



TDCJ's Repression of it's Political Prisoners Leads to
Devastating Effects Among the Wider Prison Population

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When i initiated the June-teenth Freedom Initiative (JFI), and the fliers for that action began to find their way into every prison in Texas, Allred Unit's Warden Jimmy Smith commanded the unit mailroom supervisor to place me on a "watchlist" — purportedly to provide a greater level of scrutiny to my outgoing mail.

This measure first began to disrupt communication between cadres and myself throughout the state. The state has policies and courts have upheld bans on such communications under the cloak of a fear of gang organizing.

The watchlist measure intensified and all reading material was made to go through a months long process of scrutiny. Texas has a part of its Mailroom Operations policy that they need not announce to a prisoner when a publication has arrived at the unit, even when it is subject to further review. This results in reading material being sent and one not knowing of its existence until it is officially denied. At the point of denial, We're supposed to be allowed to appeal through the grievance procedure. What i've experienced, however, is that the

unit grievance investigators don't allow me to grieve a Director's Review Committee decision. My battle with the UGI subsequently slows up the exhaustion of administrative remedies.

Eventually, the watchlist measure intensified to the point that ANY material from MIM(Prisons) was purportedly denied at the command of the DRC in Huntsville. This political police tactic is what led to the state-wide censorship of the *Revolutionary 12 Step Program*. The 12 steps is an anti-drug abuse and anti-reactionary program that is definitely needed in the Texas prison system. The state has upheld this censorship with the vague statement, 'may incite inmate disruption'.

In recent times Texas has made national headlines due to the governor's reactionary policies that repress social and political narratives that counter dominant narratives and positions. This trend, which tarnishes First Amendment so-called rights, has made its way into the Texas prison system.

To understand how this has occurred one must have knowledge of connection, the family

tree of repression if you will, that connects Jimmy Smith (Allred Warden), Brenda Kelley (Allred mailroom supervisor), Tammy Shelby (Mailroom system coordinator's panel-chair), and the DRC, to Texas' highest levels of government.

When a governor is elected in Texas they appoint people to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. The TBCJ is charged with making Board policies, revising them, and thus make the overreaching rules and regulation that determine the day-to-day lives of over a hundred thousand captives.

The Governor also appoints the Director's Review Committee (DRC), which is charged with, among other things, determining the content that can/cannot enter or leave prisons. The DRC is the ultimate authority on matters regarding denials of mail, publication, visitation.

We should be asking the questions: where is the transparency, and democratic decision making in the selection of TBCJ and DRC officials? These positions are handed down to careerist politicians who've made their living on the backs and misery of the pris-

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Crime and Revolution

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Crime is a child of poverty and miseducation, which are both created and perpetuated by Plutocrat Policy(s).

The real criminals are too rich and too big for jail, while the poor are incarcerated for simply living a survivalist existence and responding and/or reacting to poverty and miseducation in reactionary, economically desperate and miseducated ways.

Prison is mainly based on inflicting punishment and resentment, rather than cultivating genuine healing, via essential self-criticism, which will result in major decrease in recidivism. Growth of prisoners will defeat the purpose of spending or investing 20-plus million dollars building each prison. Genuine rehabilitation is a bad investment to the Plutocrats.

The entire so-called criminal justice system is nothing but a replacement and extension of slav-

ery. A job-generating industry for all government branches and departments between the slave patrollers (street PIGs; Plutocrat Imperialist Goons) and Overseers (D.O.C.; Department of Cruelty) as was the case with post-Bacon's Rebellion of 1676.

Crime, is all founded upon, and backed up by the exception clause of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime..."

Thus, to genuinely heal or rehabilitate prisoners is to end this social control of oppressed nations; meaning, leading to the shutting down of prisons, and mass lay-offs within the entire so-called criminal justice industry system, made up of slave patrollers (street PIGs), judges, state and defense attorneys, counselors, doctors, nurses, canteen vendors, civilian food service and maintenance workers and county jail and prison overseers (DOC). Millions of jobs when tallied up

nationally, all off so-called crime, the new cotton, tobacco and/or sugar.

Crime, as an industry, can only end by first and foremostly ending poverty and miseducation. Even rape is a result of miseducation, or psychological defects of miseducation by the system of patriarchy. However, poverty and miseducation will not end without first and foremostly ending and replacing the CIPWS (Capitalist Imperialist Patriarchist White Supremacy) with a Proletarian Internationalist Dictatorship.

Whenever and wherever there is poverty and miseducation, material conditions are ripe for the warrant of crime or revolution. For neither takes place without the desire for and/or the aspiration of better days, or a higher standard of living.

History is proof, that revolutions do not automatically occur and succeed with the collapse of the CIPWS elite and their Plutocrat's superstructure. Revolution can, and will only occur and succeed when and where the revolt which leads to revolution in culture. When and where the masses

are revolutionary conscious and active in every aspect of human life. When and where every human embraces the power to determine the egalitarian destiny of his and/or her own... community Revolution is when and where power changes hands, in our case, from CIPWS to PID (Proletarian Internationalist Dictatorship) ensuring egalitarianism meaning All Power To The People. Revolution begins with education like crime ends with education.

MIM(Prisons) adds: This is a great summary of the connection between U\$. mass incarceration and the need to end imperialism. We agree that this criminal injustice system is a replacement for slavery in relation to controlling New Afrikan populations, and that it funds millions of jobs for Amerikans. However, this system is very different from cotton or sugar in that no value is being created, rather the potential value that the oppressed nations could be producing to benefit their people is being squandered by locking them up in unproductive conditions for years and decades.■

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What is Under Lock & Key?

Under Lock & Key (ULK) is the voice of the anti-imperialist movement within prisons in the United States. It serves as a forum to develop and promote agitational campaigns led by MIM(Prisons) and United Struggle from Within (USW). It is a free newsletter for prisoners in the United States, edited and published by MIM(Prisons). It is mostly written and illustrated by USW and United Front for Peace in Prisons comrades behind bars.

Fighting the injustice system is just one part of the anti-imperialist struggle, and it is important that comrades do not lose sight of the connections to the larger battle. We welcome support and collaboration from those who are focused only on prison issues, but we also challenge them to see the importance of carrying out their work as part of a larger anti-imperialist strategy.

Our current battles in the United States are legally permitted. We encourage prisoners to join these battles while explicitly discouraging them from engaging in any violence or illegal acts. MIM(Prisons) and its publications explicitly oppose the use of armed struggle at this time in the imperialist countries (including the United States).

What is United Struggle from Within?

United Struggle from Within (USW) is a MIM(Prisons)-led mass organization for former and current U.S. prisoners. USW is explicitly anti-imperialist in leading campaigns on behalf of U.S. prisoners in alliance with national liberation struggles in the United States and around the world. USW won't champion struggles which are not in the interests of the international proletariat. It will also not choose one nation's struggles over other oppressed nations' struggles. USW should work independently, but under the guidance of MIM(Prisons), to build public opinion and independent institutions of the oppressed in order to obtain state power independent of imperialism. Members don't have to agree with MIM(Prisons)'s six cardinal points, but they can't consciously disagree with any of them. See page 12 for campaign info.

What is Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support?

Launched in 2020, Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support (AIPS) is a MIM(Prisons)-led mass organization for those on the outside who want to support anti-imperialist prisoner organizing. Specifically, AIPS members and chapters will provide support for existing MIM(Prisons)/USW projects and help develop and support local campaigns to meet the needs of organizers inside.

What is MIM(Prisons)?

The Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons, or MIM(Prisons), is a cell of revolutionaries serving the oppressed masses inside U.S. prisons. We uphold the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and work from the vantage point of the Third World proletariat.

Imperialism is the number one enemy of the majority of the world's people; we cannot achieve our goal of ending all oppression without overthrowing imperialism. History has shown that the imperialists will wage war before they will allow an end to oppression.

As revolutionary internationalists, we support the self-determination of all nations and peoples. We support nations which choose to delink from the imperialist economy, including the right of the internal semi-colonies to secede from the United States. Today, the U.S. prison system is a major part of the imperialist state used to prevent the self-determination of oppressed nations. It is for this reason that we see prisoners in this country as being at the forefront of any anti-imperialist and revolutionary movement.

While our organization focuses on prisoner support, we believe that there is a

dire need for Maoists to do organizing and educational work in many areas in the United States. We hope people are inspired by our example around prisons and apply it to their own work to create more Maoist cells and broaden the Maoist movement behind enemy lines.

MIM(Prisons) expresses general unity with all other groups and outbreaks against imperialism; mass movements against oppression have as many forms as forms of power. In this spirit, we insist on telling the uncompromised truth and discussing and criticizing the strategy and tactics of any given action. MIM(Prisons) encourages everyone, communist or not, to be involved in the struggle against imperialism. MIM(Prisons) distinguishes itself from other groups on the six points below. We consider other organizations actively upholding these points to be fraternal.

1. **Communism is our goal.** Communism is a society where no group has power over any other group.

2. **Dictatorship of the proletariat is necessary.** In a dictatorship of the proletariat the formerly exploited majority dictates to the minority (who promoted exploitation) how society is to be run. In the case of imperialist nations, a Joint Dictatorship of the Proletariat of the Oppressed Nations (JDPON) must play this role where there is no internal proletariat or significant mass base that favors communism.

3. **We promote a united front with all who oppose imperialism.** The road to the JDPON over the imperialist nations involves uniting all who can be united against imperialism. We cannot fight imperialism and fight others who are engaged in life-and-death conflicts with imperialism at the same time. Even imperialist nation classes can be allies in the united front under certain conditions.

4. **A parasitic class dominates the first World countries.** As Marx, Engels and Lenin formulated and MIM Thought has expanded through materialist analysis, imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new sector of the petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy; they are not a vehicle for Maoism. Those who work in the economic interests of the First World labor aristocracy form the mass base for imperialism's tightening death-grip on the Third World.

5. **New bourgeoisies will form under socialism.** Mao led the charge to expose the bourgeoisie that developed within the communist party in the Soviet Union and the campaign to bombard the headquarters in his own country of China. Those experiences demonstrated the necessity of continuous revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. The class struggle does not end until the state has been abolished and communism is reached.

6. **The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China was the furthest advancement toward communism in history.** We uphold the Soviet Union until the death of Stalin in 1953, followed by the People's Republic of China through 1976, as the best examples of modern socialism in practice. The arrest of the "Gang of Four" in China and the rise of Khrushchev in the Soviet Union marked the restoration of capitalism in those countries. Other experiments in developing socialism in the 20th century failed to surpass the Soviet model (i.e. Albania), or worse, stayed within the capitalist mode of production, generally due to a failure to break with the Theory of Productive Forces.

On Prisons & Prisoners

MIM(Prisons) seeks to build public opinion against Amerika's criminal injustice system with proletarian justice. The bourgeois injustice system imprisons and executes a disproportionately large and growing number of oppressed people while letting the biggest mass murderers – the imperialists – roam free. Imperialism is not opposed to murder or theft. It only insists that these crimes be committed in the interest of the bourgeoisie.

ALL U.S. citizens are criminals – accomplices and accessories to the crimes of U.S. oppression globally until the day U.S. imperialism is overcome. All U.S. citizens should start from the point of view that they are reforming criminals.

MIM(Prisons) does not advocate that all prisoners go free today; we have a more effective program for fighting crime as was demonstrated in China prior to the restoration of capitalism there in 1976. We say that all prisoners are political prisoners because under the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, all imprisonment is substantively political. It is our responsibility to exert revolutionary leadership and conduct political agitation and organization among prisoners – whose material conditions make them an overwhelmingly revolutionary group. Some prisoners should and will work on self-criticism under a future dictatorship of the proletariat in those cases in which prisoners really did do something wrong by proletarian standards.

Free Political Books for Prisoners

Our Free Political Books for Prisoners Program is a Serve the People (STP) program founded on the model of the Black Panther Party's Breakfast for Schoolchildren and other STP programs, and on the basis of Mao's emphasis that communists should serve the people in everything we do. The purpose of the Free Books for Prisoners program is to help prisoners turn their time under lock and key into a time to develop their politics and build with us toward the beginnings of a more just and productive society. We collect and send out political, legal and historical books primarily (we also have some dictionaries and other reference items that are useful for writers and jailhouse lawyers). The materials we distribute are selected to help people study the conditions under which they are living and to turn their knowledge into political organizing.

We know that many of our subscribers lack financial resources, and this should not be a barrier to education. Because our purpose is to organize, we expect that comrades will exchange work for the books we send. You should write articles for ULK, create revolutionary art, form study groups with other comrades and work through the study group to educate and organize, share our literature and expand our mailing list, lead campaigns against local examples of oppression, or come up with other ways to contribute to the struggle. If you can afford to send donations, and if your facility rules allow, sending us stamps is the best way to donate. We can always use them to get you more books or to help other comrades who cannot afford to pay for their books.

We can send you a list of specific titles that we currently have available, but it is better to request general topic areas or include substitutions because our stock is constantly changing. The literature list also lists prices for the books we send in if you want to purchase them, but again, lack of funds will not keep you from getting literature, but lack of political work will. We ask you to help us build MIM(Prisons) and United Struggle from Within through your own work in exchange for the books. If you would like to receive books from MIM(Prisons)'s Free Books for Prisoners program, please let us know the subject areas you are interested in, and the work you are doing in exchange.

Fight Censorship

Under Lock & Key, *MIM Theory*, study materials, letters, and even books like dictionaries have been censored by the state. If your MIM(Prisons) correspondence is censored, the first thing you need to know is that you are not alone in struggling to get your mail and reading materials. You will need to be prepared to do the work yourself (making copies of rejection notices, filing grievances, sending copies of these documents to us), but we can send instructions on how to do this. In some cases, we can support your appeals with letters of our own.

These are some basic steps we recommend to everyone in prison:

- 1. Find out now what the prison rules

say about your right to receive mail and reading materials. You should read this policy carefully and get a copy for your file if possible. You can also send us copies of the rules to post on our website as a resource for the public.

