

**BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:
VOICES FROM BEHIND THE WALLS**

PREFACE

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES IS AN ASSORTMENT OF ARTICLES WRITTEN BY CONVICTS ABOUT PRISONS AND THE ATROCITIES THAT HAPPEN REGULARLY BEHIND STONE WALLS. SOME OF THE IDEAS STATED AND INSTANCES MENTIONED SOUND LIKE THEY MIGHT HAVE COME RIGHT OUT OF THE PAGES OF 1984, GEORGE ORWELL'S NOVEL ABOUT LIFE IN THE FUTURE. BUT THESE ARTICLES ARE TRUE AND THESE THINGS HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS IN MANY PRISONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS TO INFORM READERS OF WHAT REALLY DOES HAPPEN BEHIND PRISON WALLS, HOW HUMAN BEINGS ARE REDUCED TO THEIR BASIC ANIMAL NATURE BY SUFFERING, DEPRIVATION AND MIND-ALTERING DRUGS. THIS IS THE WAY IT IS.....

"PERMANENTLY DISABLING DOSES OF MIND-DESTROYING DRUGS, PAVLOVIAN TORTURES, ELECTRIC-SHOCK THERAPY, AND BRAIN SLICING LOBOTOMIES ARE SOME OF THE METHODS EMPLOYED TO EFFECT THE U.S. VERSION OF HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ELIMINATING THE OPPOSITION."

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The controllers are losing control. And the truth is that it is the developed, organized, level of people's consciousness, forcing the loss of the controllers' grip. After years of fostering the lie that there is a tremendous gap between common, decent folk and society's "criminal" element, it is in fact on the common ground of that huge "gap" that the lie is being effectively smashed. Common, decent folk are rapidly learning that, like the so-called criminal, they are conditioned victims of a power elite whose ultimate goal is massive social control. Thus, resistance is flying out like a boom-erang into the gut of what had amounted to the Great American FakeOut.

The FakeOut, which classified the "criminal" as a socially destructive outsider, provided a convenient place and means for experimental behavior modification techniques. Among other proofs, Watergate stands out in pointing to the who's and why's of the real criminals. While they catered to the fears they had whipped up about "communist totalitarianism," the real criminals were working overtime to develop their own total version of a kind of neo-fascism. Access to - along with conditions in the ghettos - mental institutions and prisons, afforded ideal opportunities for the agents and the planners. The prisons, in the final analysis, were areas of unlimited possibilities - inasmuch as experimentations could be undertaken with impunity.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons took the lead in exploring sophisticated methods of "the power to change behavior". In fact, that was the theme of the 1962 conference when Dr. Edgar Schein introduced his model for brainwashing. With the blueprint of Scheinian 'diabolics' tucked faithfully under their coats, the BOP wardens moved out hopefully. They had director James V. Bennett's blessing to experiment on the "Black Muslims" and any others whom the wardens may see as social deviants, who were "socially irredemable". Gleefully, they tried; but with minimal success. Then, in July 1968, Martin Groder's distinctly opportunist psychiatric skills were enlisted by the bureau. It was reported, in an article by Joe Hunt, that: "Groder went to Marion in July 1968 after completing his residency at the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric in San Francisco. Coincidentally, three black prisoners were involuntarily lobotomized at Langley Porter shortly before Groder left." ("The Groder Method: 'Winning' is What Counts", THE REAL PAPER, April 3, 1974.) After some initial stumbling, Groder groped upon the rare combination of Transactional Analysis (TA), Synanon games and primal scream therapy to formulate the basis of his therapeutic philosophy, which propelled him into the appointment of warden at Butner, North Carolina, "Federal Center for Correctional Research".

In a related article, Joe Hunt observed: "...Butner is merely the kingpin of an enormous construction program that the Bureau is about to embark upon. Sixty-six new prisons are planned over the next decade; at least 12 are designed as regional behavior mod prisons for 'youth offenders' between 18 and 26. One of the facilities has been targeted for the Boston area, amidst statewide opposition."

It is the opposition, organized resistance, which has put a dent in the plans of the mind-killers. The vicious possibilities of systematically programmed psychogenocide have proven to be unpalatable, once the plans leave the suites of the controllers. As more and more people became aware of these neo-fascist programs, they began to organize massive letter writing campaigns and demonstrations. As a result of such moves, combined with the on-the-spot resistance of the prisoner-victims, the planners have been warned to "lighten up with the programs." In these days of social unrest and the interconnection between prisoner/political consciousness, it is dangerous to push the people beyond the limits of tolerance: this was evident on July 4, 1974, when 11,000 people demonstrated in Raleigh, North Carolina, against the Butner facility.

Prisoners and their legal defense teams have consistently pushed the authorities' programs into a state of legal collapse. But, rather than abandon these inhuman projects, the government agents have branded them as financially impractical - at this time. Representatives from the General Accounting Office (GAO) visited Marion (IL) Federal Penitentiary and interviewed those prisoners who had been processed through the Control Unit Program. They conducted the same kind of "investigation" at Springfield, Mo.'s Federal Medical Center, with some of the prisoners who have been forced to participate in the legally outlawed S.T.A.R.T. Program. The report of their findings is scheduled to be released in December, 1974.

Arpiar G. Saunders, Jr., one of the attorneys for The National Prison Project, who was part of the team that filed the suit against the S.T.A.R.T. Program, says that an early reading of the GAO report is very critical. It will, he thinks, suffice to hold the bureau's be-mod activity in check, for the moment. But, as always, this aspect of struggle against behavior modification can result in total victory only with the continued pressures on the Bureau, Congress, and the Senate, to permanently discontinue the programs. It can be done. The people can do it.

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PSYCHOFASCISM: BEHIND THE WALLS!

All over the land, voices of protest are increasingly being raised in prisons and outside communities to the ominous threat that behavioral modification - "Psychofascism" - poses to the many class and political prisoners who occupy these state-controlled warehouses. This paper sets forth and proposes that a phenomenon exists behind the walls of prisons and has been described by many observers as "psychomedical experimentation" or "psychological behavioral guidance" of certain individuals in these hell-holes. With the exposure of this gruesome activity, the interconnections which have been forged between other forms of control, that are less acceptable, outmoded and crude, will be explained to show the significance of this latest attack by the 'state' managers. Also, the victims of these pogroms will be revealed to the concerned reader in order for the movement of such genocidal practices to be clearly perceived and understood.

"Psychofascism", as the writers tender it, is the effort to change or to manipulate the behavior of a special group or class by both medical and surgical means, who are subsumed by the parasite strata as sick and in need of treatment and cure by doctors. Brutal practices as this are not of recent origin; its past content (purpose) has remained the same, but its earlier forms (methods) have changed with time. As early as 1962, during a gathering of 'cage keepers' in Washington, a Dr. Edgar Schein identified certain tactics supposedly used in the Korean War that would be appropriate and useful in U.S. pens:

1. Physical removal of prisoners to areas sufficiently isolated to effectively break or seriously weaken close emotional ties.
2. Prohibition of group activities not in line with brainwashing objectives.
3. Building a group conviction among the prisoners that they have been abandoned by and totally isolated from their social order.
4. Systematic withholding of mail.
5. Preventing prisoners from writing home or to friends in the community regarding the conditions of their confinement.
6. Rewarding of submission and subservience to the attitudes encompassing the brainwashing objectives with the lifting of pressure and acceptance as a human being.¹

For the most part, these are merely a few of the techniques employed against the incarcerated. Other methods of psychofascism uncovered have been electroshock, psychosurgery, massive druggings, hypnosis, aversive conditioning, and sensory deprivation.

In addition, two very powerful depressant drugs that have gained widespread use in these assaults on our minds are Prolixin and Anectine. Both are implemented in "aversive conditioning"; the former causes a sedated state 50 times more potent than "Thorazine", another mood-altering chemical and the latter causes a respiratory arrest, simulating death.

Since traditional ways of influencing behavior, i.e., physical brutality, have become less effective, prisons across the country have gleaned a more refined and updated apparatus of chemotherapy and psychodynamics. And these newer methods have become the modus operandi in kamps of Illinois, Missouri, California, and Maryland. Besides, a brand new crucible is to be opened in Butner, North Carolina. At the concentration kampf in Joliet, Illinois, a three stage program - commonly referred to as SPU (Special Program Unit) - was set up by renowned Dr. Karl Menninger and other miscreants to change the attitude of persons selected from other joints in the state based on a reward/punishment process. Let the straight and unclouded words of the program's Manual of Operations prick your quickening repulsion:

"The general purpose of the Unit will be to attempt through intensive

therapeutic application to assist the individuals assigned to acquire the necessary motivation and desire essential for integration into the general population....creating the climate for positive behavioral change is our goal."²

The federal warehouse in Marion, Illinois has a sophisticated plot entitled "The Asklepion Society", which combines transactional analysis, synanon games, and attack therapy, and it seeks to destroy the participants' identity and mold her/him into a model prisoner.³ Missouri's "Project Start" has a stage scheme analogous to that at SPU and it is located at the medical but federal storage in Springfield.

