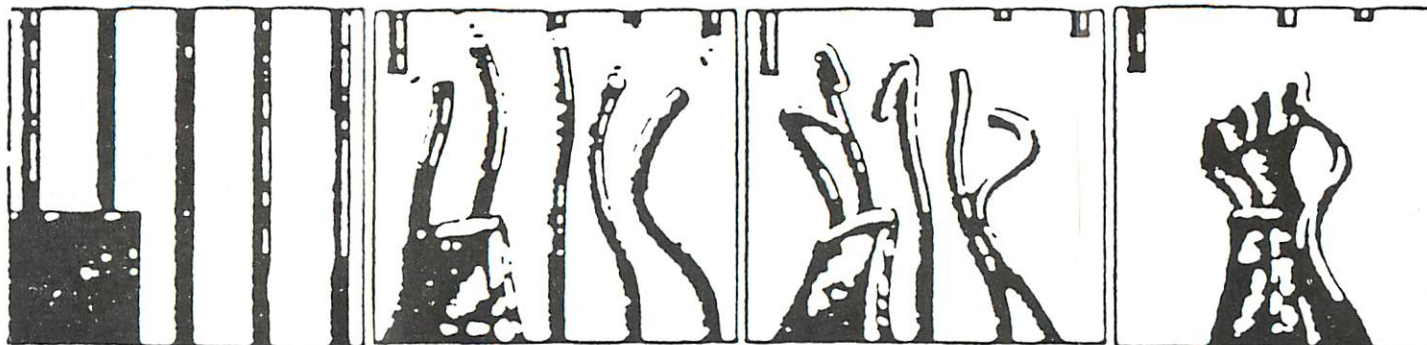
prisons, and racism through readings, discussions, and presentations. Simultaneously, you will gain the skills necessary to organize and participate in campaigns to change the current "criminal" "justice" system. By addressing both these needs, the Youth Institute will help you and other young activists become more knowledgeable and experienced. Emphasis will be placed on developing models of community and campus organizing.

Planned activities at the Youth Institute include presentations and roundtable discussions; step-by-step, how-to workshops; and visits to area prisons, as part of a protest, a visiting delegation, or both.

Mornings will be devoted to guest speakers and discussions on topics such as control units, the death penalty, women in prison, prisons and racism, political prisoners,

and the economics of imprisonment, among others. These discussions will draw heavily from readings as well as the experiences of speakers and participants.

Afternoons will focus on the mechanics of prison activism, including hands-on workshops on desk-top publishing, the creation and distribution of press releases and leaflets, and other skills. These skills will be put to use as participants develop and carry out a demonstration toward the end of the Youth Institute. This final project will be student-directed with the assistance of the staff of the Youth Institute, and will draw together the different experiences the two weeks offered.



The Staff of the Youth Institute

The Chicago section of the National Campaign to Stop Control Unit Prisons includes activists with decades of organizing experience in Puerto Rican, New African, and white communities. The Youth Institute Director, Nancy Kurshan, a founding member of the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown, has decades of experience working on issues of racism and imprisonment. Her writings on the topic of women's imprisonment have been published widely.

Nuts and Bolts

The Youth Institute will take place at the Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC) in central Chicago. The PRCC has been a hub of prison activism for over twenty years, and houses a small alternative high school. Participants in

the Youth Institute will reside for the two weeks with staff and with other activists in Chicago. Participation in the Youth Institute will be free of charge, and room and board (two meals daily) will be provided. Stipends will be available to cover portions of travel costs, as well as to assist working youth in participating by compensating for income lost during participation. These stipends will be awarded on a cash-available basis to students demonstrating need.

How to Apply

There is no standard application form for the Youth Institute. To participate, please write a letter of application, containing your name and contact information, and describing

your previous experience, the source of your interest in prison activism, what you hope to get out of the Youth Institute, and your future plans. Your letter should be no longer than three pages. Also, if you need financial assistance, please describe

your situation and your needs in an additional page. We encourage early application: letters should be received no later than June 2, 1997 for priority consideration, and students will be notified within one week of this deadline whether they have been accepted. After June 2, applications will be considered only on a space-available basis.

We hope you will join us in July as we continue the struggle to change the "criminal" "justice" system, on the road to bringing about a more just and free society.

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