- 2. Find out what the prison's implementation of these policies is like. Many times the policy looks reasonable on paper, but the prison staff behaves totally out of line. Ask around.

- 3. To keep our correspondence going, write to us every 6 months. If you're writing us regularly and are not getting any mail from us, there's a problem with your mail delivery. Do not assume we are ignoring you.

- 4. If your correspondence with us is censored, it is very important that you keep copies of all the paperwork, (rejection notices, grievances, etc.) and send us copies of these as well. Often this is the only way we find out that our mail has been censored. Once we know of the censorship, we can work with you to fight it.

Spread ULK

Let others read the literature we send you. Talk to potential comrades about our politics and work, and have them write in to get put on our mailing list. Our subscribers (you) play a vital role in the growth of our mailing list. Remember, a subscription is free to U.S. prisoners!

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Your subscription will be active for 6 months after each time you write to us. If we do not hear from you for 6 months, you will be automatically removed from the mailing list. We recommend writing to us regularly so you don't lose track of when to update your subscription. For people outside of prison, all issues of *ULK*, plus additional reports from within U.S. prisons, are available on the website www.prisoncensorship.info. If you would like to become a *ULK* distributor, get in touch.

Your address: Please send us as detailed an address as possible, including your full legal name, prison and unit name, prison ID #, street address and P.O. Box, city, state, and 9-digit zip code. Please check with the mailroom to make sure you have the correct information.

Releases: Let us know if you are looking at a (possible) release date in the next two years. We recently beefed up our release support, and it includes a lot of set-up while you're still locked up. Also let us know your expected address post-release if you have one. Even if it is only the address of a relative who you think will be in the same place for a while, this could be the difference between losing contact and staying in touch and politically active after you are released.

Your persynal papers: Do not send us legal papers that pertain to your case unless you have checked with us first. In general, we cannot do anything with your legal papers as we do not have the resources to get involved in individuals' cases. We also cannot return them to you. Rather than focus on only your case, we strongly encourage comrades to write articles about the political implications of their situation, and work on cases that will positively impact the ability for prisoners to organize against imperialism and capitalism.

Please do not send us your only copies of artwork, articles or other writings unless you are certain that you will not need them in the future. Comrades have requested that we make copies of their work and send these copies back. Doing this takes up time and money that would otherwise go to filling book requests, fighting censorship and answering letters.

Other Resources

PARC provides a free resource guide for prisoners. Tell them you heard about them from MIM(Prisons):
Prison Activist Resource Center
PO Box 70447 Oakland, CA 94612

Inside Books Project sends free books and a resource guide to prisoners in Texas. Inside Books Projects, 3106 E. 14 1/2 Street

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United front for Peace in Prisons - Statement of Principles

The basis of any real unity comes from an agreement on certain key ideas. This statement does not grant authority to any party over any other party. We are mutually accountable to each other to uphold these points in order to remain active participants in this united front.

PEACE: WE organize to end the need-less conflicts and violence within the U. \$. prison environment. The oppressors use divide and conquer strategies so that we fight each other instead of them. We will stand together and defend ourselves from oppression.

UNITY: WE strive to unite with those facing the same struggles as us for our common interests. To maintain unity we have to keep an open line of networking and communication, and ensure we address any situation with true facts. This is needed because of how the pigs utilize tactics such as rumors, snitches and fake communications to divide and keep division among the oppressed. The pigs see the end of their control within our unity.

GROWTH: WE recognize the importance of education and freedom to grow in order to build real unity. We support members within our organization who leave and embrace other political organizations and concepts that are within the anti-imperialist struggle. Everyone should get in where they fit in. Similarly, we recognize the right of comrades to leave our organization if we fail to live up to the principles and purpose of the United Front for Peace in Prisons.

INTERNATIONALISM: WE struggle for the liberation of all oppressed people. While we are often referred to as "minorities" in this country, and we often find those who are in the same boat as us opposing us, our confidence in achieving our mission comes from our unity with all oppressed nations who represent the vast majority globally. We cannot liberate ourselves when participating in the oppression of other nations.

INDEPENDENCE: WE build our own institutions and programs independent of the United States government and all its branches, right down to the local police, because this system does not serve us. By developing independent power through these institutions we do not need to compromise our goals.

How to join the United Front?

- Study and uphold the five principles above.

- Send your organization's name and a statement of unity to MIM(Prisons). Your statement can explain what the united front principles mean to your organization, how they relate to your work, why they are important, etc.

- Develop peace and unity between factions where you are at on the basis of opposing oppression of all prisoners and oppressed people in general. Campaign around the September 9 Day of Peace and Solidarity.

- Send reports on your progress to Under Lock & Key. Did you develop a peace treaty or protocol that is working? Send it in for others to study. Is your unity based on actions? Send us reports on the organizing you are doing.

- Keep educating your members. The more educated your members are, the more unity you can develop, and the stronger your organization can become. Unity comes from the inside out. By uniting internally, we can better unite with others as well. Contact MIM(Prisons) if you need additional materials to educate your members in history, politics and economics.

On the Founding of The Communist Party of Aztlán

by Xipe of Communist Party of Aztlán
January 2023

State repression is real in the United States of Amerikkka. The Chicano Nation has undergone colonization and occupation since 1848. In recent times our nation has developed in a way that calls for a higher level of organization. This demand launched the founding of the Communist Party of Aztlán, CPA (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist).

Three days after the announcement of the founding of the CPA(MLM) our Chairman JV was arrested on trumped up charges. It is no coincidence that the arrest of our Chairman occurred after this groundbreaking announcement. We believe that the agents of the state have studied the contradictions on these occupied territories and their threat assessment highlights the threat a communist party for the Chicano nation would pose.

Our Party has created a think tank to analyze the immediate attacks on the Party and on Aztlán. We realize that the revisionist Trotskyite and crypto-Trots like the CP-USA and RCP-USA are allowed to exist intact because they pose no real threat to colonization. The CPA on the other hand is a different story. For this



reason our Party is forced to go semi-underground.

We will not publish the names of our membership, but we will stand by and struggle to free our Chairman of these false charges and illegal kidnapping. It is well understood that had our Chairman been a wanna-be capitalist or engaged in crimes against the people he would have been left alone. The minute he stands up for the raza, repression is rained down. This sacrifice was discussed and the necessity of the decision to announce the found-

ing of the Party was decided.

Our Chairman is not only completely innocent, but was targeted by the state. This was COINTELPRO through and through. Our temporary loss of our Chairman out in minimum security is imprisoned Aztlán's gain. The prisons are and always have been hotbeds of resistance, fertile grounds where revolutionary shoots thrive. The CPA will establish its presence and raise public opinion on both sides of the concentration kamp walls. ■

Study Ideology, Build Autonomous Cells in Aztlán

by Pilli of Republic of Aztlán
January 2023

Recent political frame ups with our fraternal org Communist Party of Aztlán (CPA) has demanded that we raise awareness on political repression and contemporary work of the Cointel-hoes. We will be starting a series on modern tactics unleashed on the oppressed nations.

We are also reaching out to the concentration kamps and to imprisoned Aztlán to develop Republic of Aztlán (ROA) cells in concentration kamps across these occupied territories. Developing imprisoned Aztlán with communist ideology is the first step toward liberation.

Some of our founders were trained via MIM(Prisons) study

groups and we want to revive this tradition once again. ROA chapters are autonomous and are required to go through MIM(Prisons) study group level one before being recognized and activated in a concentration kamp. Write in for more info on joining the study program. ■

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oner class and Our families. In the future comrades must organize an outside force to force Texas to remove the veil between these backdoor chambers of power and the common public. We need readily accessible information on these so called public officials and representatives of the people.

So We have a clearly reactionary governor who's appointed a clearly reactionary Board and review committee. In Texas the only way to overturn a DRC decision is through litigation, and therefore most censorship bans last indefinitely.

While Jimmy Smith and the other prison careerists play prison politics, in an effort to quell dissenters and self-determination of the prisoners, there is a fatal drug wave crushing Allred Unit. As i write this in late October 2022, 7 prisoners have died this month due to overdose.

The *Revolutionary 12 Step Program* is currently at the point of training cadres to be able to facilitate the program at their locale. The censorship of this program, in conjunction with the indefinite solitary confinement of many cadres, act to circumvent what could otherwise be a highly effective and influential peoples' initiative. And therein lays the problem, at least from the administrator's perspective, they seek to circumvent the rise of any influence among the prison population. Instead of

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differentiating between types of influence, their practices put a blanket on ALL influence and influential people or initiatives among the prisoners, and seeks to disrupt them.

Of course this can't be done totally, and what results (as what resulted in previous generations of the Prison Movement) is that the mass influence of the prisons and prisoners falls in the hands of the most reactionary prisoner forces. The admin elects to deal with the lesser of two 'evils'. It has seen that the reactionary forces are easier to contain, to appease, to divide and conquer, in contrast to an awakened, drug free, unified and determined population.

Active political prisoners and prisoners of war are the exemplary prisoners among the masses. They are leaders. 'Texas' desire to conserve ideological, and social hegemony over the population has and will continue to cost people their lives.

In the civil case, *Owolabi V. TDCJ Allred Unit, et al.*, 7:22-cv-00094-0, one such political prisoner has challenged political censorship of the *Revolutionary 12 Step Program*, and other communist, revolutionary nationalist, anarchist, and abolitionist materials.

The sitting Judge, a George W. Bush appointee, for the US District Court of the Northern

District of Texas is Reed O'Conner, who has a reputation as a highly conservative Republican reactionary. O'Conner has moved to dismiss the case, not on the basis of the case alone, but due to prison officials withholding and delaying the processing of the check for court fees. Unit prison officials have ignored the plaintiff's request to have the check processed. The Plaintiff has informed Judge O'Conner of this problem, and filed a motion for extension. The court has yet to respond to the plaintiff's motion.

MIM(Prisons) adds: In late December we got confirmation that the fees for the suit were paid by a comrade in North Texas Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support. We no longer need people to contact the judge, but we are still asking people to print and gather signatures on postcards that you can download from the campaign page on our website along with fliers to use in outreach around this campaign to oppose political censorship in Texas. ■

Document Prison Abuses

We receive many reports about terrible conditions, abuse and neglect in prisons across the country. While most of these don't make it onto the pages of ULK, we do type these up for publication on our website (www.prisoncensorship.info).

Documenting and monitoring the abusive conditions in American prisons is an important part of our work. Keep sending in these reports! Online readers can search by state and facility to find your reports.

ULK 80: MIM(Prisons) Update

by MIM(Prisons)
January 2023

At the end of 2022 we conducted a more in depth end of year review than the last few years, received reports from a number of allied organizations, and held a live group discussion of these reports. This work signaled an increase in our collaboration and communication to develop our support base on the outside. While the reports themselves will not be public, we reported on many of our accomplishments and some setbacks during 2022 in our last issue.

This year we will do a better job of laying out the tasks to achieve the goals we set for ourselves, setting deadlines for those tasks to get done and assigning people to complete those tasks. While we made good progress on most of the goals we set last year, we had set a goal of returning to 6 issues of *ULK* per year without setting any real plan to achieve that goal. As it turned out some of the setbacks we faced ensured that we did not make any progress towards that goal, so we have removed any timeline from that particular goal until we can build up the forces to support its achievement. We will remain at 4 issues per year for the foreseeable future.

On that note we did make progress in diversifying roles on projects like *ULK*, the intro study program, and general handling of prisoner mail. We will be focus-

inside.

This year North Texas AIPS will be working with jailhouse lawyers to update the Texas Pack. Once that is done, probably late 2023, we will release an updated price. If you want to be a part of the committee updating it please let us know ASAP. The current 2020 version is available for seven postage stamps. We get so many requests for legal resources from Texas, we do require that you pay for them.

2022 Financial Report

One piece of our annual report we did promise last issue that we did not have yet was our financial report. In terms of our contributions from prisoners, the chart below shows that donations have been growing over the last 3 years.

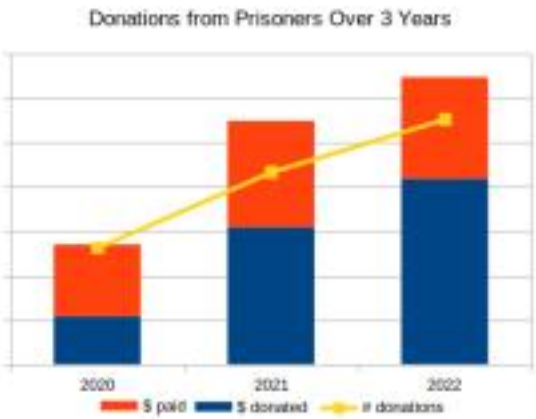
Our budget for 2023 is projected to be almost double the budget for 2021. This is primarily due to an increase in costs for bulk mailing of ULKs due to a loss in labor support, secondarily to a general increase in subscribers and associated mail over the last 2 years, and thirdly to a general increase in prices.

We are in good shape to meet our financial needs in 2023 with an expected increase in contributions from AIPS comrades. If we do not see such an increase it will be tight and we will not be able to expand our programs at the rate we would like.

The Broader Movement

In this issue we have a couple articles that address some efforts by others to organize around Maoism. We hope these brief commentaries can serve to help us consolidate more forces around the MIM pole of the movement. We may release more in depth papers later in the year.

We look forward to the coming year with optimism, as we see many opportunities for growth and development of our movement. ■



ing on developing this diversification more in 2023, as we work towards our goal of having more locality-based chapters of AIPS to support comrades organizing

End RHU & All Solitary Confinement in Texas

by Texas TEAM ONE
January 2023

On 10 January 2023, a new legislative session convenes.

Several state representatives have committed to utilizing proposals from Texas prisoners to implement reforms. Rep. T. Meza has stood out with her zeal to end solitary confinement throughout Texas' prisons and jails. She previously introduced a bill along those lines that didn't make the floor. However, this session with more support from her colleagues, and with a litany of Texas citizens concerned about this, things look to possibly end differently.

In conjunction with the efforts of state politicians on the 10th of January, supporters of this campaign will be protesting on both sides of the walls. Around the state prisoners are showing their support by refusing their food. People on the outside will protest in Austin at the state

Capitol.