Of more recent import is the new structure at Butner, North Carolina. Yielding somewhat under public pressure against its proposed function, this 'laboratory' has changed its name from Behavioral Research Center to that of Federal Center for Correctional Research in a vain effort to hoodwink the people.⁴ Nevertheless, this place was built with millions of taxpayers' dollars and is situated between or within twenty miles of three major universities: the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, and Duke! Where do the fledgling psychologists and psychiatrists go for OJT (on the job training)? Butner! Needless to say, I agree with you! It is heralded to be the most "forward looking" facility dedicated to the new emphasis on the use of psychiatry in what the government perceives as problems in correcting us. Experimentation and research in behavioral modification on defenseless "pariahs" of society are its stated purpose.

That a systematic and coordinated intrigue of psychofascism is sweeping the many dungeons of this nation, none would long deny. Such improved methods of control are both insidious and disguised to appear as professionally administered medical service and therapy, so as to beguile the public into going along with it. A somewhat more subtle and nefarious line of action still to be investigated is the relationship between prison doctors and drug producers, especially since these kamps represent a limitless source of "guinea pigs". Speaking before an assembled group of "slumkamp" keepers, the director of Kamps eloquently said: "We are a group that can do a lot of experimenting and research and we can change our methods, our environments, and perhaps come up with something more specific."⁵

Not all prisoners, to be sure, are subjected to these various overt efforts at mental warfare. Those chosen for placement in said mines are by and large political leaders of some gangs, members of political left organizations, and just individuals who refuse to accept passively the mental and physical abuse characteristic of repressive societies. Describing the type of persons or personalities picked for its program, Missouri's "Project Start" in its syllabus supports the above assertions:

"He is assaultive; and maliciously schemes to demonstrate his own physical prowess, usually pressuring the weaker more passive element of the population. Feelings of guilt are nonexistent as he can easily rationalize maladaptive behavior, always projecting adversity onto others. He is usually verbal to mask deceitful intent which makes him manipulative. He is egotistical to the utmost extreme, viewing himself as indestructible. He threatens the rehabilitation of a less sophisticated offender, continually indoctrinating the latter that crime does pay."⁶

It seems apparent that the description was designed to fit the politically aware prisoner who is well respected as a leader by fellow comrades and who understands and explains the situation in terms of its politico-economic and caste (racial chauvinism) nature. Any resister of prison fascism can be listed under the definition.

Politically active and resistant prisoners, notwithstanding, psychofascism has functions in the general population among the bewildered and self-seekers in the form of "therapy sessions". Of particular suspect is the dangerous "malaria research". Most of the therapy sessions are made up with volunteers who get together and practice transactional analysis and attack games on each

other, trying to tear down personal defense mechanisms. However, the "openness" of these groups is used as a guise to obtain information on numerous prisoners to be used against them by the keepers at the 'right' time. Participants are encouraged to admit violations of the rules and to snitch on fellow associates! Many never realize the contradiction of the sessions until they or someone close fall prey to it. We can only conjecture what the true benefits are from the malaria trials now ubiquitous in prisons across the country. Yet, on the one hand, we do know that prisoners are used as 'lab rats' by unscrupulous prison doctors to test exotic new drugs for pharmaceutical companies before they are placed on the market; while, on the other hand, the number of men/women who have been maimed or killed by these tests is unavailable. More importantly, the ratio of Black and Third World prisoners involved in these numerous psychofascistic endeavors is unduly high, raising the spectre of Nazi concentration camps and genocidal activities!!⁷

Writing in the Atlantic, Ms. Jessica Mitford raised the question of experimentation on prisoners when she reminded her readers of the fifteen German doctors convicted at Nuremberg for their horrifying and beastly acts. In addition, Dr. Charles E. Cobb, leader of the Commission for Racial Justice, stated that "imposing the will of others and manipulating an individual, by either physical or spiritual means, violates the integrity of the person."⁸ People are, more and more, rallying around this issue and creating situations that cause public outcry to these machinations of the decadent ruling class. Moreover, an aroused citizenry in the Chicago area have brought pressure to bear on the state managers and forced the abandonment/dismantlement of SPU in Joliet for another location downstate, Menard Penitentiary. Its death knell at Butner, North Carolina has postponed its commencement date for the third time. "There is no force, however formidable, that a united people cannot overcome!"⁹ We, here in Stateville Kamp, believe an informed people is a free people. And with this knowledge do we impart our thoughts to your colloquy, hoping that they add to the occasion and to the dissemination of information to the people. A note for us all:

"Let us remember always that in the final analysis the masses are the final arbiter. They will always choose freedom and justice, as against oppression and corruption."¹⁰



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BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: TODAY THE PRISON,
TOMORROW THE WORLD

It is clearly a well designed conspiracy to eliminate any freedom of expression that drives the Behavior Modificationists onward. The essential elements of Behavior Modification are not new to this society if one is familiar at all with the tactics used to maintain a slave labor force early in this country's history. There was death, imprisonment, surgery, isolation, competitive privilege, theft of identity, drugs, experts, the whip was used, the Bible, and people were set at odds with each other as a means for third party control.

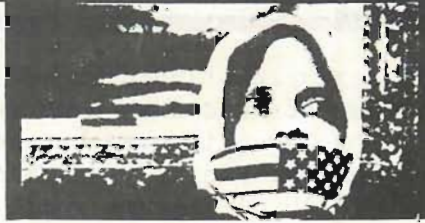
Many people never stop to wonder at the reasons why the Oregon State Penitentiary is able to claim itself as one of the least violent, most progressive prisons in this country. Especially when the same general type of people inhabit this concentration camp. Clearly in order for a prison to quote, "function smoothly", the convict body must be contained by whatever means are necessary. Recent attention focused on the inhumanity practiced in prisons forced the Rand thinkers to develop a practical all-purpose approach toward the problem of controlling the masses while leaving the unthinking citizens feeling secure in their moral obligations. Behavior Modification was their answer. Corporal punishment then becomes physical restraint of an incorrigibly violent individual. To label someone as not responsive to normal condition response mechanisms justifies the use of drug therapy, psychosurgery, therapeutic isolation, and intensive counseling all aimed at control and indoctrination, or an ordered change of environment commonly called prison transfer. Actually there is no real reward system at all since the prisoners' approved responses are met with those small concessions that should be his by right, but which are reserved for the "model inmate". Model inmate defined as one who is in all appearances "institutionalized", which is another term for "vegetable". It is much easier to isolate quote, "high risk subversive individuals" when the majority have been controlled and placed in constant fear of reprisals for the least expression of a desire for freedom or human treatment. People used to refer to this arrangement as "rigid regimentation" but, due to increased public outcry, it was renamed to appease a growing mass social consciousness. On closer examination one can clearly see that a class question is involved since those that control the power and means to implement such a program are the upper and elite classes. For this reason we must all begin to seriously attack the intentions of the ruling class. The main thrust of our opposition is toward the ultimate level of control ever reached in the history of mankind. People on the outside must begin to understand the deeper meaning of law and order.

We must begin to understand the phrases that are used to describe our lives, such as "a quiet, orderly life", "model citizen", etc. We must understand walk and wait signals, no-knock laws, public surveillance, the functions of ever-increasing social agencies, the arrival of more and more psychological data compiled to combat quote, "social deviancy". It is now 10:00 p.m., and I'm secured in my cage. My number is 00000, and in the morning a bell will ring that tells me to go to breakfast. When will you hear the bell, or is it already too late?

-E.BEPP-

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THE AMERIKAN TYRANNY



Behavior modification is much on the lips of those in positions to influence and control the actions of others. This includes administrators, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, educational and vocational personnel and many others, both within and without the prison systems of the United States of Amerika. Cut down to its essentials, behavior modification is a mechanistic form of alleged therapy that views the human being as an organism to be manipulated. This manipulation is based on a system of rewards and punishments, known in the practice as positive reinforcers and negative reinforcers.

The concept of controlling human behavior is as old as man. Some of the methods of control in the past have included the use of primitive spirits and totems, medieval religious practices, and the more recent puritan morality that, in various guises, is still with us. Today it is the nationalistic state that sets the standards by which the individual is judged. In Amerika, with its fascist-capitalist elite enforcing the standards of behavior, there has developed a far-reaching, insidious effort to undermine the freedoms of the working class, the minorities, and any others who fail to conform to the behavior expected of them by the ruling class.

The most apparent goal of those who practice behavior modification is to instill in those so treated a pattern of behavior which will be in keeping with the middle-class standards of hard work (even if it's meaningless), of sexual constraint (even if it's frustrating and unhealthy), and of thrift (even if there's nothing to save).

With little effort it becomes apparent that these same bourgeois standards that are directed towards the proletariat are implanted within the middle-class itself by the Amerikan power elite in an effort, mostly successful, to mold them into a malleable and easily controlled population. The bourgeoisie then does the sordid work, with a nearly religious fervor, for the power bearers by imposing these standards of behavior upon those whom they can influence and control. Though it is the middle-class technicians who put the tools of behavior modification into operation, the true drive and direction always emanates from Amerika's capitalistic pig power elite.

As a vivid illustration of the current practices of behavior modification being carried out within Amerika's prison system today, the following examples of negative reinforcers will suffice:

Sensory Deprivation: Confinement (often for years) in isolation without any outside distractions being allowed in order that the prisoners will be more susceptible to suggestions of modification.

