

PRISONER'S UNION
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Brothers and Sisters:

This cover letter is to serve two purposes: (1) to accompany your copy of our "Goals of the Prisoners' Union"; and (2) to acquaint you with recent developments within our organization.

These recent developments are three-fold:

- (1) The rank-and-file membership of the San Francisco local has, over the last few weeks, been holding a series of meetings in which grievances have been aired, a re-evaluation of our position has emerged, and a set of changes agreed upon.
- (2) A group decision was reached regarding the necessity of the San Francisco local setting policy for the San Francisco region since they are the only ones who know about the special problems of the Bay Area.
- (3) Lastly, since the majority of the Executive Board of the UPU is located in the Southern California area, thereby rendering communication difficult in day-to-day matters the San Francisco local reluctantly agreed to become autonomous and to proceed vigorously with our work.

This work encompasses a wide range of activities. For instance we now have student chapters headed by ex-convicts on the San Francisco State College and University of California, Berkeley campuses. One is also being formed on the U.C. Davis campus. The students from these campuses have responded well and are becoming energetic workers on our behalf.

Some of the programs which are emerging from this collaboration are:

- (1) Transportation Service:
 - (a) This group will initiate a car service for all released prisoners from San Quentin. Prisoners will be met at the gates, driven to San Francisco, and assisted with any means at our disposal.
- (2) Referral Service:
 - (a) All public agencies, offering services to those in need, are being canvassed to assess their possible willingness to assist prisoners.
 - (b) We will have referral specialists in our S. F.

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Brothers and Sisters:

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renew your copy of our issue of the Bulletin, Bulletin
and (2) to acquaint you with recent developments within our
organization.

(1) The membership of the local group has, over the last few weeks, been holding
a series of sessions and activities which have been
held, a review of our position and program
and a set of changes served upon.
A group decision was reached regarding the necessity
of the local group to hold a meeting for the
new program and to study the program of the new group.
(2) The local group is the responsibility of the executive board
of the B.M. located in the Southern California area.
The executive board is currently holding sessions
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to the local group and to discuss various
with our work.

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the local group and we have a great deal of experience
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Some of the programs which are currently being held
include the following:

- (1) Training services:
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members of the local group from the local group.
which is not of the local group and the local group
and assisted with any member of the local group.
- (2) Public services:
(a) All public agencies, offering services to those
in need, are being reviewed to assess their
possible willingness to accept responsibility.
(b) We will have a special session in the local group.

office who will know of all existing help sources; they will be able to refer ex-prisoners to the proper agency for any type problem.

- (3) Speakers Bureau:
 - (a) We have representatives of the Union available to speak to any group desiring information about our activities.
- (4) Guerrilla Theatre:
 - (a) We have a group who will perform skits, dealing with prisoner problems at any organization's functions.

In addition to these services we will also have regular Union meetings, every Sunday evening at 5:00 PM at our San Francisco office, in order to conduct Union business. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Moreover, we want everyone's participation for our work-load is great and we need all the help we can get; no contribution of time, money, services or supplies, would be too small.

We will in the future make certain that you, and everyone are cognizant of our direction and activities.

Again, we encourage your support.

In the brotherhood of Union,

Willie Holder,
President

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(A) We have representatives of the Union available
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(B) We have a group who will perform special
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In the Brotherhood of Union,

Walter H. ...
President