Lastly, there continues to be civil lawsuits filed against TDCJ and its practice of indefinite solitary confinement. One of Our comrades has filed suit and that's been reported on in previous ULK's.(1) There is also *Hanson v. Barnett, CA No. 1:21-cv-629-RP-DH*, an extensively detailed complaint filed in the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

We encourage all similarly situated people to file 1983 lawsuits, and if you need advice or assistance the address to Tx Team One's legal representative is: 113 Stockholm #1A, Brooklyn, NY 1121

MIM(Prisons) adds: As we go to press prisoners are wrapping up week 2 of refusing to eat. The TDCJ has verified 72 participants, while supporters say at least twice that number participating across the state prison system. In their defense

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Cheating At Chess (The flaws of the Administrative Remedy in Prisons)

by a Federal prisoner
December 2022

In prisons, there are venues for prisoners who have been abused or treated unfairly or inhumanely. When things like this happen, a prisoner has a right to sue, but only if he can get his case to court.

The problem is that because of PLRA, or Prison Litigation Reform Act, it's much more difficult for a prisoner, even if he is right, to get his case to court. In essence, PLRA requires prisoners to first exhaust the Administrative Remedy procedure... or a grievance procedure. In Federal Prisons, it is known as a BP.

So quick scenario; a Black prisoner is being harassed by white officers who; constantly use racial slurs and trash his cell, taking his family pictures and other valuables. The prisoner tries to file a BP to get to court. Months pass, with no success, so he tries to take it straight to court. The court shoots down his claim, because he did not go through proper procedure of filing a grievance. So, even if the prisoner is right, the courts won't acknowledge his lawsuit because he didn't go by the rules.

But, is the prison going by them? Let's talk about that, and how prisons like USP Tucson are actually breaking the rules, making it very difficult for prisoners to properly file a lawsuit, because the Administrative Remedy procedure is horribly flawed.

To begin, let me pull up a statement from a case law, *Woodford v. Ngo* 548 US 81, 126, S. Ct 2378, 165 L.Ed 2d 368 (2006). I want to share with you an argument a prisoner had about the grievance procedure, and what the argument against it was:

"Respondent contends that requiring proper exhaustion will lead prison administrators to devise procedural requirements that are designed to trap unwary prisoners and thus to defeat their claims. Respondent does not contend, however, that anything like this occurred in his case, and it is speculative that this will occur in the future. Corrections officials concerned about maintaining order in their institutions have a reason for creating and retaining grievance systems that provide — and that are perceived by prisoners as providing — a meaningful opportunity for prisoners to raise meritorious grievances. And with respect to the possibility that prisons might create procedural requirements for the purpose of tripping up all but the most skillful prisoners, while Congress repealed the “plain, speedy, and effective” standard, see 42 U. S. C. §1997e(a)(1) (1994 ed.) (repealed 1996), we have no occasion here to decide how such situations might be addressed.” - Justice Samuel Alito

In short, this argument claims that the prisoner was incorrect that prisons could — and do — make it much harder for prisoners to file a grievance. After all, if the prisoner can't file the grievance, he can't get to court to sue the officers. In the above case, the Black prisoner is trying to go through the procedure, meaning he has to exhaust the grievance procedure, before he can go to the courts. This kinda makes sense, because one intent of the PLRA is to prevent a lot of frivolous lawsuits by prisoners.

But in doing this, there is a flaw, one prison has used a cheat in the procedure. Let me explain:

To begin the BP, or grievance process, a prisoner must first have an issue... ok, check. The prisoner claims discrimination against officers, so he has a right to file a grievance. Well, step one, as I use USP Tucson as an example, is to get what is called a BP-8. This is the lowest form of the grievance, and it should be available upon request.



Problem: Here at USP Tucson, it isn't. The prison makes a policy that ONLY the Counselor can hand out a BP-8. So, what if the Counselor isn't there? You have to wait to find the Counselor, because apparently no other officer in the world can get that piece of paper. This is already an obstacle of due process. In other states, you can get a grievance form from any officer, especially the ones working in your dorm. It makes sense, they are there all day, why not allow them to pass out the grievances?

But, if you change the rules, you then regulate how often you pass out the grievances. Now, you can't get a BP unless there is a certain officer there. And if he/she isn't there, they don't pass them out. So, in theory, a Counselor can stiff-arm prisoners from getting a BP, by making excuses of not being there, or "not having any".

I say this from a LOT of experience... this happens a lot here at USP Tucson. Many prisoners are frustrated with the Administrative Remedy because for most, it simply does not work. The case law implies that all prisons want to make the grievance procedure available for the maintaining of order, this is not necessarily true at all.

Another technique for obstructing the grievance procedure is to simply "lose" the grievance. If you manage to corner the Counselor and get a BP-8 form, you then have to fill it out and hand it back to them. Problem: The BP-8 is a single white piece of paper, and once you hand it to the Counselor, you have NO

copy. So how do you know they actually processed it? In many cases, they don't. They either "lose" it, or simply trash it.

So, if you can get past the BP-8, there then is a formal BP-9, which is on carbon paper. You have to fill out the form (if you're lucky enough to even get one), then turn it in to the Counselor (if you can find "Waldo"), and wait

If you get no responses from the BP-9, then you have to go to the BP-10, which goes over the heads of staff. But rinse and repeat on the procedure. It is incredibly difficult to get the forms, when in actuality, it should ALWAYS be available to any prisoner, at any time, by most staff members. But staff plays keep away, from prisoners, to prevent them from getting the BP's, so they cannot timely file.

I say all this from experience. In February, I filed a BP-9 against staff in my dorm because they refused to give us chemicals to clean the showers during a lockdown. Over that period of time, an average of 30 prisoners used each shower cell, and not one drop of chemicals were used to clean it. Think about that, how many of you would walk into a shower after 30 other people had already used it? How about 10? Even 5? No one here should have to do that, but staff knew about it, and did nothing.

So, I wrote a BP-9 and the Case Manager took it and "turned it in" to the Counselor, long story short, as of this date, 9 September 2022, I have heard nothing, and they had only 30 days to respond. My guess, they threw it away.

This is much like cheating at chess, where we have to match wits against a facility that seems to be dead set on preventing prisoners from properly (and legally) filing a grievance. Let us not lose the fact that the grievance procedure is Constitutionally protected; no officer or staff has the right to prevent prisoners from filing.

But, if you cannot complete the grievance, you cannot get to court, because they will claim, as the case law showed, that the inmate didn't do the proper work, when in fact he did all he could do, but staff aggressively prevented him from being able to file. The courts seem to be blind, or naive, that prison officials would actually HONOR the grievance system.

Think about that, why would they honor a system that holds their staff accountable? Do you really think they are going to play fair if, in the example I gave, a Black Prisoner is trying to sue racist officers? Do you really think they are going to let the BP's go through, when they can block it at every turn?

It's like cheating at chess, and it's also why so many grievances fail, because places like USP Tucson have figured out the loopholes and are exploiting them to prevent prisoners from their constitutional rights. It happens all the time, and nobody is doing anything about it.

I mean, take out my queen, rooks and bishops, and yeah, it's hard for me to win too.

MIM(Prisons) adds: This is why comrades in United Struggle from Within initiated the campaigns "We Demand Our Grievances are Addressed." Comrades developed petitions for many states as well as the Feds to appeal these issues to higher and outside authorities to try to bypass the problem described above. This campaign has included other tactics like filing group grievances and even taking other group actions when grievances are ignored. In many states comrades have called for an outside review board to address these complaints. But ultimately, there are no rights only power struggles, so leaving these issues in the hands of the state will only do so much. The solution to the problem is coming together as prisoners, as the oppressed and fighting for these rights every step of the way. That is why we must build peace and unity among prisoners to get grievances addressed. ■

Nevada Prisoners Stop Eating Over Food, Abuse, and Solitary

by singlespark of Anti-Imperialist Prisoner Support
January 2023

In early December of last year prisoners united to stop eating at Ely State Prison, joined by at least 39 prisoners at the start and fluctuating over the following weeks. A prison advocacy group, Return Strong, represented the prisoners' demands as follows:

1. End the continued and extended use of solitary confinement, lockdowns, modified lockdowns, and de facto solitary confinement.
2. End correctional abuse.
3. End group punishment and administrative abuse.
4. Address due process interference and violation in the grievance process.
5. Provide adequate and nutritious food.
6. Address health and safety concerns in all Nevada facilities and provide resolution status to them.

In response the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) ignored several of the demands, calling them “false,” (2) but addressed some of the concerns related to food and administrative handling of punishments. Lower-level sanctions that result in loss of privileges will now run concurrently instead of consecutively, and Aramark, the food vendor, is being questioned about the portion sizes. Even the head of the local prison guards union mentioned that they'd noticed the portions shrinking recently.(1) Aramark has faced repeated legal challenges regarding its poor food from prisons across the country (3), so the fact that it's now squeezing portion sizes in Nevada doesn't come as too much of a surprise.

Some of the more serious allegations NDOC ignored include food being stolen from prisoners by staff, the existence of no-camera “beat-up rooms,” collective punishment and indefinite 23-hour lockdowns excused by laying the blame on “staffing issues,” and the de facto suspension

of programming for many prisoners.(4)

Prisoners at Ely State Prison voluntarily suspended the action after four weeks and the adjustment of some of the handling of administrative sanctions were addressed.(5) We didn't receive any info from inside or outside coordinators about how/why the strike ended, just that it did. If any of our readers can provide insight we'd appreciate it. ■

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4. Naoka Foreman, "Advocates: Nevada inmates on hunger strike to protest food quality, prison conditions," The Nevada Independent, December 8th, 2022.
5. Sabrina Schnur, "Hunger strike at Ely State Prison ends," Las Vegas Review-Journal December 30, 2022.

Life's purpose works us unmercifully.
The first degree is knowledge of self.
The repressed anger dangers everyone around.
The compound is stilled, lockdown!
The wild sounds in between their ears
Are quieted by a cell.
The hell in the mind tortures through silence
The obvious is far fetched till it hits home
The zone of protection lies in the hands of another,
My brother.
Gun in hand,
He stands for a heavy hand of justice
But homie its just—us.
The price of fame is to become lost.
To lose myself is to gain.
I stand here today for my life's purpose.
The words hurt more than any sword.
No guard or judge can protect you from life.
No strife or burden can protect you from your heart.
From now till your ending,
Are you living your life's purpose?
Think!!! ■

Class Collaborationism in International Communist Formation

by MIM(Prisons)
January 2023

On 26 December 2022, the Unified Maoist International Conference (UMIC) announced the founding of the International Communist League (ICL). The organizations involved see the need to build a new communist international, building on the legacy of the Comintern and the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM). As we've explained elsewhere we disagree with the creation of a new communist international at this time. (1)

This new ICL is truer to the Comintern than the RIM was, but remains in the same outdated and revisionist global class analysis as RIM. The ICL statement clearly upholds MIM's first 2 dividing line questions, while failing to address the third directly. MIM's third point reads in part:

"Imperialism extracts super-profits from the Third World and in part uses this wealth to buy off whole populations of oppressor nation so-called workers. These so-called workers bought off by imperialism form a new petty-bourgeoisie called the labor aristocracy. These classes are not the principal vehicles to advance Maoism within those countries because their standards of living depend on imperialism."(2)

Arguably, this line was somewhat controversial in the mid-1980s, when MIM struggled against the RIM's Revolutionary Communist Party(USA) on this question. The ICL statement addresses the question in most depth with the following:

"The economic crisis in 2008 that began as a finance crisis in the USA was unloaded on the masses in the oppressed countries and even in the imperialist countries themselves. Thus it has stricken the proletariat of the imperialist countries, which instigated sharp struggles for the defense of the achievements they

conquered throughout the 20th Century. The consequences of this crisis were not overcome, this is why the recovering of employment is at the expense of worse quality, lower wages and larger working day. The recovering is at the expense of increasing the over-exploitation of the class."(3)

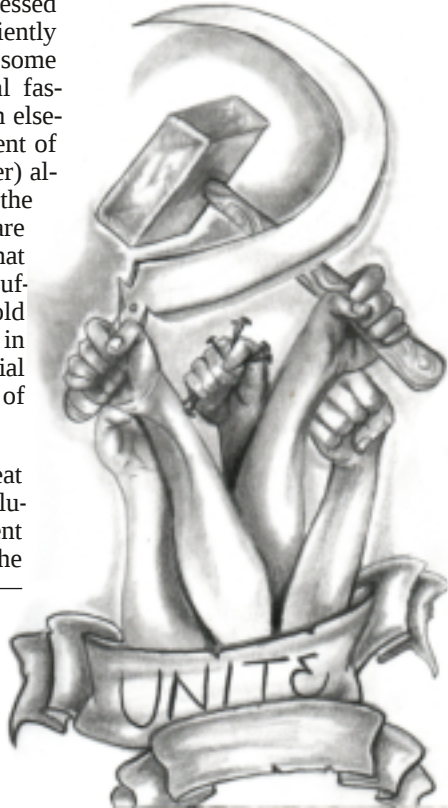
We have never heard of "over-exploitation" in the context of humyn labor before, so defining that term seems important here. The text is correct to recognize that the crisis of 2008 was mostly pushed off onto the oppressed countries. The rest is sufficiently vague, while touching on some common cries of the social fascists. There is no summation elsewhere in this wordy statement of the class (or nation or gender) alliances of the populations of the imperialist countries. We are left with the impression that they are allies, even if they suffer less than most. To uphold this revisionist class analysis in 2022 is to ignore some crucial lessons from the experience of the RIM itself.