Stress Assessment: Prisoners living in crowded, open dormitories where they endure the maximum irritation due to lack of privacy in order to test the limits of their tempers.

Chemotherapy: The use of drugs which, in the main, have the effect of castrating the prisoners. An infamous example of this is the widespread use of Prolixin, a powerful tranquilizer with extremely dangerous side effects.

Aversion Therapy: The use of medical procedures which cause pain and fear in the subject in order to bring about the desired "behavioral change".

Psychosurgery: Cutting or burning out (with lasers) portions of the brain believed to cause "aggressive behavior".

A chilling example of both chemotherapy and aversion therapy can be observed in the use of Anectine, a derivative of a South American arrow-tip poison, curare. This drug is used by the California Department of Corrections at the Vacaville Medical Facility where it is administered to prisoners in massive doses, from 20 to 40 milligrams which causes the stoppage of all control over the involuntary muscles, including those used for breathing. While the subject flails about on the floor, experiencing a vivid and horrible feeling that he is dying, a therapist scolds him for his deviant behavior and tells him that he will again experience what he is presently undergoing should he again behave in an improper manner. The improper behavior that results in this frightening treatment may consist of nothing more than the prisoner's understandable desire to maintain his own identity in the face of an overwhelming and arbitrary authority.

The positive reinforcers used in the prisons include such items as the granting of early paroles to those who have succumbed to behavior modification techniques and who have redirected their behavior to conform with the approved standards that they have had drilled into them. There is also the use of passes, better work assignments and pay, custody status allowing greater freedom, etc. These inducements often push many otherwise vigorous individuals onto a course leading towards the acceptance of dictated behavior patterns, followed by the ultimate loss of their personal freedom of choice.

The study of behavior modification reveals it to be a chilling practice of human engineering upon disenfranchised individuals in order to control and direct their actions and thoughts in a manner deemed desirable by those who perform this thoroughly repugnant method of human conditioning. The purveyors of this modern means of wielding power, the capitalist enemies of the people and their servile footmen, the middle-class, are possessed of an obsessive mania, based on fear and greed, which incites them to attempt the subjugation of all those who are not in complete accord with their concepts of behavior. These imperialists of the mind have embarked upon a vast program to achieve mastery over the proletariat through the utilization of behavior modification as a weapon of class warfare.

At the present time behavior modification is being inflicted primarily upon the prisoners of this country. Yet as its methods are refined and perfected there will be an ever widening application of its use in creating a social order in the image of the capitalist pigs that hold in their sweating, gold dust covered hands the instruments of power that exist in the Amerika of today.


It is clear that the power elite intends that the application of behavior modification on a massive scale will defeat in advance any attempt of an organized opposition to dislodge them from their positions of control, and replace their ruthless power seeking and insatiable greed with a truly equal, fair, free, and humanistic society.

How well the power mongers will succeed in their attempt to rule through the use of behavior modification and other weapons as well, will depend upon the awareness, willingness, and commitment to the people by those who truly desire a just society. To wait and watch for the further refinement and development of this form of tyranny called behavior modification is to court the defeat of the self, the people, and the cause. Any form of human slavery must be opposed vigorously, even the split-level, fur-lined variety currently on view in fascist Amerika. The answer to the question of how best to resist these enemies of the people can only be that they must be opposed with all one's strength, skill, and dedication. The means of opposition are important only in that they must be effective in cutting down this twentieth century capitalistic monster who is robbing all of us, not only of our labor and our freedom, but of our very lives. The power must go to the people if we are to rebuild our society into a better and freer place in which to live for all of us, and for all our children.

To turn aside from this challenge of change is to turn aside from one's very life. To work from within is to be subverted from within. To work alone is to minimize one's strength. We can effect the greatest gains by joining together in a fully committed and unyielding drive to destroy the yoke of the oppressor among us. In love, in brotherhood, and in struggle, we shall surely overcome.

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PROLIXED

This is a personal experience, but it is not I alone who must endure the pain and madness of chemical therapy. These practices are widespread throughout imperialistic, racist, degenerate amerika:

I was sentenced to prison at the age of 18, to a term of natural life. Within two hours after being bodily delivered to the prison of my destination (Oregon State Correctional Institution), I was interviewed by the "doktor" in charge. I was informed that it had been decided by the authorities that it would be beneficial for all concerned if they were to utilize chemotherapy on me. It was said that these drugs would aid in my adjustment to the prison environment, and assist me in applying myself to available "self-help" programs. I was never informed of the nature of the drugs that were to be used on me. I was merely handed a card with my name and number, and told to report to the pill line. I soon found out that they were administering thorazine and librium - these drugs were given me three times daily. I was unaware that I was also getting prolixin in a disguised form. (I wouldn't have known at that

time what prolixin was except for the fact that I'd heard horror stories about this drug in jail regarding prolixin zombies wandering aimlessly about the prisons of this country. I had no idea that I too was being utilized as a human guinea pig and was on the brink of becoming one of those zombies mentioned by the brothers in jail.)

After a week I was taken off the librium and I thought that I was only having thorazine administered by the insidious doctor. I later found that I was also receiving prolixin three times a day. It's difficult to relate the feelings of being "prolixed". There is no other coinciding experience in one's normal life. In the beginning I got muscle spasms and tremors, mostly in my legs, but also in other parts of my body including my facial muscles. My jaw would lock on me periodically, I could not control my tongue, and my legs would cramp up on me so severely that I had to keep them moving somehow. When I would sit down and try to watch TV it was impossible for me to remain still. I would rock back and forth for a while until my legs would begin to cramp up on me, then I was forced to get up and walk around. Many times someone would see me just walking in place; gazing at an ugly reality, they would attempt to get me to sit down, which I couldn't endure but for a brief interlude. When I would go to my cell, which was usually early because the pig would tell me to cell-in as I was wandering around too much, I would walk back and forth. Many times I would sit on the end of the bed and just rock. There I'd get tired and would try and lie down, but couldn't remain in this position but for a brief time (three or four minutes). Whenever I could get some sleep it was of short duration (an hour here and there). I would be up at all hours of the night just walking. My thoughts were broken and distorted. I couldn't read a book or write a letter. When I would get a visit I couldn't even carry on a conversation, all I could do was rock back and forth.

I knew something was wrong, but I could not do much about it because this drug had almost absolute control of my drives. If I would try and tell someone about it they just thought I was wierd. Finally after about three and a half months, the prisoner who celled next to me asked me what type of drug I was on. I told him thorazine, but that I felt something was wrong. That evening he went with me to the pill line and when I was given my cup of so-called thorazine I showed it to him. He told me that I was getting thorazine, but that I was also getting prolixin. I then just "flipped out". The pigs put me in the hole, and then transferred me to the psych ward at the Oregon State Prison. I had not taken prolixin or any of their so-called medicine for around four days. Those four days gave me an opportunity to get my thoughts rearranged. When I finally saw the pig doctor here and told him that I was tricked into taking prolixin, and that there was no productive reason for subjecting me to the torture of this drug, I was informed that the court had forwarded a report to the doctor at OSCI claiming that I was an extremely violent person and uncontrollable. Simply because my behavior was not up to the "standards", and because I would not conform to the idiocy they term "normal".

There is much more that could be said in regard to the dehumanizing approaches of the authorities to maintain and exercise control and modifications of the people. Many instances and facts are vague to me. There was a time in my life when many of these things were extremely clear. No longer is this the case. (The doktors discontinued using prolixin on me in 1972, but I'm still not the person I once was...almost three years since the last dose of this dehumanizing drug was administered and still I feel and must deal with negative aspects of my experience with chemical lobotomy.)

I write this letter to the people out of deep concern for all of you. If these experiments in behavioral sciences continue in the accelerated fashion that presently exists, it shall come to pass that the "testing grounds" will spread from the prisons and institutions to your homes, schools, jobs, etc. Already there are various methods being utilized against you people. The fact that many of you are unaware of what is being perpetuated against you is due to the professional subtleties applied by this government's agencies. Prison is harsh, prison is cruel, but in its harshness and cruelty it has served us in opening our eyes and elevating our awareness. Hopefully you won't have to endure the deprivations and tortures that uncountable numbers of our brothers and sisters have. Hopefully we will learn through our collective experiences, and will come together through the natural bonding of our common oppression and achieve true unity, love, and understanding. Our enemy the capitalist pig is formidable, but so are we...in unity.

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If one studies the facts and figures relating to human experimentation by scientists in this country, one is apt to reach a dispiriting conclusion, i.e., virtually no one is safe, no one is immune, and anyone can become a human guinea pig without a choice in the matter. The few "exceptions" being the plutocrats, the scientists themselves, and, of course, those in authority. There's an over-abundance of cases in which unsuspecting people are being victimized and becoming the "subjects" of the "experimenters". Cases involving children as well as adults, persons living "freely" in society as well as those who are institutionalized.

What's this all about?...It's about new drugs, new theories, new forms of surgery - all adding to a growing body of knowledge in the "art" of controlling and modifying behavior. How many lives have already been sacrificed in the interest of mind control? How many more will be sacrificed today - even as you are reading this article? Biochemical warfare is being used against the people by the capitalists. The goal of their endeavors being absolute control of the working class. But we, the people, do have our minds and a little time. We had best utilize them efficiently.

