

**OCTOBER 27, 1983: Lockdown begins at Marion Prison.**

**OCTOBER 29, 1986: Control Unit for women opens at Lexington Prison.**

**OCTOBER 24, 1987:**

# **PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL**

**to expose the crimes of the  
Marion & Lexington Control Units**

TESTIMONY FROM

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donation \$1-5 (sliding scale)

**Saturday, October 24 12 - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Wellington Avenue Church 615 West Wellington**

childcare provided

## The Marion Control Unit

Marion Federal Prison in Illinois is the most maximum security prison in the United States. The entire prison is a Control Unit where the Bureau of Prisons experiments with behavior modification through isolation and sensory deprivation. Marion has been designed to control all those prisoners in the United States who are hated by the Bureau of Prisons--people who stand up for themselves, writ writers, political prisoners and others. A warden of Marion admitted in court during a 1975 law suit against the prison that the purpose of the Control Unit was "to control revolutionary attitudes that are prevalent in prison and in the society at large." In 1987, Amnesty International issued a special report condemning Marion Prison for violating the U.N.'s minimal rules for the treatment of prisoners. The report added that conditions at Marion, in their totality, amount to "cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment."

## The Lexington Control Unit

The Lexington Control Unit is the first U.S. prison built specifically for women political prisoners. Imprisoned there are Alejandrina Torres, a Puerto Rican prisoner of war, and anti-imperialist prisoners Susan Rosenberg and Silvia Baraldini, an Italian national. Every detail of their lives is under constant audio and visual surveillance. The goal is to isolate and psychologically weaken these women and to ultimately break their will and spirit. Daily strip searches, censored mail, confinement 23 hours a day in a basement, and visits limited to immediate family are all part of a U.S. government plan to destroy these women.

On Saturday, October 24, the wardens of Marion and Lexington prisons, Attorney General Edwin Meese, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be on trial for crimes committed against humanity.

Witnesses with expert testimony, judges to weigh the evidence, and *you*--participating in the questioning--will all help the tribunal to reach a verdict.

This experience will help bring together many people committed to closing the Control Units.

### SCHEDULE

12:00 - 12:30	Welcome and registration
12:30 - 2:30	Display of full-size model Control Unit cell Literature and Committee members available Audio-visual presentations *slide show on Marion prison *slide show: The Stanford University Prison Experiment-- the psychology of imprisonment *video: interview with 4 Puerto Rican women prisoners of war *video: interview with Susan Rosenberg *video: demonstration at Lexington Prison on International Women's Day, 1987
2:30 - 6:00	Testimony from witnesses with questions from the floor
6:00 - 7:30	Dinner; literature and Committee members available
7:30 - 9:30	Tribunal reconvenes; Justices deliver their verdict

sponsored by:

**Committee to End the Marion Lockdown**

**National Campaign to Abolish the Lexington Women's Control Unit**

**National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War**

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