While upholding the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (GPCR), this statement upholds the very ideas that the GPCR stood to combat — those of the Theory of the Productive Forces. It is inconsistent to deny the Theory of the Productive Forces and maintain that people in the top 10% global income bracket are the proletariat. Elsewhere we observe,

"Another lesson that MIM seemed to take from the great reversal in Peru, was the importance of having a correct global class analysis for Maoists everywhere. If a revolution based in the non-Spanish speaking indigenous peoples of the highlands of the Andes mountains and the Amazon rainforest is infiltrated by agents trained in the United States and divided by a magazine out of London, then we see the real material

impacts of Third World communists seeing the people of the United States and Great Britain as 90% proletarian allies. Not to mention, to not understand the basic political economy of imperialism today is to lack a Marxist framework from which to change the world."(4)

Our disagreement with the formation of an ICL itself is largely connected to our line on the labor aristocracy. But it also stands as its own point on strategy in our current conditions.



The RIM criticized Mao for not building a communist international. It seems the UMIC may agree with this critique based on their actions.

A difference in class/national interests between parties in the UMIC is one reason we believe it is a faulty strategy. At best, the oppressor nation parties will slow down the oppressed, at worse they will sabotage them. Another

problem is the mixing of parties engaged in armed struggle with those that are not. This difference in strategic stage calls for different approaches based on different interests. Yet the statement announces that these parties are being held to democratic centralism with each other through the ICL.

Step Forward on Stalin

One point where we see the UMIC statement disagree with RIM, and in a good way, is in their assessment of Stalin during World War II and the overall theory and practice of the united front. Not only does the statement uphold the line of the Comintern during this period, it puts the blame squarely on the parties where revisionism took over. This is better than the RIM line (still upheld by many in the International Communist Movement (ICM) to this day), which criticizes the Comintern for rightism in its call for a united front against fascism. But MIM went even further than the UMIC in disagreeing with this critique of the Comintern to say that in countries like the United States there was no revolutionary path to take at the time. Even if the CP-USA had a correct revolutionary line, there's nothing they could have done that would have supported the USSR more than what they did, given their conditions. Those conditions being a base in the labor aristocracy.

The proliferation of statements and organizations upholding various tenants of Maoism offers some signs of Maoism being a living science that would-be revolutionaries are grappling with. Of course, the practice of People's War does this a million times more.

Of all the controversies that have been taken up in the ICM in recent years, we have seen no public debate over the global class analysis. If you are operating in a Third World country and

within range, even his own country-men [for a man who hated the "Jews" so much he never waged war on a predominately Jewish State [Coward]. Hitler was an opportunist who made innocent people his opportunity] in the end the outcome of this inhumane genocide called the holocaust was real. But, the falsity may be in its premise. Did Hitler kill over 6 million "Jews" because he hated "Jews", or did he kill over 6 million people because he hated LIFE! He died by suicide as a coke head, evidence that he too hated his own

Free Kyrie!

MIM(Prisons) responds:

"Where do correct ideas come from? Do they drop from the skies? No. Are they innate in the mind? No. They come from social practice, and from it alone; they come from three kinds of social practice, the struggle for production, the class struggle and scientific experiment." - Mao Zedong (Where Do Correct Ideas Come From?)

Just like how the above quote mentions, correct ideas come from the social practice of class struggle, the struggle for production, and scientific experiment. We extend this claim of knowledge coming from class struggle to bad ideas as well. Reactionary ideas among the masses also don't drop from the skies nor are they innate in the mind.

A popular cultural phenomenon that is being widely reported

isolating yourself from the oppressor nations, then you could get very far without saying much on the topic of the labor aristocracy in the imperialist countries. But if you wish to engage in international conferences and you fail to recognize the class reality on the ground, you mislead and endanger the revolutionary movement.

A Note on Struggle Sessions

In our previous essay on this topic we criticized author Joshua Moufawad-Paul and the blog *Struggle Sessions* for advocating for a new International. On 2 January 2023, *Struggle Sessions* editor deleted all their articles and posted a declaration of the death of the project. This comes after a series of announcements and critiques coming from the former Committee for the Reconstitution of the Communist Party USA (CRCPUSA), of which *Struggle Sessions* was an unofficial theoretical mouthpiece. We hope to draw further lessons from the collapse of the CRCPUSA after further investigation.

It is worth noting to our readers that the outlet publishing the statement of the UCIM discussed here is a political ally of the CRCPUSA and continues to support it as a project. They call themselves *Communist International: Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Online Newspaper* and are found at ci-ic.org. ■

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2. MIM's Three Main Points
3. 26 December 2022, "Historical News of the successful Holding of the Unified Maoist International Conference: the International Communist League was founded!"
4. this is from an unpublished paper assessing the history of the RIM that we may edit for publication some day if there is interest

Sorting Out a Defense of Kyrie Irving

by a New York prisoner
January 2023

The world has become extremely subjective with Kyrie Irving's posts of a documentary of someone else's views and opinions of the Holocaust, and other Jewish history. The world thereafter vilifies him for not conforming to their way in apologizing and admission of his anti-Semitism. He however lets the world know that he embraces his complete Afro-Black history, and reposes the question to him asked on how could he then be anti-semitic?

The jew of antiquity I believe Kyrie refers to in debate of his non "anti-Semitism", were either the black skinned Falasha of Abyssinia and/or, the Chinese Jews of Kai-Feng and/or, Jews of the Berber tribes located in the African Sahara [many colorful shades of Jewry]. So the real underlying question to Kyrie was not if he was "anti-self-metic", but did Kyrie learn the truth and now possibly hate the modern caucasian Eastern European Jew who adopted his ancestors way of life as their own.

The bulk of today's Jewry isn't of Palestinian but of Caucasian Origin, and Yiddish is shockingly a mix of Hebrew, medieval German and Slavonic. According to the Jewish Encyclopedia, in the 16th century there was about 1

million Jewish people and the majority were Khazar [located in the eastern confines of Europe between the Caucuses and the Volga] a substantial part was from Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, and the Balkans who founded the Eastern Jewish Community. This was the dominant majority of the world Jewry. If Kyrie delved even further he would discover that in the dark ages commerce in western Europe was monopolized by the Jews, including but not limited to the slave trade. Albeit, the "Jews" became a motley crew of humanity partly due to Abraham cohabiting with Hagan [an Egyptian]; Joseph marrying Aseneth [an Egyptian]; Moses marrying Zipporah; and King Solomon who loved many strange women, and had a Hittite mother of dark-complexion, the original tenets of the Jewish faith was practiced by Africans long before the "Jews". [Thus making Africans possibly not the creator of the Jewish brand but, originators of the Jewish Faith.]

"The religious belief in sacrifice for the remission of sins was an African belief and practiced at least 2,000 years before Abraham", and "Practically all of the Ten Commandments were embedded in the African Constitution ages before Moses went up Mt. Sinai in Africa in 1491 B.C." Chancellor Williams, The Destruction of Black Civilization p.135 (Third World Press) (1987)

"The large majority of surviving Jews in the world is of Eastern European — Thus perhaps mainly of Khazar — origin. If so, this would mean that their ancestors came not from Canaan but from the Caucasus, once believed to be the cradle of the Aryan race; and that genetically they are more closely related to the Hun, Uiger and Magyan Tribes than to the seed of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. Should this turn out to be the case, then the term "anti-semitism" would become void of meaning, based on a mis-apprehension shared by both the killers and their victims." Arthur Koestler, The Thirteenth Tribe (Last Century Media)(1976)

I do not agree with murder of innocent people especially children. Hitler and his cronies did massacre countless human beings for nonsensical reasons of "race, color, and/or creed." He orchestrated the genocide of over 6 million human souls of the Jewish Faith. But in all objectivity Adolf Hitler killed people of his own race and color, who centuries ago adopted a different creed from a migratory people of African/Semite descent. In all reality Hitler may not have even been a real racist and/or even knew the trajectory of the true African/Semite Jew in order to be authentically "Anit-Semite." Hitler was merely a desperate white privileged capitalist, colonialist, imperialist wannabe, who would murder and oppress anyone

on television is New Afrikan celebrities like Kyrie Irving (mentioned by the comrade above) expressing the idea that New Afrikans here in the United States are the original Hebrews described in the bible alongside sharing a documentary on social media which further elaborates on this trend. On top of similar sentiments, popular rapper Kanye West expressed admiration for Adolf Hitler, and claimed that he is going "death con 3" on Jewish people.

The reason why we would like to emphasize the above statements on correct ideas coming from social practice is because as chauvinist and strange these claims may be, they didn't drop from the sky either. We can see a similar type of chauvinism against Asian national minorities from the masses of New Afrikans/Chican@s as well highlighted during the LA riots of burning down Korean petty-bourgeois establishments, and the sensationalized attacks of New Afrikans assaulting Chinese nationals during the earlier years of the COVID-19 pandemic in the city centers of this country.

In no way does this responder claim that anti-semitism and chauvinism in general is a correct thing, nor that all Jewish/East-Asian people are petty-bourgeois so they deserve what's coming to them in times of crisis such as an uprising or a global pandemic. Communists who hold these

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Sacrifice Behind Bars

by USW39 of United Struggle from Within
January 2023

Revolutionary Greetings to you all!

Excuse me if I haven't tapped in as often as I should or used to... I've been on a mission and roller coaster fighting these administrations not only by exposing and being the example as to how not to fear the oppressor when involving yourself and others in direct action politics and hard line... It's a way of life, it's a way of existing that comes with much sacrifice. What are you willing to sacrifice? What are you willing to be without? Luxury items? Food? Nice clothes or any clothes at all and have nothing but the fire inside? A loved one or communication with your people? I mean this is what's at stake when fighting the enemy, this is the truth and all reality specially being a captive in these golden gulags.

I fight for my people and i fight to stay alive every fucking day homie, even when the people I fight for don't have a spine to stand em straight, no voice to speak fact, no heart to love it's community nor hand and fire to fight back... But I still do. Doing this guerrilla shit and living as an example ALWAYS send me back to the SHU's, ASU's, Solitary Confinement, Control Units of terror. Why? Because I'm a captive warrior of Brown skin, Brown eyes, shaved head and tribal tats smashing the oppressor with my heart, mind, hands, weapons, and pen.

There's gonna come a time when we stop saying "Enough is Enough" and actually start putting that dialectical theory of knowing and doing into motion homeboy... make these dungeons unlivable, ungovernable, fuck kicking your feet up and being stuck on your tablet all day popping suboxone and snorting bottle... Huh? Sounds familiar Gee? Keep that shit raw and 100% then souljah.

So again to everyone on the streets, yea those street prisoners living lives like robots and that talk about eliminating prison plantations, for that we need a revolution first and foremost... and to all my camaradas/comrades stuck between a hard place and a rock up in them dungeons — what are you willing to sacrifice??

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ideas shouldn't even hold that label in the first place. However, there should be a deeper and more scientific study of these contradictions and to recognize common reactionary ideas in the masses in the historical context. On top of this, to have the oppressed nations (particularly New Afrikans in this case) being the media's face of modern anti-semitism is a ridiculous chauvinist idea as well in a country where the oppressor nation Amerika is one of the strongest contenders in the world of turning fascist in world economic crisis.

Many religious/cultural nationalists in the oppressed nations particularly share this attitude of New Afrikans being the real Hebrews described in the bible alongside the line that the common Jewish people we see in Europe/North Amerika today are pretenders. This particular trend of nationalism can be traced back in the late 1800s by Frank Cherry

It's fucked up to say this but I'm living a life where the systems of oppression are actively trying to end my existence for one reason or another... I'm back in the SHU as I explained on the other kite and again the pigs did their games of divide and conquer, smut campaigns, and became the suppliers to the influencers on the yard, in order to be able to execute hits via inmate lap dogs... some of yall know what I'm talking about. How many times does a pig swing off the "Big dawgs" nuts? And simply because of what that pig can do for those whack ass "Big Dawgs" they make those lames set up the real guerrilleros and call a hit on em?? All the fucking time homie... and all of you that talk about stacking your millions while fighting the oppressor behind bars, don't tell me that you rather have this bitch on fire! Because the only way to stack your millions in prison is by pleasing the cops, do as they say so you can move "freely" and don't get your "house" hit, and tell rebels to stop bringing heat to the block, stop disrespecting pigs!! So you can continue pushing your dough.

C'mon homie, you talking to a mofo that's been in prison grounds since he was born!! My entire childhood has been spent in and out of the system and all my adulthood all I've known is prison so don't mess me with that shit... I'm all for moving unseen and that hustle but **not** at the expense of the People's fire, nor telling rebels to chill— Fuck that! Get your priorities straight and it's time we start smashing those "Big Dawgs" on the yards if they on that \$ \$ign over the homies... Cuz if that's eir get down then ey ain't no different than the mofo's keeping us in these cages.

Next time someone tells you filling 602 Grievances is snitching, or tells you to stop bringing heat to the pad or respect cops— Smash Em! He one of em! It might place you in another box with nothing but yourself and a mattress... But what are you willing to sacrifice? Live by example and turn it up then, cuz it all sounds very pretty on paper and word play but we have to start somewhere sometime... there's a roll for everyone... are you fulfilling yours and actually building for the end of capitalism? ■

Push Pull STRIVE !

... Kyrie Irving

and William Saunders Crowdy who respectively founded two different Black Israelite churches in 1886 and 1896 respectively after both claiming to have had revelations that New Afrikans are descendants of the Hebrews in the bible. Both men were from the southern black belt territory still suffering from sharecropping at its height. In a region where almost semi-feudal conditions still reigned for a semi-colonial nation, religious ideas entrenched in a nationalist trend isn't surprising.

In the modern setting, the contradiction between New Afrikan masses that live in the ghettos and Jewish petty-bourgeoisie can be exemplified in the Crown Heights riots of 1991 where a Guyanese child was murdered in an accident where a motorcade of Chabad (A Hasidic Jewish movement) carrying the famous rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson struck Gavin Cato to the child's death. This has

Warrior's Feet

by Lone Wolf
November 2022

Within the memories that I keep,
Is a warrior's pride,
Listen close and hear the beat,
Of my heart inside.

For in my soul the sound of thunder
Echoes from the past,
To fill your life with the wonders,
Of shadows that I cast.

Because I walk with warrior's feet,
Left from those before,
All I have to do is seek,
Our ways within my core.