A Motive For Unethical Human Experimentation

Are the scientists who let ethics and humanity go by the wayside so fired by the vision of human control that nothing else matters to them? This may well be, but there is something else fully as important to them: MONEY! Particularly in the field of drug experimentation. Be advised that drug "testing" is closely linked to big business. Enormous sums of money are poured into drug testing, some of it coming from government grants. Much of it is paid directly by the pharmaceutical companies who, in turn, reap huge profits from the sale of those drugs after the "testing". One major problem here is that existing regulations are controlled by the very same people who benefit financially from drug testing. Also, they are the ones with the responsibility for being certain that human beings aren't subjected to "undue" risks. One might say that the power of the dollar sways the scientist's judgement to the degree that human minds and lives become expendable.

Prisoners are in priority positions when it comes to any type of testing. Prisoners are enticed into submitting to hazards that no others will risk, and there's little mystery as to why. They are paid a pittance to be sure, but most often it's more than they would get for working at other prison jobs. Often they are offered special privileges and, of course, they think they will be given special consideration at the parole board - if they live that long.

Behind the walls many incidents occur. Here's an example: In the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, 20 men were selected for what researchers termed "pain tolerance" studies, but in which they were injected with an experimental drug that was supposed to reduce inflammation. None of these men suffered from any inflammation to begin with, but as a result of the testing, at least one of these prisoners contracted a near fatal muscle disease and lost 65 pounds. Vacaville is also the testing ground for the infamous "fright drug", Anectine. This drug is used to implement aversion therapy. One of its effects

is a feeling of suffocation, and it can induce near-fatal reactions. It's often easy to modify one's behavior when a threat of this caliber exists. And it does exist! There are many other threats hanging over all of our heads like the executioner's axe - awaiting an opportunity to fall.

We're beyond the threshold of large scale experimentations in the area of behavior modification - behavior change by surgery, and other means. There is increasing experimentation with electrical stimulation, and the selective destruction of certain areas of the human brain...in order to achieve "desirable" behavioral changes.

Another name for the "game" is psychosurgery. Its history is long and distressing, its most common form being lobotomy which is achieved by making incisions in the frontal lobes of the brain. The most dramatic effects of lobotomy have been docility, abrupt changes in personality, emotional disturbance, impairment of judgement, etc. Lobotomy today is more sophisticated, though the results are the same and its use is being accelerated and new terminologies devised. But in essence, it is the same psychosurgery, the goal thereof being to pinpoint the locus of the "undesirable behavior" in the brain and destroy those tissues and nerve cells, leaving other functions and behavior patterns of the subject "unaffected".

Psychosurgery is being "practiced" on depressed housewives, "hyper-active" children, alcoholics, drug addicts, juvenile delinquents, adult offenders, and more. Where can it end but in the absolute control of the people by the "authorities" if it's allowed to continue at its present growth rate.

Beams of the lasers, strokes of the knives, the pressures of the drills - pain - mental and physical death.

People...get ready!

Oregon State Penitentiary
1974



PSYCHOLOGY AND PRISON

One hears quite a lot these days about the new penology. The behavior modification programs that supposedly convert criminal deviants into upstanding citizens. The emphasis has shifted away from the old lock them up and throw away the key philosophy to the new rehabilitation and behavior modification approach. It sounds impressive but to those ensnarled in the correctional juggernaut, things have gone from bad to worse.

First, let's take a look at the word "rehabilitation". Literally it means to restore or make new again. That is hardly what happens inside prisons. No man can go through the experience of serving a prison sentence and return to society restored or made new again. Does suffering, pain, degradation and loneliness have a positive effect on the convict? Hardly, it doesn't make him into a new man at all. Like-wise it doesn't rehabilitate him either.

Rehabilitation is a sham perpetuated by prison administrators to solidify their own shaky position. It's a hoax to acquire huge legislative appropriations to hire more personnel, build more prisons and even to divert money through devious means into their own pockets. Rehabilitation is a bunch of hog-wash. Any good that happens to a man while in prison happens in spite of the administration, not because of it. The only lesson to be learned behind prison walls is how to do time. The great majority of the naive public believe that prison behavior modification programs are where it's at. The remainder adhere to the old hard line philosophy of "lock the bastards up and throw away the key". Unbelievable as it may seem, the American prison system satisfies both factions. The hard liners are delighted to know that the prison populations are at an all time high and that the convicts are serving just as much time as they ever did. The liberals point to the shiny new prisons with their publicized programs and think that the prisons are doing a hell of a job. But are they? Let's see.

What everybody is hearing about these days are behavior modification programs. These programs designed to utilize the psychological principles of human behavior seek through a variety of psychological techniques to alter the behavior of prison inmates so that in the future they will conform to the laws of society. The terminology includes techniques such as positive and negative reinforcement, sensory deprivation, extinguishment, shaping, fading, schedules of reinforcement and many others. But what about prison behavior modification programs? How do they function? To begin with no man or woman in prison is a willing participant in any behavior modification program. He or she is captive, hostile to their keepers and participates in prison programs only under duress. The programs as designed by prison psychologists are designed to function principally around the principle of negative reinforcement or punishment. A technique which has been proven time and again to be psychologically unsound, unhuman and unsuccessful. Behavior modification programs in prisons are negative, brutal and worthless.

Take for example the long-term behavior modification program now being used at the U.S. penitentiary at Marion, Illinois. In this program "trouble makers" and politically active convicts from throughout the federal prison system are the



prime candidates for participation in the program. A man must have a minimum of one (1) year left to serve to qualify and preferably a much longer term. The program as mentioned earlier is designed primarily around the use of negative reinforcement. The new participants are taken to "B" range, a tier of 18 cells, 9 of which are called "Boxcars", that have metal fronts and are completely isolated. These cells have nothing in them and a light burns 24 hours a day. They get no mail and have no communication with each other. The only contact they have all day is with the pigs that bring them their meals. Another interesting item is that every cell is bugged so that the pigs can hear every word they say even if they're talking to themselves. This is called sensory deprivation and may last anywhere from 10 days to literally years according to the adjustment of the individual. Those who rebel or show signs of hostility stay and from time to time receive visits from their keepers who administer severe beatings with ax handles and baseball bats. After a satisfactory adjustment is made the convict is moved to another range where they are allowed their mail, cigarettes and reading material. Here they stay for an indefinite period of time or until they are willing to go to work in the factory. The factory workers live on "C" range. Five days a week they work in the factory which makes mail bags for the Postal Department. These men are mere hulks of men. Men who have succumbed to the beatings and the treatment and can think only of the extra privileges that they get for being factory workers. But still even these men hate their keepers.

Their behavior change is only temporary and they will revert to normal at the first opportunity.

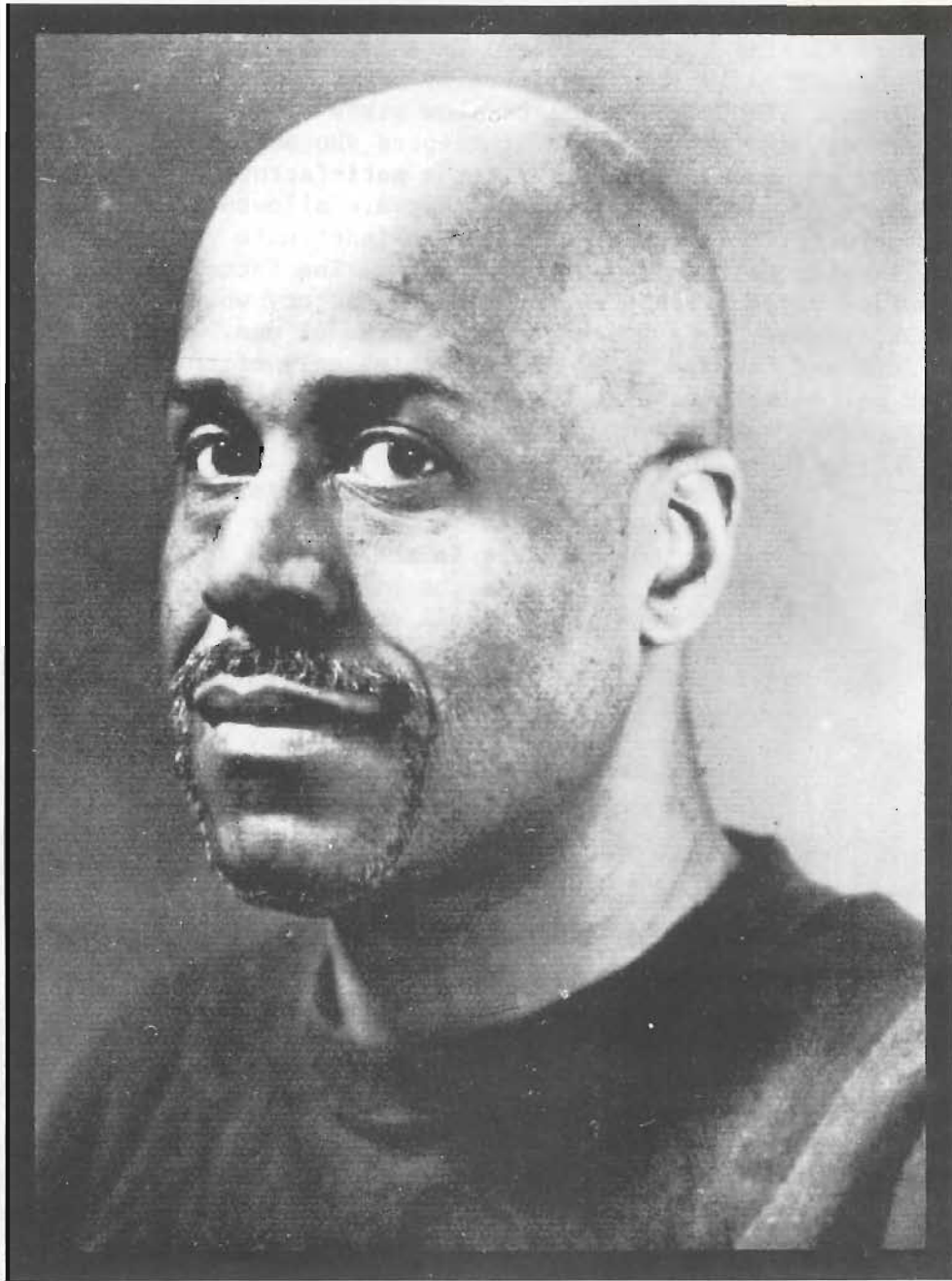
Another interesting aspect of this program is that no matter how far an individual has progressed in the program any show of hostility towards the pigs sends him right back to the beginning all over again.

