

SUPPORT FOLSOM STRIKE

TODAY, INSIDE FOLSOM STATE PRISON'S MAXIMUM SECURITY UNIT (4A), PRISONERS ARE ON THE 15TH DAY OF A STRIKE. THE ENTIRE PRISON POPULATION OF THE 1ST AND 2ND TIERS ARE UNITED IN DEMANDING AN END TO THE BRUTAL AND INHUMAN LIVING CONDITIONS. THE PRISONERS DEMANDS ARE:

BETTER MEDICAL CARE
CONJUGAL VISITS
ACCESS TO A TELEPHONE INSIDE THE UNIT
TWO CHRISTMAS PACKAGES AND ONE BIRTHDAY PACKAGE PER YEAR
EXPAND THE EXERCISE YARD, WITH SHADE
MORE RECREATIONAL MATERIALS
END TO SACK LUNCHES--UPGRADE THE MEALS
THE RIGHT TO WEAR AND BUY WRISTWATCHES & STRAWHATS FROM COMMISSARY
GENERAL AMNESTY

LAST NOVEMBER THESE DEMANDS WERE PRESENTED TO MR. EASTMAN, THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OF 4A, WHO RECOMMENDED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN. HOWEVER, FOLSOM'S WARDEN PAUL MORRIS REJECTED THE DEMANDS OUTRIGHT. TWO WEEKS AGO, ON MONDAY, JULY 10TH, PRISONERS ON TIERS 1 and 2 REFUSED TO STAND FOR THE ROUTINE BODY COUNT, ONCE AGAIN RAISING THESE DEMANDS. GUARDS RETALIATED SWIFTLY AGAINST THIS STRONG SHOW OF UNITY AND RESISTANCE. TWO PRISONERS WERE INJURED; ONE WAS HOSPITALIZED. CELLS WERE STRIPPED OF MATTRESSES, ALL PERSONAL AND LEGAL MATERIALS, AND ALL CLOTHING. THE MEN WERE LEFT WITH ONLY THEIR UNDERWEAR. WATER WAS TURNED OFF FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS IN THE 110 DEGREE HEAT. ALL VISITS (EXCEPT FOR LEGAL CONFERENCES) HAVE BEEN TERMINATED.

THE WARDEN'S OFFICE DENIES EVER HAVING SEEN THE DEMANDS. WARDEN MORRIS FLATLY REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE MEN.

INSIDE 4A, THE PRISONERS STAND UNITED AND STRONG. LOCKED DOWN 24 HOURS A DAY, THEIR MAIN SHOW OF RESISTANCE IS THEIR DAILY REFUSAL TO STAND UP FOR COUNT. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THEIR STRIKE UNTIL THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET.

THE MEDIA HAS REFUSED TO CARRY ANY NEWS OF THE SITUATION. THE WARDEN'S OFFICE DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF THE STRIKE. IT IS UP TO US ON THE OUTSIDE TO SPREAD THE WORD, TO BUILD A MOVEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE RIGHTEOUS STRUGGLES OF THE COURAGEOUS BROTHERS IN FOLSOM. WE CANNOT LET THEM FIGHT ALONE.

CALL WARDEN MORRIS (916/985-2561) AND J. ENOMOTO (DIR. OF CORRECTIONS (916/445/7688) AND INSIST THAT THEY MEET THE PRISONERS DEMANDS.

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