Ancient blood runs through my veins,
Knowledge that is vast,
All the heartache and the pain,
Oppression that still lasts.

Reservations are just a jail,
Built without a wall,
To keep us all within a cell,
Except for gaming laws.

But gaming laws are just a ploy,
So we fight each other,
The privileged few become a toy,
Forgetting we are brothers.

There's many Nations that never signed,
Any peace accord,
Now it seems we cannot find,
The way we lived before.

United we must try to stand,
Divided we will fall,

Drug Addiction Remains a Primary Barrier to Unity

by AK47 of United Struggle from Within
October 2022

Those who destroy unity are our enemies. If we ourselves are guilty of pushing the people from the movement then we are our own enemy while we divide and conquer ourselves.

Prior generations fought for change, but today we fight over change: back-biting our brothers, looking down on the misfortunate, and even supporting the police in their corruption and brutality.

We are familiar with the divide and conquer tactics of our opposition; so when our lines of communications are broken, we must have faith in our comrades and remain loyal or the oppressor will create division by placing contempt and distrust in your heart towards your comrades.

We have a prisoner here in "High Risk Security" lock-up who is unable to operate a tablet. Instead of attempting to show

led to several Jews being attacked on the street by New Afrikan youth.

While some comrades might be quick to condemn these ideas as anti-semtiic, we should see the prejudices of the masses (in this case anti-semitism) as a historical process that emerged in a specific time of class society (particularly in the United States). A scientific understanding of this problem would first recognize that the frustration the oppressed nation masses might have with prominently petty-bourgeois religious/national minority groups such as Jewish Americans (or certain demographics of Asian Americans)

him how to use it, they decided not to feed him.

This prisoner is clearly supposed to be in a mental institution. He is too mentally unstable to qualify for recommendation to be released from High Risk Security stats; and even if they did allow this prisoner to be released to regular population, his mental condition will cause altercations with other prisoners or staff. This is a breach of safety in the department that doesn't care about mental patients although the department is quick to provide sentences to subjects they failed to place in safe environment.

Comrades, we must put our heads together, shoulder-to-shoulder, and put down the K2. If finding a way to do away with drug test for THC is the alternative, then we must try. We must band together to overcome this addiction. It won't be easy, but it is necessary when you look around and see our fellow comrades in helmets and 4 point restraints losing their sanity. Do we

as based on the masses frustrations against their class enemy. It would also recognize that conspiratorial and chauvinist ideas should be eliminated through mass political education. Jewish communities of Russia of the Middle East/North Africa to the United States all have different relations to world imperialism from many belonging to both friend and enemy classes. Conspiratorial claims of Jewish elite are reactionary, but that is often what the masses think during times of oppression where they have not yet grasped scientific thinking.

In the United Struggle Within,

But as I walk upon this land,
I will never crawl.

The government will make us pay,
Just to take our rights,
But its a game I will not play,
I would rather fight!

I'll walk with ghosts of my past,
Our war will never end,
Within the shadows that I cast,
The ancients live again.

When I breathe they come alive,
Their hearts will beat with mine,
Even when I finally die,
Peace I will not find.

From within we're torn apart,
For paper that is green,
Forgetting where we get our start,
On paths and mountain streams.

We lost our way through the years,
Blinded by the games,
Losing sight of all our tears,
And our elder's pains.

But if they came alive today,
Would you stand with pride,
Or would you run away that day,
To hide the shame inside?

I refuse to surrender or ever fall,
Accepting our defeat,
So I will stand up straight and tall,
And walk on warrior's feet!!!
(P.S. This is about how the government puts us against each other through the gaming laws and blinds us with bullshit!) ■

even know the differences between K2 and phenol paper? And molly is meth. That's worse than crack. Never get high off your own supply, and don't inject white substances. I'm not telling you what to do, but we can not operate or function against our opps while walking around like crackheads because we'll be more loyal to the high than to the movement.

Before I go, I just want you to know, AKs got the floor. We want peace not war. Less we all storm the doors. When it rains, it pours.

T.R.U.C.E. - Team of Revolutionaries Uniting to Combat the Enemy.

MIM(Prisons) adds: This comrade is one of a handful of leaders engaged in United Struggle from Within's *Revolutionary 12 Steps* training program. We are working to build this program inside and outside prisons around the country and we need more leaders to get trained to do so. ■

there are many Black Hebrew Israelite tendencies along with other religious nationalist groups that might vary in terms of anti-semitism or conspiratorial thinking like the comrade above. The key point in all this is to properly assess unity-criticism-unity and to what point do some tendencies of nationalism have more good than bad. Ultimately, it's these masses of the oppressed nation whose historical duty is to create a revolution and society where ideas such as anti-semitism will be gotten ridden of, and to put these groups as the leading cause of anti-semitism in the United States is classic settler-chauvinism. ■

Strike Force Executes Surprise Pre-Dawn Raid in B1 Pod at Buckingham Correctional Center

by a Virginia prisoner
November 2022

11 October 2022 — Around 2:05 AM, Tuesday morning, I was jolted out of my sleep by a familiar sound. Yes, that familiar sound of Strike Force rushing into the pod to execute one of their surprise raids. I didn't even have to get out of my bed to see what was going down. Like I said, it's a familiar sound of feet stomping, door slamming, guards shouting, and dogs barking.

An elder Panther told me years ago to always observe the guards during raids just in case they violate the constitutional rights of a fellow prisoner — or even worse kill one of us. So, I got up to witness the chaos out of practice. The scene is always the same.

During the wee hours of this Tuesday morning, Strike Force, accompanied by institutional investigators, were rushing to a pre-selected number of cells (my cell was not chosen this time. Thank god!), banging on cell doors to confuse and disorient occupants. Inside the cells, people were forced to strip naked, lift their testicles, squat and cough, and bend over, reach back, and spread their butt cheeks (this is done in full view of officers looking from the front and behind) before handcuffing their hands behind their back. The K-9s (drug sniffing dogs) were taken into each cell to find drugs, which always create

sanitary issues, because the dogs sometimes sniff, lick, and tread on our bed sheets and laundry, leaving behind dirt, drool, and possibly feces. Replacement sheets and laundry are never issued, and they weren't this time.

Strike Force then entered and ransacked each cell in search of any contraband the K-9s couldn't find. Their personal property, including letters and family photos, are tossed around the cell for good measure. A lot of property is trashed and confiscated.

Other strike force members searched areas in the pod — in the trash cans, in the showers, under tables, on top of ceiling lights — for contraband that may have been hidden there.

I observed the chaos for two hours before getting back in bed to sleep. I found out later that this pod, B1, had been placed on lockdown all day Tuesday for unspecified reasons. We were allowed out of our cells on Wednesday morning.

I've been subjected to these surprise pre-dawn raids many times during my imprisonment. And I can tell you they are quite dehumanizing and retraumatizing. Can you imagine being jolted from your sleep in the early morning, being forced to strip naked and bend over and spread your butt cheeks while a stranger stands behind you and looks in your anus for contraband? It is so

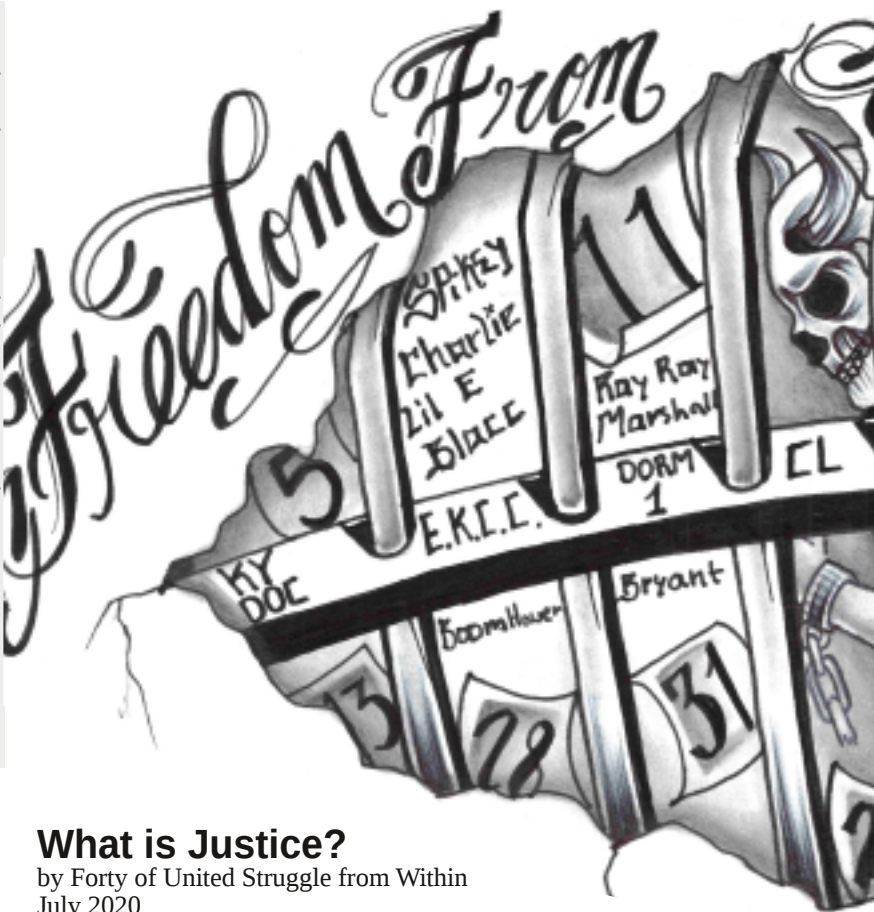
Denial of Respite at O.L. Luther Unit

by a Texas prisoner
August 2022

At the O.L. Luther Unit we just had our annual lockdown/shakedown during which we were forced to sit outside with limited shade and denied respite. A close friend of mine, a 62-year-old offender, repeatedly told officers that he was feeling unwell and needed access to respite. After he was promptly denied respite he suffered from heat exhaustion and had to be taken to the hospital where they had to perform an emergency operation to install a pacemaker, even though prior to this he had never suffered from cardiac

humiliating and emasculating. And every time I've been asked to do it, something inside me (perhaps my manhood?) always makes me want to refuse. Because deep down inside, I know it is not done to find drugs, but to remind us we have no agency. And that prison staff have utter and complete control over every aspect of us, even the most intimate parts of our bodies. But refusal means a write up, a rousting, time in solitary, or more time in prison. So, what can we do?

What I and many other incarcerated folks can refuse to do is be silent by writing about these abuses and sending them out into the free world hoping they'll change people's perceptions of these prisons and how the people locked in these cages are being treated in the name of "public safety". ■



Reggae Song

by a California prisoner
December 2022

Chorus:

We Black and we Brown
Don't back down!
Whatever happens to the people
Will come back around,
Our roots one day
Will plant the ground,
Smile to the world
Dont accept that frown.

1st Verse:
We revolutionary
Native people holding glory.
We come from poverty
Considered the majority,
Jah and Allah know
We are panthers and lions.
We take a stance
And raise our hands against violence.
We Black and we Brown
And won't back down.
Whatever happens to the people
Will come back around.
We all want justice and equality
No more immigration.
No more blood, sweat, and tears
Of border intimidation.
We are Zulu warriors
And Latin Kings.
Freedom Asylum
Our everlasting dreams.
My people African descentdant
And Puerto Rican.
Peace and harmony
Is what we seeking.
This for the La Raza Haitians
And nation of Ghana.
For Jah we blazin
This marijuanna.
We just want to torch the flame.
For liberty
We just want to live the same.

With dignity.

Chorus X3

2nd Verse:
We native spirit
And Latin-x.
Our plan is to take back
The land next.
Free the refugees
And prisoners.
This for the semitic village
Visioners.
We just want to fly high
In the sky like the birds.
We chanting for freedom
Don't you hear these words.
This for the continent
of Africa.
My Cuban brother
And those left in Attica.
We forever freedom fighters
For George, Jonathan, and Khatari.
My people died for this land
Rastafari.
The dread blood shed
For black, green, yellow, and red.
This for emperor Sellassie
And the pharaohs dead.
We celebrating Juneteenth
And Cesar Chavez.
Our Independece Day
To live on the rez.
No longer shall we live
To be racial profiled.
Before we die in hell
We will go exile.

Chorus X3 ■

What is a Criminal?

by a Pennsylvania prisoner
October 2022

Is it those who learned their lessons,
From the oppression?
The ones who kill their citizens,
At their discretion?
The ones who use racism,
As a weapon?
And got the entire country,
Suffering from depression?
They use retribution,
As the solution.
Got us bound by chains,
In institutions.
Therefore, the slave remains,
No constitution,
They wanna wash away my complexion,
Like an ablution.
I learn to rob and kill,
From "The Establishment."
Same way they took this country,
They were some savage men.
They said me and my people,
Were less than average men.
When they kill my entire race
What happens then?
When the world turns yellow,
How will they segregate?
Will they then eradicate,
The word miscegenate?
When the country gains balance,
How Will they legislate?
Tell me, what group of people,
Will they then confiscate? ■

What is Justice?

by Forty of United Struggle from Within
July 2020

This is the question of our time.
It's the struggle that people go through when they've been wrongfully convicted of crimes.

It's the outrage over Black men dying and our race being marginalized by this capitalist society.
We're targeted by fascist forces of white faces in high places who push the agenda of these racist polices.

Which perpetuates poverty and inflicts us with pain;
we're steady searching for the sunshine but all we seem to find is the thunder and rain.

In order for there to be justice, first there needs to be a change.
To abolish the system that views a Black man as a cold-hearted killer or a member of an organized gang.
It's a damn shame how they view our people as animals who needs to be tamed.
When they can't even seem to control these fascist forces of pigs who really needs to be trained.

Honestly, they really need to be slain for trapping our black bodies in chains, and for killing our brothers in the streets every day like it's all apart of the game.

Justice is insane!
It's a process full of heartache and pain.
It's like the government is the Devil and we just caught in the flames.

Yankee politics are to blame for causing another Brother to be slain.
"I can't breath! Officer please" was his claim.
So to overthrow the capitalist reign, we ain't gone let that Brother die in vain.