But the men who are strong and refuse to give in, who take their beatings and suffer the degradation and the loneliness and everything else survive on hate. They gather it to themselves and thrive on it. They are not changed in the psychological meaning of the word and they are not modified. They are fused together through suffering and pain into a collective brotherhood, nourished by hate and dedicated to a single goal, the destruction of the society that seeks to enslave them and put them in chains.

Behavior modification programs in prisons are pre-destined to failure. From the simple education programs to the use of psychological drugs and lobotomy, it's all doomed to failure. Even those who play the program game while in prison revert to form once free. And the strong who resist, who suffer and learn to hate, the result is inevitable. These men are the leaders. The strong who through their strength and determination have overcome and survived so that they may one day lead us down the road to freedom.

Oregon State Penitentiary
1974

**STOP BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:
U.S. POLICY OF GENOCIDE
ON POLITICAL PRISONERS
AND SCHOOL CHILDREN**



**FREE MARTIN SOSTRE
AND
ALL SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

THIRD WORLD STUDENTS COALITION, 161 Madison, Eugene, Oregon

Dear Comrades:

As each day comes and goes new and more sophisticated forms of dehumanization, exploitation, repression, etc., are constantly being developed by the perpetrators of the U.S. neo-fascist capitalist system. Thus, it is essential we stop to analyze the new difficulties, problems and situations we are faced with to determine a correct line of action. If not, we will continue fighting against old forms of exploitation.

Accordingly, we attempt to analyze the real concrete situation here at the U.S. Marion Koncentration Kamp. In doing so, we are now able to see with clarity the modified and refined techniques of behavior modification as they are now being applied to those prisoners who have been buried in the BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION CONTROL UNITS and are gradually being released to the general prison population. But their release is woven together with various conditions - conditions that not only restrict their activities and movement but also their basic and human right of self-expression of thought.

They are constantly reminded that the slightest violation of these conditions will result in their return to the BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION CONTROL UNITS. But, as can be seen, they are being released from one form of behavior modification which, in effect, is also designed to break their wills and dignity as human beings and reduce them to mere robots. Hence, the game-plan is quite obvious: Turn the entire Marion Koncentration Kamp to one large BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION UNIT!

These modified and refined behavior modification techniques have the same degrading psychological effect as the so-called old techniques. The new techniques are merely the old in disguise. The effects are the same in as much as the deterioration of intellectual and emotional capacities are often so great that individuals are no longer capable of realizing their own deterioration or caring, as they are very subtly processed and programmed to accept without resistance the authoritarian principles of prison administrators who, in reality, are nothing more than pawns who themselves have been brainwashed by the capitalist ruling class into believing that the American way of life is the best.

Most recently the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice released their report of their findings of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Behavior Modification Research Center, soon to be opened in Butner, North Carolina, under the directorship of Dr. Martin Groder who, incidentally, created and developed the Asklepion Society here at Marion, which is based on behavior modification techniques such as Synanon-Group Attack Therapy and Transactional Analysis in an intense effort to turn prisoners against each other and to spy and report to authorities the activities of other prisoners.

Dr. Groder was interviewed by the Commission for Racial Justice. His response to many questions put forth to him by the various members of the Commission were often couched in generalizations and euphemisms. For instance, when asked what the mission of the Behavior Modification Research Center would be, he stated, "The mission of the center will be the treatment of mentally disturbed and violent offenders, for research leading to the management and correction of such behavioral problems...and serious deviant behavior." He does not define exactly what constitutes behavioral problems and deviant behavior. And despite his efforts to conceal the real intent of the Behavior Modification Center, the Commission was still able to gather sufficient evidence to conclude in their final report that the mission of the center is to remold and shape the thought process of those prisoners who speak out against the

inhumanities of the prison system, and that it will be left up to prison guards to define what constitutes deviant behavior and select prisoners they feel should be sent to the Behavior Modification Research Center.

As a result of modifying and refining these behavior modification techniques, prison officials are now proceeding to present them to the public as humane, in an ever increasing effort to deceive the masses and undermine legal litigations now pending in the courts of law.

In bringing to light these modified and refined behavior modification techniques, we begin to formulate tactics that will result in victory. These tactics include educating the masses to these so-called new and sophisticated forms of repression, exploitation, etc., so that they will also concentrate their efforts to developing tactics that will place them in positions to emerge victorious in whatever their plans may be to help stop behavior modification.

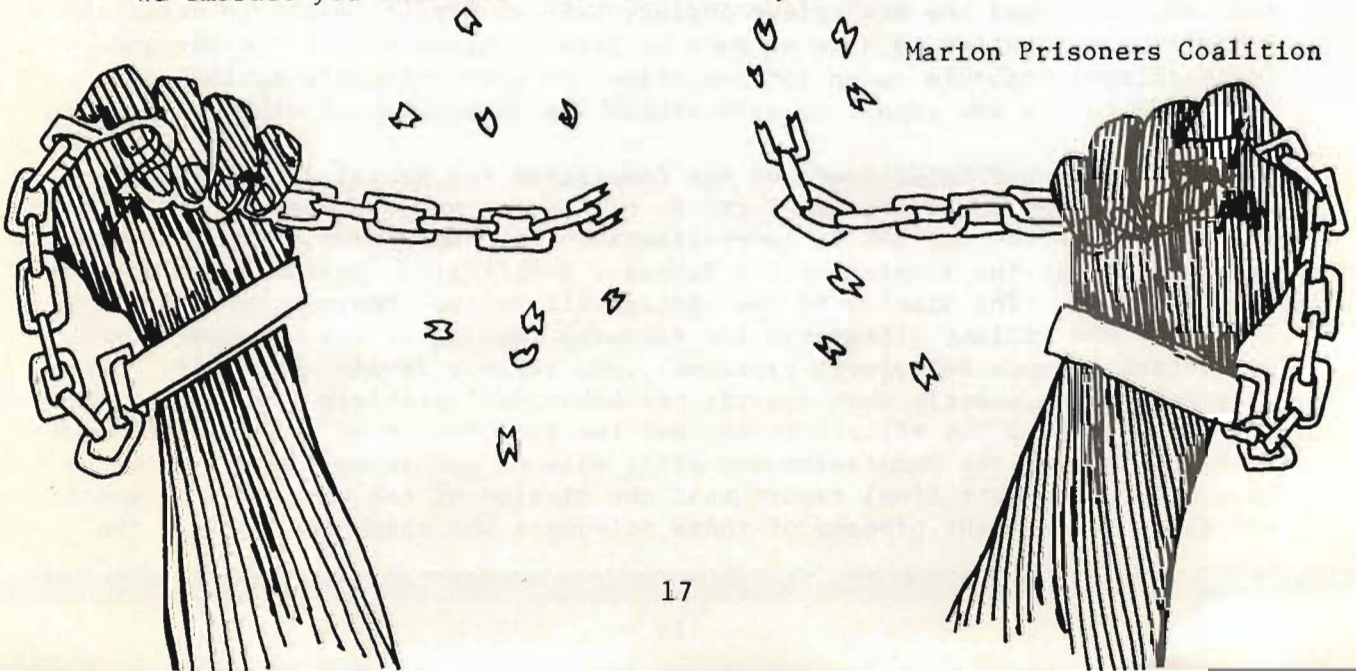
If not, the perpetrators of the U.S. neo-fascist capitalist system will certainly succeed with their plans to turn all potential revolutionary-freedom fighters now in prison into mere robots, who will later be released to infiltrate movement organizations. Those prisoners who they will not be able to turn into robots will probably never leave prison alive. Already we are seeing the brainwashed Asklepion Society members being transferred to other federal koncentration camps for the purpose of implementing other alike behavior modification programs. And it will not be long before these very same programs will be implemented across the nation for members of society.

