Coordinating Council of Prison Organizations

Bay Area Prison Coalition

Erika Huggins, Assemblyman Ken Meade and prison attorney Fay Stender are among the participants in the Co-Ordinating Council of Prison Organizations/Bay Area Prison Coalition Convention to be held December 2-3 at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco.

The convention, which will highlight key prison reform issues, will be a gathering of all major prison change organizations in the San Francisco area. Among the subjects covered will be the widespread planning of new institutions, including the proposed new federal jail for San Francisco and new maximum security prisons planned for state use.

Paul Halvonik, General Counsel of the ACLU of Northern California, will speak on the current prison scene as an "Assault From the Right". Coleman Blease, Legal Director of the ACLU of Southern California will participate in a panel discussion involving a co-ordinated approach to prison legislation in the coming Sacramento session.

Erika Huggins, who was a co-defendant with Bobby Seale in a recent trial in New Haven, will speak of her experiences in jail awaiting trial prior to her acquittal.

Other subjects covered will be the future of self-help organizations, the abolition of prisons, women in prison, the unionization of prisoners and California's adjustment centers. Among the participants in these workshops will be Jan Marinissen, Chairman of the Citizens Committee on Criminal Justice, Robert Trimball of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Fay Stender of the Prison Law Project, Aaron Dixon of the Black Panther Party and a number of others.

In addition to the prison issue areas, the Convention will also serve the purpose of founding the Bay Area Prison Coaltion. The Coalition will act as a co-ordinator between prison groups in the San Francisco area and also as a conduit for block grants to "the prison movement".

The sections of the Convention of most interest to the public are:

<u>December 2 (Saturday):</u>	9:00 A.M. Erika Huggins
	1:00 P.M. Paul Halvonik
	1:45 P.M. Workshops on prisoner unionization, abolition of prisons, adjustment centers, women in prison
<u>December 3 (Sunday):</u>	10:00 A.M.Ken Meade
	1:30 P.M. New prison construction panel

The public is welsome to all Convention activities.

Some of the participants are necessarily tentative at this time.

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