What's his name? What's his name?
George Floyd! George Floyd!

And to all the other Brothers and Sisters that we lost to this racist system.
The People have become conscious;
the revolution hasn't quelled!

All Power To The People!
Long Live The Guerrilla! ■

Texas update: Increasing Censorship, Staff Misconduct

by ST of Anti-Imperialist
Prisoner Support
January 2023

In Texa\$ we have received more reports from prisoners about the worsening conditions overall behind bars. Multiple reports of increased repression regarding food quality, medical care, lack of respite for Ad-Seg and increased censorship. Much of the staff is not following any regulations laid out for it regarding the grievance process. Many writers have reported guards

awaiting updates from the court on the Anti-RHU lawsuit *Dillard v. Davis, et al. Civil Action No. 7:19-cv-00081-M-BPs*.

The most censored units are Allred and Hughes units censorship rates for ULK in TX have been increasing. ULK 75 had a 1.82% censorship rate, and by *ULK 78* this had jumped to 8.15%. These are confirmed censorships, while many ULKs remain unconfirmed as recieved at the moment, censorship rates are likely much higher.

Much of this is in response to increased pushback from the prisoner population regarding the conditions already prevalent across Texa\$ and organizing efforts such as the Juneteenth Freedom Initiative which initiated a wave of censorship ongoing since June.

One comrade has been pushing a censorship lawsuit *Owolabi v. TDCJ Allred Unit, et al., 7:22-cv-00094-0* which could have massive implication on facilitating further organizing efforts inside Texa\$ prisons, however there have been issues with the Courts trying to dismiss the case on payments grounds despite payment being made for legal documents, that has been resolved for now but it goes to show how unwilling the Texas Department of Criminal Injustice is to follow in own procedure if prisoners use it to further progressive interests in making Texa\$ prisons into Liberation schools.

Regarding the BP 3.91 case *Martinez, ET AL. VS Members of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, ET. AL. #3:21-CV-00337* it is currently pending and the Judge had sided with the defendants and denied to issue summons to the TDCJ board members and director, however further action is being taken, its not over yet. More proof that this system is completely biased towards the oppressor and we cannot let up on any fronts.

On December 16 13 comrades have unified in the Michael Unit to stop eating in response to ignored grievances, which both step 1 and 2's have been filed, and hazardous conditions inside the isolation cells, where we've gotten a report where an entire row got sick due to improper ventlation. As with some other units, chow is being left out for hours at a time before being served, and people aren't being let out to shower. We stand with these comrades and encourage other prisoners to find unity through these worsening conditions.

North Texas AIPS has been established and will be working in coordination with other groups such as Texas T.E.A.M. O.N.E. to ramp up more outside support and awareness of the struggle behind bars, and spreading MIM line in and outside of prisons in Texa\$. We will continue to expand our efforts in order to bring awareness and strategize on com-

Again on Prisons Deducting from Stimulus Checks

by a Texas prisoner
December 2022

Do you have any case decisions of the stimulus checks. I just received a check for the first two payments plus interest. It totaled \$1,900.76. Of this amount TDCJ deducted \$1,786.11 leaving me with \$114.65.

This is the first money I've had where I could go to "store" since I got here in 2015. The deductions were for medical co-pay, indigent correspondence and postage, and federal court fees. Another prisoner told me that there was a federal court decision in Arkansas against the prison system forcing them to return money deducted from prisoners' accounts. I'm rough drafting a Step 1 grievance right now to start the exhaustion process, then I'll add it to the suit I've already started. I intend to do the same on this censorship of *ULK 79* as well. Any information will help.

North TX AIPS responds: From "New Class Action for Prisoners Who Did Not Receive Stimulus Money and Filed Taxes" published in *ULK 76*:

Clay v. Director of IRS Mnuchin No4:21-CV-08132-PJH

Sub Class Representative Thomas H. Clay advises all prisoners who filed for EIP from Oct. 2020 – August of 2021 and did Not receive any check in mail or Direct Deposit. After filing Form 1040/1040SR or letter with SSI# and copy of such to show proof of filing; then write To:

United States District Court
Northern District of California
Oakland Division
Attn: Hon. Clerk/Presiding Judge
1301 Clay Street Ste 400 S
Oakland California 94612-5212
If you are filing the following criteria below:

- 1.Non-disabled or physically or mentally impaired prisoner in State or Federal Prison Institution in the United States
- 2.Correctly filing legal letters to bating the increased repression Texa\$ prisoners have been facing

One project we will be working on with a number of jailhouse lawyers is updating the Texas Campaign Pack to include anything we can find to update the grievance information as well as information regarding the new independent Ombudsman for Texa\$. Please send us your edits and changes for the Texas Pack so we can make the next edition as complete as possible.

The struggle in Texa\$ is growing, as is state repression, our goals to establish institutions of the oppressed nation and facilitate the study of Maoism and peoples war is our path forward. Stand up for your right, don't give up the fight. ■

IRS or 1040/1040SR Form 2019/2020 from October 15,2020 thru tax season of January – August 17, 2021

3.Utilizing only Institutional Regular Legal/or Indigent Legal Mail System in State of Federal Prisons.

4. Who did not receive *any* payment from IRS of EIP #1 #2 #3

5.In the form of “Check in Mail” or “Direct Deposit to Account”.

6.Who can “Prove upon Request” proof of the correct timely filing by: copies of letters to the IRS office in your State area, Prison Mail Room Record of Legal Mail logged letters showing IRS address. Indigent mailing file showing letter sent to IRS or 1040/1040SR copies or responses from IRS during that period from any of its offices.

7.And you were not issued any checks for EIP #1 \$600.00 EIP #2 \$1200.00 or CVRP/EIP #3 \$1400.00 totaling \$3,200.00

The court is reviewing Contempt of Court Order and Sub Class Action from prior suit *Scholl v. Mnuchin* that does not protect the rights to amount of payment withheld from prisoners in a discriminatory manner by IRS.

From *Stimulus Checks Are Being Stolen* by TDCJ-CID from *ULK 73*:

Section 272(d)(2) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act provides that the second round of stimulus checks ‘shall not be transferable or assignable, at law or in equity, and no applicable payment shall be subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other legal process, or the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law.’ This means that this round of stimulus checks may not be garnished to cover overdue debts by federal or state prisons....

Scholl v. Mnuchin, et al. No.4:20-cv-05309-PJH ND Cal.; Appeal Docket No. 20-16915 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of prisoners getting stimulus checks while incarcerated.

The checks in question should not be confused with the most recent \$1400 checks under current Presdient Joseph Biden. It was the \$1200 and \$600 checks under President Donald Trump that were ruled on.

From *Preliminary Injunction Bars Arkansas from Confiscating Prisoners’ COVID Stimulus Money* from Prison Legal News:

"The Court ordered ADC to place any federal relief and stimulus funds in a sequestered account if it continues to confiscate those funds. It must maintain records of how much money it confiscates from each prisoner and what amount is paid for court fines, fees, costs, and restitution. While ADC may return the confiscated excess funds to prisoners, it may not otherwise disburse those funds until the end of the lawsuit. See: Lamar v. Hutchinson, USDC, ED AR, Case No. 4-21-cv-00529 (2021)."

"The Court then turned to decide whether confiscation of the money was a violation of procedural due process. It found no violation when it came to confiscation for the purpose of paying off court fines, fees, costs, or restitution."

"It did, however, find a violation when it comes to diverting the excess funds to the inmate welfare fund and the Inmate Care and Custody Account. The Court noted there were no post deprivation remedies available, for the ADC's grievance procedure provides a challenge to “issues controlled by State or Federal law or regulation” a “non-grievable issue.” The Court concluded the confiscation of the monies did not violate substantive due process or the Takings Clause."

We hope this information is helpful. While we still stand by the conclusion that these stimulus checks are an attempt to buy off the US population at the expense of the third world, we won't hold unrealistic notions about how this money can be used for our goals of Anti-Imperialism and building up USW. We also have a censorship pack available as well, having relevant caselaw and regulations for fighting censorship on the legal front. ■

Notes: Prison Legal News, Nov 1 2021, Preliminary Injunction Bars Arkansas from Confiscating Prisoners' COVID Stimulus Money

throwing out grievances. One report from Clements Unit mentions 100% denial of grievances.

The reports from Clements show some of the worse conditions prisoners face in Texas, with people in isolation suffering worsening health conditions and mental health. From Choper's report on page 11:

"In protest fires burn daily on each of the Ad-Seg lines. Prisoners burn any and all items that will burn. So many so often they don't even react or bother to put them out, consequently we have no mattresses. Waiting list over 18 months to get a mattress. We sleep on steel and concrete. There are no radios for sale on commissary."

There is some unity in action going on, but without intentional organizing efforts to facilitate further education in proletarian ideology and connecting the masses behind bars to the oppressed nations in and out of the United Snakes, it may fizzle out due to lack of organization. Tactics such as setting fires can also bring about more repression from guards while taking away energy and materials for organizing. We will continue to fight the censorship and prepare for increased repression, and continue to grow USW inside Texa\$ prisons.

We've also recently gotten a report of a new SPD (Security Precaution Designate) of Self Harm which is a measure the state is likely taking in response to organizing efforts and legal action against solitary. We are still

Inflation and Disability Checks in Prison


by an Oregon prisoner
October 2022

I was told that commissary prices went up here in Oregon, but wages for prison jobs have mostly remained the same. At least the administration in Oregon pays prisoners for labor, because back home we don't get paid shit, as is the case for most southern prisons. I'm curious to see how inflation is effecting other prisons in the United States. Is there anything that we (prisoners) can do about inflation? Do we just sit back and let it slide?

On another tip, I'm actually gettin' ready to file an Americans with Disabilities Act class-action to try and get disabled prisoners,

like me, disability checks in prison, because non-disabled prisoners get paid for working, but disabled prisoners, who can't work, aren't able to participate in such monetary programs and services. A \$50 disability check, per month, would work. Fifty bucks is probably the average amount of money that non-disabled prisoners earn per month in Oregon.

Let *ULK* know how inflation has affected prices in your prison. And what is being done about it by prisoners or the administration? We'll be covering this issue in more depth in *ULK 81* if we can gather more info from you. ■



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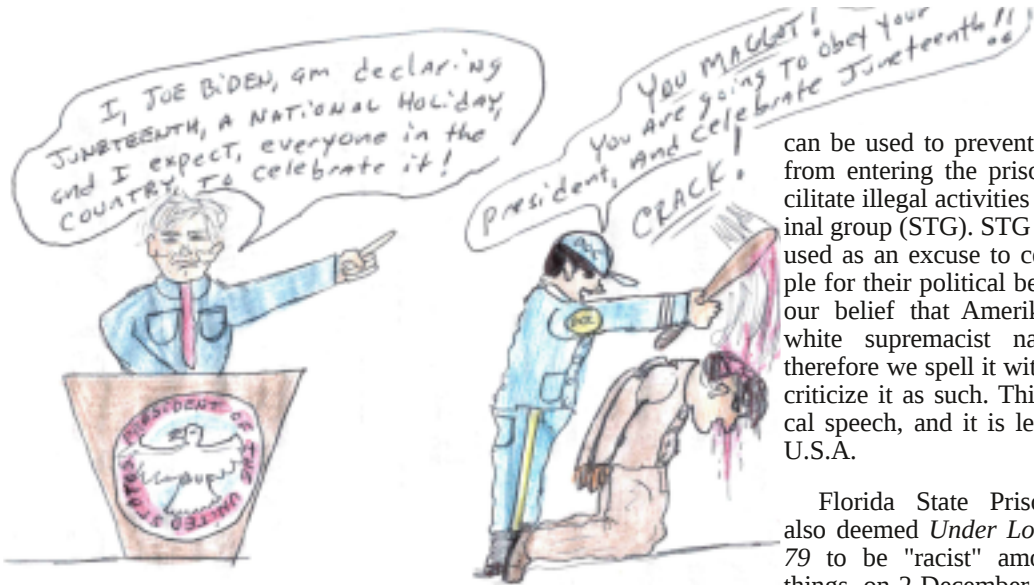
Woke Prison Officials See Racism Everywhere

by Mica of MIM(Prisons)
January 2023

The imperialists are crying "racism" to repress prisoner organizing, censoring mail and punishing those who boycott their patriotic holidays. Lately there has been a rash of woke mail room staff and prison officials who seem to be able to find "racism" everywhere they look. *Under Lock & Key* has been censored by a number of these activist employees of the state in Arizona, Indiana and Florida. This is very odd, as most of our readers know we rarely even mention the concept of race as we maintain that it is not a biologically valid concept, so clearly we do not believe or promote ideas of racism or racial superiority. But these snowflakes are just looking for reasons to be offended and use the state to crush free speech and association of the oppressed.

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry - Office of Publication Review gave as one of their reasons for censoring *Under lock & Key* 78 as:

"7.2.8 Content that is oriented toward and/or promotes racism and/or religious oppression and the superiority of one race/religion/political group over another, and/or the degradation of one race/religion political group by another."



"...The pages identified containing such content are throughout, including, but not limited to, pages 1, 2, 4, 9, 16."

Page 2 is the same in every issue of *Under Lock & Key* and is an explanation of what MIM(Prisons) is and how our programs work. We do not promote racism or even discuss race on that page. Page 1, 4 and 9 contain reports on the struggle of Texas prisoners against oppression, and page 16 lists ongoing campaigns, including the one in Texas. It is confusing why Arizona is so worried about this campaign in Texas, and why they would call it "racist." However, it

did advocate boycotting the Juneteenth holiday, which triggered prison staff in Texas to get very repressive.

On 21 November 2022, staff member Chambers of the Indiana Department of Corrections censored *Under Lock & Key* 79 at Pendleton Correctional Facility. Pendleton has been censoring all mail from MIM Distributors for the last year for spurious reasons. Snowflake Chambers was offended by the spelling of Amerikkka with 3 K's and decided to label it Security Threat Group material.