Only when we have succeeded in completely wiping out behavior modification could we open up a new situation, paving the way for new victories for our revolutionary-freedom fighters and the masses. To succeed, it is essential that we create favorable conditions for this battle by launching numerous offensives on various battle fronts and by intensifying preparations on the Butner Behavior Modification Research Center battlefield.

Thus, we must unite and make a joint effort to STOP behavior modification before it stops us all. Our activities and movement are limited, but we are certainly making every effort to do what we can considering our circumstances in here. We, like many out there, are on a path from which there is NO return. On this path, we will encounter many pains and sufferings. But these pains and sufferings will be soothed by the enormous amount of love we possess for those whom we struggle for and are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for: the oppressed peoples of the world.

We embrace you with all our revolutionary fervor!

Marion Prisoners Coalition



MEMORANDUM

Oregon State Penitentiary

To: The People Date: Now!

From: An "out-of-sight-out-of-YOUR-mind" prisoner Re: Justice!

Oregon State Penitentiary: Human Warehouse - The Will of the People

People, don't let custom-convention brainwash you

This human warehouse ain't nothin' but a bad-trip, bum-wire, cess-pool

Up high as low as you can go they're full of eloquent euphemisms, smilin' lies,
concerned apathy, programmed mind

At the bottom of this cess-pool of authoritarianism dwells the gestapo-sadistic-
ignorant (victims they too be - yet) gettin' their kicks under the pretense
of treatment with the sanctions of the most treacherous up high

People, this human warehouse is society's bastard - a man-made hell of concrete,
locks, and steel cages

It runs on a funky carrot - they call it "reward" and "punishment"

What it is - is a psycho-somatic-social-lock-step-run-a-round

They expect men to bow down and play masochist, it's the master-slave game, it's
sickness

It makes sense like pouring fire on gasoline, as fathers bury their sons for
mindless wars

If you submit, forfeit dignity-pride, you'll be rewarded with a broken spirit,
a robot mind, no purpose in life

If you question the authoritarian mind, the price is persecution, the master for
blindness-fear, is always right, sees only through his eyes

If you step beyond delegated lock-step, you got a little more sensory deprivation
comin' in the hole

And for those the master fears most, those who see and speak the truth with the
purpose to expose, change, uproot, how about a trip to the puzzle factory,
a little mind altering chemotherapy, a laser lobotomy?

Thus I sign my name the way I live - anonymously

Alas! Before I go, I see you not seeing me through my reality, if you really
cared, this place wouldn't be - Write THAT on the blackboard of your mind
500 times, and prove me WRONG!
The Will of the People Decides.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ADAMS, et. al.)
Plaintiff)

v.

Cv. No. 72 - 153

CARLSON, et. al.)
Defendant)

State of Illinois)
County of Williamson)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Bobby Anderson, being first duly sworn and on oath depose and say:

1. The following paragraphs will describe incidents, observations and items of general information pertinent to the physical operation of the U.S. Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois. The stimulus for this particular affidavit has been specifically brought about by the alleged suicide death of my close personal friend, Jackson "Curly" Fee (hereinafter referred to as Curly).

2. I arrived in Marion on August 11, 1970. At that time I was placed in lock-up status, which is now called "Long Term Control Unit". I was not given a reason for my being classified to such housing arrangements other than being told, "We are not desirous of having you in our general population." My present status affords me such limited amenities as the following:

a) A maximum of 30 closely supervised minutes of daily exercise on the cement runway outside my 7' by 9' cell. Supervision is generally available for such exercise periods on the average of only 4 times a week. An additional 10 minutes is allotted each man for an evening shower.

b). Approximately every 2 or 3 months the education department brings a small selection of books into the unit. The overwhelming majority are cheap, pot-boiler sex novels with a liberal sprinkling of westerns and detective novels in various stages of disarray.

c) Visits with approved friends and loved ones are limited to a total of 16 hours per month. The visiting room that is used by those of us in this unit is a closed-off security room with a telephone connection between inmate and visitor. The physical separation is enhanced by a floor to ceiling, bullet-proof plexi-glass partition. The most extreme restriction, however, lies in the fact of there only being two (2) of the above described telephone connections. In the event more than two of us from this unit have visits at the same time, our visits are sharply curtailed. (Needless to say, such an irrational and arbitrary inconvenience is not similarly imposed upon the general population). We are further restricted in this most important facet of our lives by only being allowed such days as weekends, holidays, Wednesdays, and Friday afternoons; the remaining days of the week are inexplicably denied to us.

3. Extrapolating beyond this brief overview of the mere physical features of the oppressive and mind-bending environment, I think one might safely conclude numerous other areas of extreme deprivation. I speak of the long term effects of such uncaring and total control as being cut off from all meaningful social concourse with our fellow man: How long before we suffer the irreversible emotional and

intellectual consequence? Surely it must be recognized that this stimulus hunger must engender such a degree of disorientation and confusion until we are finally led to some form of self-destruction. My contention is simply this: Curly's recent death might be attributed to his having become so prone to the suggestability of his surroundings, that he felt the ultimate end of humiliation and degradation to be the taking of his own life.

4. A chronological sequence of events leading up to and surrounding Curly's death might make the point more explicit.

5. Since arriving here some 39 months ago I have spent a total of 103 days in the dubious environs of general population. This period was broken up only by a year's court trip I took to the West Coast. Throughout the duration of this trip I remained in some form of punitively treated segregation status due to the malevolent labeling process afforded me by the officials here at Marion. However, during the time that I was a member of the Long Term Control Unit's populace, as I am now, I have witnessed, or have direct knowledge of, an inordinately high per capita ratio of mutilations, attempted suicides and nervous breakdowns. Now I have become an unwilling witness to Curly Fee's death.

6. Mutilations and attempted suicides include inmates Eddie Sanchez, Michael P. Cullen, James Patmore, and Bobby Ferris, who have at various times severed their achilles tendons or slashed their wrists and arms.

7. Inmates Calvin Dow, David Alworth, Jay Lewis, Norman (or Herman) Vaughn and Christopher Ward reached the point of exhibiting such mentally bizarre behavior that they were removed from their lock-up cells and placed under psychiatric observation. Most of these men were eventually sent to the U.S. Medical Center at Springfield, Missouri where some still remain, after months of such confinement.

8. These particular incidents, as well as Curly's death, involve men who were, for the most part, placed on "Long Term Control" status as a result of a peaceful work stoppage which occurred in July, 1972. It might be noted here that most of these men deny their participation in such a strike and further deny that the mild and passive protest which did occur should be accorded such a stigmatic label as "strike". It might also be wondered if nineteen months punishment, as has been described, is not unduly harsh for such a transgression if it did, in fact, transpire pursuant to the Marion administration's statement on the issue.

9. To bring within an even clearer contextual framework, those events which pertain to the matter at hand, I would offer a brief profile of what has finally been given as the "real reason" why I'm suffering my present status of discriminatory and inhumane treatment.

10. A few weeks ago I was told that I was not being kept in this ever so close confinement for anything that I've recently done or am considered wont to do in the immediate future, but for something that, in fact, did not occur over five (5) years ago! During a "riot" at the Oregon State Prison, which took place in March 1968, I was falsely indicted for taking as hostage an officer of that institution. Since I was in segregation throughout the course of the "riot" and had no way of gaining physical access to any of the institutional officers, the mistake was soon rectified by the dismissal of the indictment. However, the incident has remained outstanding in my "official file" and has served to plague me ever since.

11. I had an opportunity to describe my personal predicament to the institutional psychiatrist, Dr. Black, as he passed through the unit on November 8, 1973. To my knowledge, this was the first instance of his appearance in this unit. Oddly

enough, he came at a time when the majority of the men confined to this unit were engaged in a two week fast, in protest of general conditions and more specifically in sympathetic support of Curly. Dr. Black briefly interviewed me while standing in front of my cell. After hearing my account of why I was being continued on Long Term Control status, he promised to see what he could find out and indicated he would get back to me soon. Dr. Black returned to my cell on November 20, 1973, with the news that he was recommending me to be placed on a "program of rehabilitation". This nebulous "program" was supposedly designed to allow for my "working myself out" of my present situation. I found this somewhat confusing as I'm not in here for any specific or proven charge other than the heretofore mentioned dismissed indictment. In view of all the things I've seen happen in this unit -- including Curly's death -- I was/am becoming not a little frightened.

12. This brings me to the point of describing my relationship with Curly and the events leading up to his death, which I can only in the fullest moral sense of good conscience think of as a deliberately perpetrated murder.

13. Curly was 52 years old, weighed approximately 125-130 pounds, and on October 22, 1973 was set upon by this institution's "goon squad", beaten severely and placed in an area of cells known as the "boxcars". This solitary cell arrangement has a completely closed front, is removed from what little social intercourse the rest of us enjoy, and is used strictly for punitive purposes.

14. Before this senseless occurrence took place, however, there are some explanations necessary to furnish the background for why a human being was destroyed.

