

PRISON CONSTRUCTION MORATORIUM CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1974

AT THE NORTH PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
5714 GROVE STREET, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (Sandwiches and beverages
available)

CHAIRPERSON: Rev. BOB DAVIDSON, Joint Strategy
& Action Committee, Northern
California Ecumenical Council

REGISTRATION: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION: JERRY MILLER, Director, Dept. of
Children's Services, State of
9:30 - 10:15 Illinois "The Prison
Construction Moratorium as
called for by the National
Advisory Commission on Criminal
Justice Standards and Goals."

10:15 - 11:00 Responses by Federal, State and
Local Legislators:
TOM BATES, Supervisor, Alameda
County
DON HOPKINS, Aide to Ron Dellums,
Congressperson, 7th District
KEN MEADE, Assemblyperson, 16th
District

11:00 - 12:00 Answers and critiques by
conference participants

1:00 - 1:30 F. PETE STARK, 8th District
Congressperson "My response
to Prison Construction in my
District"

1:30 - 2:00 Prison Construction Moratorium
Coalition Representatives from
Various Counties Discuss their
Progress

ALAMEDA STEVE CARMICHAEL, Criminal
Justice Project

CONTRA COSTA LOUISE CLARKE, Women's Jail
Project

SAN FRANCISCO MATT FARRELL, Social Justice
Commission, Catholic Arch-
diocese of San Francisco

MARIN VAL SCHAAP, Committee for
Prisoner Humanity & Justice

SANTA CLARA MARJORY BOEHM, Alliance for
Alternatives to Jail
Construction

MONTEREY & SANTA CRUZ FRANK HARRIS, Citizen's
Committee on Law Enforcement

ADMISSION FREE!!

2:00 - 4:00 WORKSHOPS & SUGGESTIONS

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1. Alternatives to Prison Construc-
tion.
JAN MARINISSEN, American Friends
Service Committee, Moderator
BOB TRIMBLE, National Council on
Crime & Delinquency, Western
BILLIE DAWSON, San Jose State
Criminal Justice Administration
ARTURO HERNANDEZ, Project Intercept

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2. Legal case for the Prison Morator-
ium.
JOHN DECKENBACK, Northern Calif.
United Church of Christ,
Moderator
JIM SMITH, Sacramento Legal Aid
Society
ANTHONY KLINE, Public Advocates

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3. Community's Case for the Moratorium
FRANK SMITH, American Friends
Service Committee, Moderator
ERICA HUGGINS, Intercommunal Youth
Institute
FRANK HARRIS, Citizen's Committee
on Law Enforcement
PATTY HOLDER, Prisoners' Union

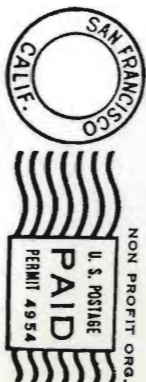
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4. Legislative Case for the Moratorium
STEVE CARMICHAEL, Criminal Justice
Project, JSAC, Moderator
JOE GUNTERMAN, Friends Committee
on Legislation
RON SILLIMAN, Coordinating Council
of Prisoner Organizations
ZOE LOFGREN, Aide to Don Edwards,
Congressperson, 9th District

4:30

SUMMATION: REV. BOB DAVIDSON

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In the last few years, many agencies have studied the criminal justice system in depth. These agencies, such as the National Council of Crime and Delinquency, the Keldgord Commission, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and, most recently, the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, have almost invariably recommended that we halt the building of jails, prisons and detention facilities. They have concluded that it is not possible to defend the continued incarceration of all but a tiny minority of the present prison population, on the grounds that, "society is being protected."

They have noted a number of other significant facts: Over half those presently in jail are awaiting trial; they have not been convicted of a crime. Over half those in jails and prisons are incarcerated for non-victim crime, such as marijuana smoking and gambling. Also, all other things being equal, the more time an individual spends in prison, the less chance he or she has of making a successful readjustment to society.

In spite of the above, almost every County in the Bay Area, in addition to the State and Federal Government, has new jail or prison facilities either proposed or under construction. Instead of the exploration and development of alternatives to incarceration, these agencies are pushing toward a doubling or more of their bed space. There seems to be no commitment on the part of the large majority of these agencies to reevaluate their goals, methods, and priorities; in its place seems to be an inexorable push to expand each respective bureaucracy.

It is in response to this inflexibility on the part of criminal justice agencies that the Prison Construction Moratorium Committee has been formed, and this Conference has been convened. It is our opinion that unless these agencies accept input from, and are responsive to, the community at large, they will constitute a threat to the social welfare.

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The North Peralta Community College Campus can be reached from the Highway 24, North, Grove Street exit, or by driving south from Ashby, in Berkeley, on Grove. The Conference will be held in the Gym, and there will be on-campus parking. Please use the Aileen Street entrance, adjacent to the tennis courts.