Security Threat Group (STG)

can be used to prevent materials from entering the prison that facilitate illegal activities by a criminal group (STG). STG cannot be used as an excuse to censor people for their political beliefs. It is our belief that Amerikkka is a white supremacist nation and therefore we spell it with 3 K's to criticize it as such. This is political speech, and it is legal in the U.S.A.

Florida State Prison (FSP) also deemed *Under Lock & Key* 79 to be "racist" among other things, on 2 December 2022. We really must go through their reasoning point-by-point for censoring this newspaper as it is quite revealing.

They objected to "*Obtaining Copy of Lawsuit on TX Mail Policy BP-03.91*" because "our inmates might try this"! The article is literally just telling people where to write and how much to pay to get a copy of a pending lawsuit around Texas mail policies. At this point it seems they're just rubbing it in our faces to use the most illegal reasons they can to censor us.

FSP employee J.M. Clillen (sp?) goes on to cite "Alabama

Prisoners Demand Freedom" because "talking about living conditions". So that's illegal now? If we talk about conditions in prisons all of a sudden we're "racists"?

The one article Clillen cites that does not have a reason with it is "*Free Palestine - Join the BDS Movement*." This couldn't possibly be a threat to security at FSP, and is clearly just demonstrating their support for the Zionist (racist?) state of I\$rael.

Finally we get to the "racist" claim, which was made against the article "*Conquering My Demons*" on page 13. This article is a self-criticism by a USW comrade regarding eir past substance use and misogyny, and a call for all of us to become new, better people. It discusses the resistance of oppressed nations against the imperialists — which is our best guess as to why they labelled it "racist." Oh, and it also spells Amerikkka with 3 K's. That's not racism idiot, that's a critique of racism.

There are no rights, only power struggles. And it is the oppressed and powerless who are denied rights by the powerful in this racist woke imperialist country. ■

JPay Mishandling Mail in Florida Isolation Units

by SKS Heruglyphx of United Struggle from Within
October 2022

Prisoner(s) housed at FSP (Florida State Prison) on C.M.-I & II (Close Management) status are being used by FDOC/FSP and JPay as means of robbing our family(s) and friend(s), thus inflicting punishment beyond court ordered separation from society as sole and significant punishment for crime.

In 2021, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) installed new private contracted prison mail system services mandating that all routine mail to prisoner(s) be addressed to Tampa, Florida office to be processed, i.e., scanned for verbal contraband and forwarded via JPay email system service to mail room of intended institution, to then be printed out and delivered to intended prisoner(s). However, such service is not being consistently and timely provided, except only when and where convenient to and for FSP administration, STG (Security Threat Group) personnel and mail room, all in punishment for prisoner(s) being on C.M. status.

1. Inconsistency and untimeliness in mail delivery to prisoner(s)
 - a. Prisoner(s) are not receiving all incoming routing mail and email in timely and consistent manner. Mail is being intentionally delayed, withheld for weeks, in some cases, months after the post mark, constituting violation of mail rule. CH. 33-210.101(6) F.A.C, which clearly states, "Incoming and outgoing routine mail shall be processed within 72 hours, except for inmates in certain housing assignments identified in paragraph (7) below, which pertinently states: "(7) inmates, that as of a result of housing designation or status are not

permitted to access kiosk, kiosk services, or tablet services as provided for in Rule. 33-601.900 F.A.C, will have their scanned mail printed and delivered at no cost to the inmate."

2. Lack of notification
 - a. Prisoner(s) incoming routine mail is being sent back, withheld or thrown away by Tampa private mail contractor office, without issuing notice of any kind to prisoner(s) or sender(s).
 3. Effect on prisoner(s)/loved-one(s) relationship structure and rehabilitation process
 - a. Incoming mail being received by FSP mail room via JPay mail system service is not being consistently and/or timely printed out and delivered to intended prisoner(s).
 - b. Prisoner(s) have no way of knowing that mail had been sent to them until informed by sender(s), either through argument or worrisome inquiry as to why prisoner(s) are not responding to mail, causing sender(s) to feel ignored.
 - c. Prisoner(s) are kept unaware of undelivered, deprived mail, while sender(s) are unaware of fact that prisoner(s) are not responding, not because they don't want to, but because prisoner(s) are not receiving all mail being sent to them, because;
 - d. FSP mail room, and administration are literally and intentionally playing games (not printing and delivering all prisoner(s) incoming mail) resulting in relationship structure conflicts, leading to prisoner(s)/loved-one(s) alienation and isolation.
 4. Objective investigation, review of kiosk of kiosk inbox
 - a. Objective review of each

FSP, C.M.-I & II status prisoners' Jpay kiosk account inbox will clearly confirm the truth in this matter, by revealing the scores of undelivered emails and photos, sent to prisoner(s), but never printed out and delivered, as is prescribed by Rule. 33-210.101 (7) F.A.C

- b. Prisoner(s) or their family(s) and friend(s), due to being ignorant of this denied service (robbery) are not realizing that prisoner(s) are being held semi-incommunicado, as punishment for being on administrative segregation (C.M.) status, which is not D.C. (Disciplinary Confinement) status, in fact prisoner(s) on D.C. status, are allowed more privileges than C.M., i.e., non-D.C. status prisoner(s), and this is all intentional.

5. Conflict in FDOC/FSP Jpay Kios/Tablet Policy

- a. Rule. CH. 33-602.900 (4) (C)3 F.A.C and CH.33-602.900(5)(d)3 F.A.C, which governs Jpay kiosk and tablet clearly states that: "Prisoners on C.M. status are allowed access to JPay kiosk, kiosk services, tablet and tablet services," stands in polar contrast with CH.33-601.800(11)(b)7 F.A.C and CH.33-601.800(11)8.(c)5. F.A.C, which governs C.M., clearly states the opposite, that "C.M.-I & II status" prisoners (respectively) are not allowed access to kiosk, kiosk services, tablet and/or tablet services." (to keep prisoners from becoming aware of the scores of emails, letters and photos listed in their (prisoner(s) inbox, but are not being printed out and delivered to them) while;

- b. C.M.-III status prisoners are allowed access to JPay kiosk, kiosk services, tablets and tablet services, constituting not only administrative disparity in

treatment and discrimination against C.M.-I & II status prisoners, but FSP administrative use of JPay email system services as a means of or device of authoritarian intimidation, punishment and control.

6. Robbery: Family(s)/ Friend(s) of Prisoner(s) not receiving JPay services they are paying for.

- a. Family(s)/friend(s) of prisoner(s) purchase digital postage stamps for a promise that their emails to loved-ones in prison will be delivered without hindrance, a service paid for, which is not being delivered/received, due to their sent emails not being printed out and delivered consistently to their prisoner-loved-ones, being punished solely for being on C.M. status.

- b. Hundreds of FSP (all C.M.-I & II status) prisoners are not receiving letters and/or photos sent to them via JPay email system service. Thus, family(s)/ friend(s) of prisoner(s) are being bilked, literally robbed for their hard earned money by JPay and FDOC via FSP mail room, STG and administration, constituting the bilking of unknown amounts of money once all prisoners and undelivered emails are tallied up and combined. The results is robbery and false advertising.

7. Nonexistent FDOC/FSP Grievance Process

- a. Many grievances regarding all issues mentioned above have been repeatedly submitted at every level in the grievance process and are being biasedly rubber stamped "DENIED" or not returning or responded to, or plain and simple being thrown in the trash. FDOC secretary office is very well aware of this fact, but is refusing to intervene or rectify

the situation trashing of prisoner(s) grievances. See formal grievance, log #22-6-27139.

8. Remedy
 - a. That FDOC Tampa private contracted mail service provide written notice for impounded or withheld incoming routine mail being withheld for STG surveillance or being returned to sender(s).
 - b. That FDOC/FSP kiosk and tablet policy be rectified to uniformity.
 - c. That FSP mail room print out and deliver all digital mail, letters/photos entering its system, to intended prisoner(s) in timely and consistent manner, thereby ensuring;
 - d. That all Jpay email service and routine mail service paid for by family(s) and friend(s) of prisoner(s) be received without hindrance, i.e., end the bilking/ robbery of prisoner(s) family(s) and friend(s) via use of prisoner(s), resulting in incalculable amounts of money being stolen.
 - e. That all money for all undelivered emails, letters and/ or photos be reimbursed, given back to family(s) and friend(s) if prisoner(s).

Respectfully submitted

P.S. Concerns regarding this issue can be addressed to the: Better Business Bureau, JPay Company headquarters, FDOC, Lauren.Sanchez@fdc.myflorida.com, (830)717-3605

Stop The JPay Bilking

UPDATE: A few weeks after MIM(Prisons) received a copy of the above complaint we received an update:

"Florida Department of Cruelty has finally rectified ch.33-

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Torture and Neglect in Clements Ad-Seg

by Choper
November 2022

For 2 years now they have been short of staff or so they claim. For 18 months they operated at 20% staff and for the last 6 months they claim to be at 30% staff yet I'm certain an audit of certified payroll would differ, especially salary or ranking positions.

Absolutely zero SOPs (standard operating procedures) are adhered to. Each rotation and shift on every line is a freestyle depending on how that officer chooses to conduct his/her daily routine. Count is the only exception as all are constantly counting, especially when this interferes/conflicts with prisoner movement and/or distributing meals that regularly sit out for a long time (on occasion 4+ hours till next shift has to deal with it) resulting in all meals served cold .

I spent the last 6 days under a blanket blowing my breath into the space to try and keep warm. When I say cold I mean ice with the so called temperature controlled (without any thermostat) Air conditioner blowing.

Mental Health requests, telepsyche, 2nd day mental health related issues take 9 months minimum if you ever see the telepsyche or for psych meds while the self mutilation, smoke inhalation, and suicides are at an all time high. The number of Ad-Seg prisoners going or gone crazy is astounding. No, sad actually. Disturbing when witnessed first hand but that is a problem. We are isolated from any and all civilization.

The weekly library actually drops off/ picks up books once every 6-8 weeks while we receive late notice disciplinaries for late books we cannot return if they don't pick up.

They do not run recreation or allow us our 1 hour out of cell ever. On occasion, they will fill the 6 rec cages maybe once every 6 weeks but there are over 60 prisoners for 6 cages and when they only run 1 shut, they document they ran rec and we get fucked.



Fifty percent of all meals are Jonny Sacks. Always an excuse but never do we get the diet as budgeted or as advertised. They steal all desserts so we never get our once a week dessert. Jonny Sasks are a spoon of peanut butter in a corner of two pieces of bread and 2 boiled eggs. We do not get the drink called vitamin c drink (juice) but half the time and we never get coffee and milk with breakfast like General Popula-

tion.

When it comes time to review for getting out of Ad-Seg or program eligible they write us bogus disciplinary charges and run fictitious hearings resulting in automatic guilty verdict and restrictions ineligible to get out of Ad-Seg or go to programs.

No phone calls no video visits, no tablets as advertised by TDCJ- no effort or progress related to the tablets that are stored on site . Nor do we get official word. No media access. No radio as they have



faulty wiring. No local papers. No echo TDCJ papers. No clue what's happening outside these walls just as they have no clue what's happening inside. They report they installed televisions. They mounted two TV's where they cannot be seen and the faulty cable wires mean no reception.

In protest fires burn daily on each of the Ad-Seg lines. Prisoners burn any and all items that

will burn. So many so often they don't even react or bother to put them out, consequently we have no mattresses. Waiting list over 18 months to get a mattress. We sleep on steel and concrete. There are no radios for sale on commissary. They send us books then collect them as contraband. No cell cleaning disinfectant or bleach.

We starve and eat crap. Spoiled rotten crap. Many actually eat their own bodily waste and drink urine. Both hungry and mentally ill. Constant screams. No crisis, suicide prevention, chaplain, medical response etc. For those in pain there is no medical relief. Suicides happen as threats, and early warning signs are ignored. One must cut themselves badly to be removed from cell. And we all do.

No windows, fresh air or sunshine, makes for a gaseous vapor in the air that means pain. Scream all you want its music to their ears. Ad-Seg B housing for confirmed family members labeled STG security threat group. I estimate nearly a quarter of the prisoners in Ad-Seg now have empty cells with no personal property as it is constantly taken without any due process at all. Often for standing up for one's self or trying to protect one's rights or get what ones entitled to result in loss of property with no formal procedure or due process. Regardless of religion or affiliation they force christian music and preaching for 10 minutes every Saturday. No other religious material is available for any religion.

No barber in Ad-Seg no haircut for over 18 months now. We either shave our heads with razors or grow long hair and beards. They put us on bogus restrictions

and limit how often we can buy stamps papers pen envelopes etc to write out. Much of our outgoing and incoming mail mysteriously does not reach its intended destination. Can't prove who is at fault.

They took away and banned any pics of women that may cause arousal. Religious medals and items have been out of stock in commissary for the last 2 years. Chaplain offers no addresses or info for any but christian. The law library here offers no help, only issues exactly what document you request if you know exactly what to request. Grievances 100% denied with responses completely bogus and irrelevant to the issue attached. Completely useless when the board works for TDCJ and they review and devise on complaints against them.

We are not receiving the items budget for and paid for with tax dollars. We do not get the beef we raise on the fields. We do not get the pork we raise. We do not get the chickens we raise. We do not get fresh vegetables from field squad. We do get eggs, where does the rest go?

I'll tell you. They sell the choice cuts of meat for money and the lesser gristle and refuse in return.

The conditions within these
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Hicks v Guiterrez Dismissed, Continued Legal Action

by Khufu Foundation
December 2022

"No man can tell the intense agony which is felt by the slave, when wavering on the point of making his escape. All that he has is at stake... The life which he has may be lost, and the liberty which he seeks may not be gained." -Frederick Douglass, 1845

We are made to persist. That's how we find out who we are.

The Khufu Foundation thanks you for being part of the solution! The following is an update on the lawsuit, *Hicks v. Guiterrez, et al*, 6: 22-cv-134. It contains both good and bad news. The bad news is that the District Court has dismissed the case with prejudice, which was not unexpected. The good news is the cases he used are not on point, plus he failed to thoroughly address an issue of First Impression "The Cumulative Effect."