15. Curly was ostensibly placed in the Long Term Control Unit for his participation in the work stoppage of July, 1972. His lock-up was part of a wholesale "arrest" that saw some 150 men arbitrarily removed from the general population of Marion. These persons acquainted with Curly were cognizant of his antipathy toward any form of group demonstration. He had expressed his opinions on many occasions that he felt any sort of collective protest inside a prison was a futile gesture that could only lead to unpleasant consequences for those participating. It follows then that this isn't why Curly was locked up at all. If the facts of the matter be known he was locked up relevant to an incident that took place on July 19, 1971. At that time, several inmates made an assault against a tower in an attempt to escape. One man did escape and the other men allegedly involved, including Curly, were charged with attempted escape, aiding and assisting, etc. Curly was acquitted of this charge in February, 1972. Nonetheless, Curly still lost 1,023 days good time, at the hands of an institutional committee, as a result of the charge. He subsequently filed a civil suit against the Warden alleging that the F.B.I. and others had filed false statements against him to cause his indictment and finally his loss of good time. At a hearing in Benton, Illinois, on Aug. 19, 1973, Curly's suit was dismissed. This was a complete travesty of justice and might be viewed as one of the last blows in a long series that ultimately beat a man to his death. Judge Wise disallowed Curly his witnesses, a copy of the escape trial transcript and F.B.I. statements - therefore rendering Curly a decision which precluded any meaningful defense.

16. To experience the judicial process as merely a sham, perhaps heretofore imagined to be the last bulwark against man's inhumanity to man, caused Curly to make a grave re-evaluation of the entire fabric making up our society.

17. Curly used to continually ask me when I thought the Marion administration was going to realize he was innocent. Weren't all mistakes eventually rectified in the interests of fair play; especially one so obvious as the one keeping him in here?

18. After the hearing in Benton, Curly finally stopped pursuing this line of questioning. Not only had he reason to lose faith in any connotation of justice, by virtue of his own first hand experience, but he was further reinforced in his belief by the actions of the officials here at Marion. Now he was being told that he would never be removed from his present status. Inferences were made to the effect that if he was smart enough to write one writ, perhaps he needed time to write another that would get him out of his present situation.

19. Curly related to me that he was being subjected to a daily increasing amount of harassment. He felt a deliberate effort was being made to strip him of his dignity and self-respect. He spoke of his being ridiculed as a "writ writer", called profane names and told his only way out was in a "box". He interpreted this as a threat on his life and wrote an affidavit to that effect some weeks prior to his death. I had no reason to disbelieve him as I received a similar threat from Officer Jake Johns. (See attached affidavit).

20. The October 22nd beating I made reference to should not be considered an unusual or isolated incident. Inmates Adams, O'Connor, Estrada, Sappington, McKinney, Rellez, and J. Parker have all suffered beatings similar to the one inflicted upon Curly. Some of these men have had bones broken, and all required medical treatment of some type following their beatings. The "goon squad" that is called to assume this type of duty usually consists of 10 or 12 officers. They are attired in football like helmets with protective masks, armed with billy clubs, axe-handles or sawed off baseball bats; one or more of them usually carries a large protective body shield.

21. On the day Curly was beaten, I watched the "goon squad" pass in front of my cell attired and equipped as described above. (I am able to identify 7 of their number by name). Shortly thereafter I heard the sounds of a violent struggle that lasted for approximately 6 or 7 minutes. I could clearly hear the sounds of many blows being struck as well as Curly screaming out in pain.

22. The "squad" then passed back by my cell with Curly being supported in a stand-up position and shackled by both wrists and ankles. From all appearances Curly was completely unconscious and being held upright by three (3) officers. Officer Withers had his right arm around Curly's neck from behind; Officer Ronan (or Roman) was carrying the left side of Curly's bodyweight by holding him by his left arm and shoulder; Officer Musgrave was following this same procedure on Curly's opposite side. There were several marks/bruises running across the top of Curly's head and down the side of his face that was turned toward me. The marks showed up quite plainly as Curly was almost completely bald.

23. On October 24th, two days following the beating, I was moved into the cell in which the beating took place. There was a considerable amount of dried blood on the floor and the left wall above the steel bunk. The cell was unspeakably filthy. This came as a shock to me, as Curly was very neat. However, this further indication of Curly not being his usual self was fairly well in keeping with other behavioral quirks some of us had been remarking about. In the few weeks prior to his beating Curly had manifested some very pronounced conversational lapses accompanied by a rather vacant stare. Enough attention had been paid to his peculiar behavior, by his friends, that I'm certain the officers of this unit were aware of his condition.

24. After Curly was taken to the "boxcar", word was passed to us that he wasn't eating. In light of everything that had happened, this caused some of us considerable concern. I spoke to Curly's closest friend, Richard Montgomery, and we decided something was drastically wrong with Curly and that he needed help.

25. I wrote Officer Withers a note describing our concern that Curly had not been wholly rational over the past few weeks and we felt something should be done. I suggested that the staff might just this once show a little compassion for a sick old man and let Richard Montgomery try to talk with him to find out exactly what was wrong and possibly cheer him up. Officer Withers said, "There isn't anything wrong with Curly; he's just play-acting so he can go to Springfield." Richard Montgomery talked with Officer Withers and Lt. Culley, manager of this unit, on the afternoon of October 26th. He was told essentially the same thing as above, that Curly was faking, etc.; they implied that the staff was keeping an eye on Curly and that he seemed to be doing "okay". It was suggested that Montgomery might do well to quit worrying about it before he found himself in a "boxcar". The next day Curly was dead.

26. A few days later I confronted Officer Withers, while I was standing and talking with Ronald Del Raine, and I asked why my note to him had not been given more consideration. He replied, "I just work here Anderson. The final decision was Lt. Culley's to make." I told him such a negligent attitude was nothing less than murder and I intended to make a statement to that effect. He said, "I couldn't care less what you do."

27. The next time I saw Lt. Culley, I asked him essentially the same questions I had Officer Withers. I reminded him also that I had never mentioned concern for another inmate in any written note to the staff before and if this in itself did not merit more serious attention. He stated that he hadn't thought it necessary for Richard Montgomery to speak with Curly; that members of his staff had assured him of Curly's well being. He admitted that the whole situation was handled very badly. I told him I wished his foresight had been as good as his hindsight.

Bobby Anderson

Affiant
Bobby Anderson
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Long Term Control Unit
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Marion, Ill. 62959

Subscribed and sworn to before me:

this 27th day of November, 1973.

C. L. Kennedy, Parole office

Notary Public

State of Illinois)
County of Williamson)

AFFIDAVIT

I, Bobby Anderson, being first duly sworn and on oath depose and say:

1. That I am incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois in the Long Term Control Unit, H-D-17.

2. At 10:30 A.M. October 29, 1973, Mr. Jake Johns came to my cell with a letter from Mr. Arpiar Saunders, Attorney at Law, National Prison Project, Wash. D.C.

3. His words were, I quote, "Anderson, I have here a letter for you from the do-gooders trouble makers out of D.C. I want you to see before I give it to you that it's opened and that the envelope was never sealed by the sender (which was true). I have a message for you that goes with this. I suggest that you not follow through on this and stop writing letters to these trouble makers and any other lawyers that are opposed to our C.A.R.E. program. We run this joint the way we want to. It would be extremely wise if you did not enter into the Fee case in any manner unless you care to join him. Your lips can be sealed just as his were."

4. I said, "You and the goon squad killed that old man." Johns said, "Just be glad that it wasn't you and at the same time know also that it could have been you."

5. Jake Johns was in the goon squad party of some 10 officials in riot gear with large clubs that beat Jackson Fee while he was in his cell and harmless for at least a period of some 15 minutes. Fee was begging for them to stop beating him. The goon squad drug Fee by my cell in a stand up position, with his arms and legs in chains. One Officer, Withers, had his arms around Fee's neck while an officer on each side of Fee held his arms.

6. He had the markings of a good beating and his face was blue. There were several spots on his head that looked like the markings of a club. These marks were easy to see as Fee does not have hair on his head.

7. Jake Johns picked up all the clubs that the officers had dropped while dragging Fee down the range. He was the last party that went by my cell with all these clubs and a sick sort of satisfied smile on his face.

Subscribed and Sworn to

Before Me This 19th day of November, 1973.

E. J. Fischer Notary Public

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LETTER FROM A PRISONER.....BY EDDIE SANCHEZ 18827-175, MARION, ILLINOIS

I am a federal prisoner presently confined at the U.S. penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. On July 31, 1974, I was charged with attempted mutiny within the confines of the C.A.R.E. program here. C.A.R.E. is a behavior modification unit where prisoners are experimented on with various techniques of breaking the wills of prisoners to resist in any fashion any prison protest. Within C.A.R.E. men have been confined for as long as one, two, three, four, and five and more years at a time. Men are here from other countries having never been in a prison population within the U.S. Other men, are in fact, state prisoners and are kidnapped here from state prisons under what is termed "federal and state contract for leasing prisoners."

Since I've been confined here on and off since 1971 I've personally seen over two dozen men kept here till they are driven insane by the confinement. And others yet have been driven to suicides or attempts at suicide. I've seen such desperate protests as men slashing their heel strings and wrists in order to seek relief from the powers that be. I've also seen countless petitions and civil suits filed against this prison to no avail to the majority of prisoners. I've also witnessed and have written letters to almost every Congressperson and senator to only receive formal replies that their offices are investigating the situation. The general atmosphere within the confines of C.A.R.E. is one of despondency, hopelessness, futility, deprivation, loneliness and bitterness. It is so great that it is an atmosphere that one can even feel as soon as entering C.A.R.E. be they free person or prisoner. Indeed C.A.R.E. like other behavior modification units is so feared that it is interesting to note that one of the demands of the prisoners holding hostages in Washington, D.C. was that they not be sent to the federal prison in either Springfield, Missouri or Marion, Illinois and they had not even ever been here.

On July 31, 1974, I admit that I tried to seize a guard as hostage. The account both official and coinciding with my own, is that on that day I possessed a gun within my cage in C.A.R.E. and attempted to take a certain Officer Harris hostage through the bars of my cage. That said officer evaded capture and I, left alone with no bargaining power surrendered after reinforcements of officials were brought in armed with shields, guns, helmets, gas, and other items. In my cage was found a knife and a manifesto of demands, but no gun. The gun was supposedly dis-assembled and flushed down my toilet before surrender. Two officials swear they saw the gun personally and in fact were threatened with it.

What did I seek by the above acts? And why did I resort to violence? First question first. I only sought justice or some semblance thereof for the men confined within C.A.R.E. I saw the situation as urgent in need of immediate relief after just one and a half weeks ago watching a good friend of mine succumb to breaking his own hand against the wall in frustration, and halt eating in hopes of only one thing - release both physically and mentally from C.A.R.E. to some prison population. This man has been in the "hole" and C.A.R.E. for three straight years. And now the ultimate goal of behavior modification has been reached. I sought only to ask for members of Congress, senators, news media, judges and lawyers to visit with me one day - with me and other prisoners in C.A.R.E. And if after that one day and they had seen for themselves, I would then release the hostage. Because in that one day I would give them specific examples



of mental tortures that would repulse any human mind. I would then ask them to consider what they had seen and submit a report from their knowledge and conscience of C.A.R.E. I sought release of men from C.A.R.E. through legal channels by illegal means that I deemed necessary, that I knew would later be tried on in court. I did not seek personal release or escape or even amnesty.

As for why did I resort to violence? All other means had been tried here to no avail. While other prisons were taking steps towards prison reform and abolishment, this prison was busy taking steps that come from some science fiction book like "1984" or "Clockwork Orange". The situation was immediate as prisoners were dying physically and mentally daily. I personally have condemned behavior modification programs since 1972. I have written and corresponded almost daily with over 20 members of Congress. I have written over 50 articles in newspapers across the country. I personally filed the first petitions brought against the S.T.A.R.T. program in Springfield, Missouri. I began in 1972 and yet still not one court has officially ruled against S.T.A.R.T. It is said that S.T.A.R.T. was dismantled by the Bureau of Prisons so what is to stop them from re-opening it? And while that one is closed we see others opening monthly in almost every prison across the country.

I went before a prison disciplinary committee on Aug. 2, 1974 on the charges resulting from the above attempt. They charged me with possession of a deadly weapon, threatening another with bodily harm and conduct which disrupts or interferes with security or the orderly running of the prison. They have referred me to the F.B.I. for prosecution. They also verbally accused me of being a "revolutionary martyr" saying that I was bearing the weight of everyone in C.A.R.E. and that I should do my own time or that I would never get out of prison. How, may I ask, is one to do their own time when one can see people being destroyed physically and mentally around him daily. I would really have to be sub-human to just be able to do this. I can't ignore human suffering of even people I don't know. Maybe if I could do this I would not be in C.A.R.E.

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Sing Again

by a Vietnamese political prisoner

Sing so that in my heart roars the storm
and so that my fiery blood melts at last these
chains.
They are here! The jailers, stick in hand!
Frozen silence, again, in the bolted cell--
Eyes shot with blood, they scream:
"Which one, at this hour of curfew, dares to sing?"

A muted rage drowns our heart,
Our pupils stare at these monsters,
Our strength: a determined silence.

After the rain of interrogations, the rain
of blows!
So much flesh in ribbons! So much pain on
the body!
Dominating those barbarians, my sister, proud,
you rise
"Down with terror! Down with the brutes!"
Your hand in mine, my hand tightens on yours,
An extraordinary strength exudes from our bodies
so frail!

Barely have they turned their back,
Than our laughter resounds stronger,
And, despising our angered guards, their hatred,
Our choir starts again, harmony more rhythmic!

In reprisals for the evening, the following
morning,
Older mothers, younger sister--barely thirteen
years old--
Under blows, are questioned. Determined silence.

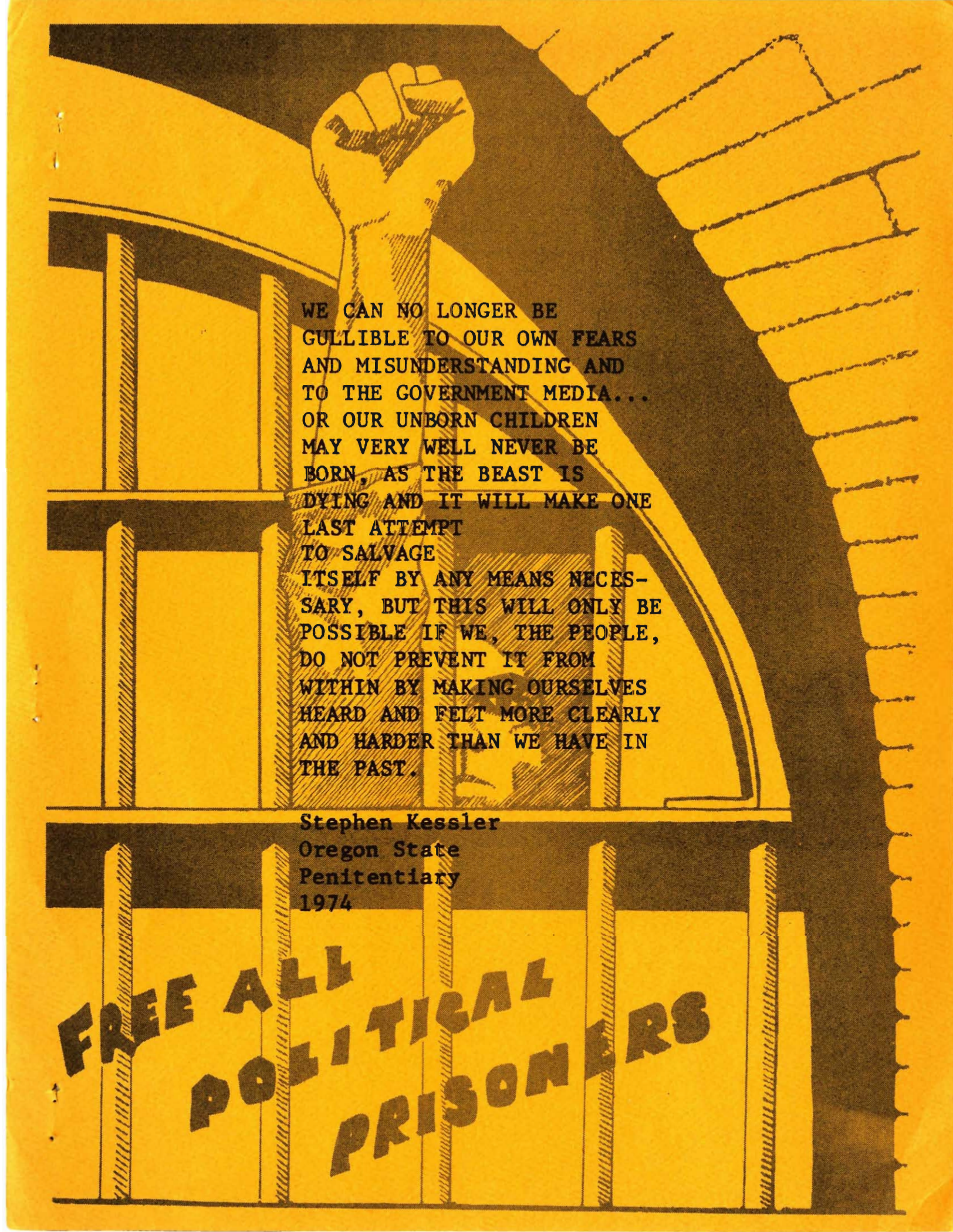
Will one ever know how many of these tortured
children,
At the foot of the wall, fell unconscious,
And, coming to life, let themselves be rocked
softly by a companion acting as an elder sister?
Crib-song or call from the birth place?

On their trembling lips blooms again the rose:
Chains cannot imprison a smile!
And walls between cells cannot build barricades
between hearts

I have seen through each tiny slit, a few grains
of salt exchanged, a few lemons:
I have seen blood on the stained yellow wall:
"Against the invaders, to reconquer our tomorrow,
we are determined!"

Sing Again!
Sing so that in my heart roars the storm
And so that my fiery blood melts at last these
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WITHIN BY MAKING OURSELVES
HEARD AND FELT MORE CLEARLY
AND HARDER THAN WE HAVE IN
THE PAST.

Stephen Kessler
Oregon State
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