For those of you who have tablets, go to law library and read exactly what the District Judge has to say for yourself. We have given notice of appeal, and await a word from the 5th Circuit giving us a number to seek COA. Before we give our argument in brief, let us give you a word directed to the right that can save you a few dollars as well as allow you to move much faster through the Courts than the §1983. We have learned that these same issues can be attacked with an application for Writ of Habeas Corpus — see the tablet has a wealth of information, particularly the Law Library; there are literally thousands of cases at your fingertips. Yet, the tablet can turn you into a zombie, who feeds on nothing but music and movies.

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The Hyporisy of the System

by a Federal prisoner
October 2022
The FEDs gave me 20 years in prison
For being a high ranked GD
And other alleged GDs committed crimes
But that didn't have nothing to do with me.

They say when others commit crimes
Allegedly under your chain of command
This is what they do.
But I just have one question to ask, shouldn't
This apply to those running the system too!?

Because Derek Chauvin kneeled on
George Floyd's neck for 9 min and 29 seconds
A blatant murder for the whole world to see.
So why isn't his superior officers
Locked in a KKKage doing time right next to me?

OH!
Because they took no part in it?
Well let the records show neither did i
Court document 3580-107
Clearly states "Remaining GD" is my only crime.
But if that's not enough
i have some more hypocrisy to show you
that i'm sure will blow your mind.
Where are the superiors of the officers
Who savagely murdered Amadou Diallo?
What about brother Michael Brown?
Are the superiors of those who murdered sister Breonna Taylor
Ever going to be held accountable for how that lynching went down?

Who is going to be held accountable for Oscar Grant
And let us not forget Ramarley Graham.
And WE can't even get criminal justice reform passed
Proving once again that this system is a sham!

How many of you remember Michael Taylor in Naptown?
Handcuffed behind his back and shot in the back of his head?
And what about Major Davis beaten in his front yard and left for dead!

The hypocrisy of this system disgusts me!!
Ain't no such thing as Equal Justice Under the Law.
Or else Donald Trump would've been charged with RICO Conspiracy
For all those under his chain of command that committed fraud..

My Big brother Christopher Calhoun
Was shot over 30 times at the West End Mall in Atlanta
My baby brother Grant King was murdered in Indianapolis the same.
My little sister Khalalah was stabbed multiple times in the neck and survived
And all this was done by UNIFORMED POLICE!

My first cousin Kevin Hicks
Was shot in the eye
This was done at point blank range.
My "FAMILY" has been the target of political repression
Body cams, ain't stopped a damn thang!
But you want to give me 20 years
Just for remaining in a so-called gang.

Nah the real reason you gave me all that time
Was because I was organizing these so-called gangs
To bang for change.
You saw me organizing voters registration drives
You saw me marching down Bankhead in Atlanta
Chanting "I can't Breathe".

You got scared because you seen Stones, Lords, Crips and Bloods
Marching right along-side of GDs.
And don't try to lie because I seen the video and pictures on my discovery!
You saw us standing together protesting police brutality.
You saw us at Stone Mountain in 2016
Standing against the Klu Klux Klan
You saw all OUR flags tied together
Black fist in the air screaming
"Free the Land",

Yeah, you can jail the revolutionary
But you can never silence me.
You ain't nothing but a bunch of hypocrites
And I'd rather die on my feet than live on my knees.
~The Big Homie IZ~ ■

Keep Families Connected, Unless They're in County

by Grim of United Struggle from Within
January 2023

This report is to inform other comrades of the new law that was passed called the Keep Families Connected Act in California and to expose the sneaky tactics the state is using to bastardize it. The Keep Families Connected Act states that as of 1 January 2023 all calls between Us (the prisoner class) and our families and friends will be provided at no cost to Us or our people outside.

Here in the South Bay there was no fanfare for the Act's passing, no bulletin from jail administration stating this, or message on our tablets, which have the phone app most use to call home. After further research, i was informed by a Lieutenant pig that Keep Families Connected Act only gives free calls in CDCr facilities, and county jails like Main Jail North are not included. Seems California doesn't actually give two shits about keeping families connected.

The tablets we have in California are already used to record your voiceprint (individually dis-

tinctive pattern of certain voice characteristics, spectographically produced) and facial biometrics (measurement and analysis of unique facial features, especially for verifying personal identity) which to even use the tablets you must agree to as part of the Terms of Use.

As is so common the case, anytime the oppressive elite pigs give us something, it's usually poisoned, warped, and deformed to suit their means. To utilize these free calls your people must download an app first (for iPhone it's GTLConnect, for Android it's GTL Phone App). As a former hacktivist in the early days of the Anonymous Collective, i believe these apps could be infected with many different types of viruses, keyloggers and spyware included. This is true for the iPhone, despite many peoples' false notions that Apple products cannot be hacked into.

It also should come as no secret that the Amerikan government does in fact spy on its people, as was exemplified by the NSA leaks by Edward Snowden, and the revelations of the FBI's COINTELPRO of the 1960s and

1970s.

But downloading an app is not all your family and friends must do. Once downloaded they must make an account, which if they use their real information, now puts a name, date of birth (and with this DMV records can be looked up, background checks administered) and thus every recorded conversation now has a face they can put it to. This is my speculation and by no means proven fact, yet we should always be wary and skeptical of anything handed to Us from the bloody paws of the capitalist-imperialist fucks whom oppress us.

We should learn from our past experiences through study to better identify such reforms for what they really are: Band-Aids for bullet wounds.

MIM(Prisons) adds: This week President Biden signed an Act to require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure reasonable rates for any kind of voice or video calls made from jails and prisons in the country. To date, families and friends of prisoners have paid ridiculous prices for phone calls to their im-



Profiteers like Text-Behind hinder prisoners' connection with the outside world with their communication technology services

prisoned loved ones. This profiteering discourages the maintenance and development of positive relationships in the community that are important for reintegration upon release. As such, we welcome these reforms, though they are a small drop in the bucket of the extreme forms of social isolation and torture imposed on hundreds of thousands of people in U.\$. prisons.

We also share the concerns of our comrade above. Though communications into and out of prisons have always been assumed to be monitored, the technology to do so is at another level now. And instead of extorting families for phone fees, they are now strong-arming their persynal and biometric information out of them, extending the arms of the surveillance state into not just those convicted of a crime, but all who wish to relate to them. It is hard enough to get people to avoid such surveillance technology on the streets where people have choices.

In the early days of Corrlinks, we could use email to communicate with some of our subscribers.

While we recognized the potential downside of surveillance, all mail is potentially surveilled as well. However, now that the model has developed they seem to uniformly charge money for electronic mail to prisoners and require the installation of spyware and giving persynally identifying information to the company and the prison. So if you've tried to email us through these services and we don't respond, that is why.

We have been covering the topics of the distribution of computer tablets among prisoners in this country along with the digitization of mail that they enable (see page 10). These developments strengthen the totalitarian control of the state, and often further limit communications with the outside despite the political messaging. Following in the footsteps of the phone companies, the new brand of prison profiteers are these mail processing companies like TextBehind and the old-timer JPay. As depicted in the artwork above, TextBehind has created a barrier for letters from organizations like ours from reaching people imprisoned in North Carolina. ■

Officers use Funds for Fiestas, Not Mental Health Programs

by a California prisoner
December 2022

[The following complaint was served to the Department of Justice.] RE: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCr) and Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJDCF) Systemic Scheme of Fraud to Misappropriate Federal Funds

I am requesting an investigative audit of all Federal Funds received by CDCR specifically for mental health programs, services, and activities here at RJDCF because it is clear that those funds are not being used for intended purposes. As a participant in CDCR's Mental Health Services Delivery System (MHSDS) at the Enhanced Out Patient (EOP) level of care under the *Coleman v. Newsom*, 2:90-cv-00520-KJM-DB(E.D.Cal) injunction, MHSDS EOP participants are required to receive 10 hours a week of 'structured therapy', and receive federal funds to provide such to prisoner participants.

Here at RJDCF EOP there are no specialty, or core, therapy groups which treat or target the diagnosis and symptoms of MHSDS EOP participants because mental health care providers continue to tell us that they're short of staff and resources.

To create the illusion of providing the 10 hours a week of required 'structural therapy' as so CDCR may continue to receive federal funds for RJDCF EOP program, prisoners regular exercise yard time is being documented as recreational therapy, (or R.T. yard), where recreational therapist's (R.T.'s) assigned to supervise R.T. yards are being explicitly instructed by CDCR Mental Health Program overseers and supervisors to embellish R.T. yard notes to give any reader the impression that the R.T. yard activity itself was/is therapeutic, when fact is, aside from walking around to record which MHSDS EOP prisoners attend regular ex-

ercise yards, the R.T.'s have no contact with any of us, yet a significant amount of such fraudulent hours are and have been used to report compliance.

There are many MHSDS EOP participants who report receiving a regular schedule to attend particular mental health therapy groups which does not even exist, as there is no facilitator to provide treatment.

Then, the gist of the described systemic scheme involves CDCR's use of a ruse to misappropriate federal funds intended for MHSDS EOP programs, services, and activities, thereby using such funds to pay the salaries of its subordinates who directly supervise the EOP, subordinates who are correctional officers (C.O.s) providing security.

With the aid of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), CDCR and RJDCF has manufactured a need for more C.O.s in the MHSDS EOP Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU), and divert federal funds intended for mental health programs, services, and activities, to custody, while these same custody C.O.s then convert the PSU into a 'lounge area' where surveillance cameras throughout the PSU, initiated by the *Armstrong v. Newsom*, no. 94-cv 02307-CW, injunction, regularly record C.O.s blatant inefficiency, hosting fiesta's and other celebratory gatherings, and constant use of big screen televisions intended for MHSDS EOP groups, to watch sporting events and other shows. All this occurs in the PSU while on duty in direct violation of well established CDCR policy at California Code of Regulations, CCR. Title 15, sections 3394, and 3395.

With this described systemic scheme, C.O.s may continue to exploit the MHSDS EOP, profit from such, while CDCR continues to orchestrate the diminishing of mental health programs, services, and activities, blaming the

failure on any and everything else except the truth, which is, despite being member of a protected class requiring mental health services and treatment, to CDCR and it's employees we are only a financial asset. A prisoner's mental health challenges are nothing more than a bargaining chip to use to extort more money from the federal government, to fund and fuel an already debauch state system.

Please Help Us!

MIM(Prisons) adds: Over 1.1 million people have died from the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States (more than drug overdoses). This hit hardest among the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions, and since the advent of vaccines, the unvaccinated. Strong resistance to vaccines among law enforcement has led to disproportionate deaths. Meanwhile many who could retired early. Like many industries, the state has struggled to replace the prison staff it has lost due to the pandemic.

This situation has allowed for extra leverage, from the already powerful CCPOA in California, meaning many are doing their jobs even less than before. People are sitting in their cells, people aren't receiving care, people are eating sack lunches, and people aren't getting access to grievances. And like so many capitalists have done during the last few years, the CDCR has cashed in on state funds that they do not deserve.

These are signs of a struggling system. The criminal injustice system is functioning worse and with less credibility than it has in decades. Meanwhile, greedy kleptocrats are stealing from the state, weakening it further. We must study these cracks in the system and find ways to operate that push the agenda of the oppressed through independent institutions. ■

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Now, here is what we will take to the 5th Circuit:

1) Whether the Cumulative Effect of the Texas Constitution, Texas State Law Statutes, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the board combine to give a... Reasonable Expectation that the parole procedure will be conducted with a modicum of just and fair treatment — see *Wilkinson v Austin*, 125 S.Ct. 2384

2) Whether Applicant was denied Equal Protection of the Law as compared to other prisoners who can review their parole-file/transcript, because they can afford an attorney, see *Griffin v Illinois*, 360 U.S. 585 and *Register v Thaler*, 681 F.3d 623

3) Whether Applicant has been denied a fair and just parole hearing where the defendants fail to follow the APA and their own rules without meeting the Constitutional minimum regarding parole review — see *Parrat v Taylor*, 101 S. Ct. 1909 and *Leggett v Williams*, 277 F. App'x 498, 500 (5th Cir. 2008)

4) Whether Applicant was denied a meaningful participation in his parole hearings when he was not allowed to review his parole file to challenge all false and/or derogatory information contained therein, when Board Members have admitted that there is often false and/or inaccurate information in parole-files. — see *Johnson v TDCJ*, 910 F. Supp. 1208

This information is supplied

...Legal Action

in the hope that each of you will do your research and continue to fight.

North TX AIPS adds: This is a followup to "Texas Prisoners Launch Attack on Parole System" printed in *ULK 78*. The lawsuit is an attempt for parole reform in Texa\$ and was launched May of last year (2022). It is in response to continuous denial of parole for many prisoners based on commitment of the crime, rather than behavior while incarcerated, and to argue that the Board Members are not protected against suit according to the Ex Parte Young Doctrine:

"In determining whether the doctrine of Ex Parte Young avoids an 11th Amendment bar to suit, a federal court need only conduct a straightforward inquiry into whether the complaint alleges an ongoing violation of federal law and seeks relief properly characterized as prospective." Const. Amend.11 - See *Verizon MD, Inc v. Public Service Commission of Maryland*, 535 U.S. 635, 122 S.Ct. 175 and *McCarthy ex rel Travis V. Hawkins*, 385 F.3d 407, 412 (5th Cir. 2000)

While some of the demands as previously stated are in line with the Juneteenth Freedom Initiative, as revolutionaries our focus is on the building on independent institutions of the masses, rather than working for parole reform. We are building on our Re-Lease on Life program and encourage anyone whose interested to write us and start to work on study and strategy for revolution. ■

Redemption: A Tribute to Stanley "Big Tookie" Williams Sr.

by Bluu Gaidi of United Struggle from Within
December 2022

As the assassination date of our redeemed comrade Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. approaches (December 13th), this will mark 17 years that our beloved brother, comrade, and C.R.I.P co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. was deliberately assassinated by the U. \$. imperialist's "Correctional Institute (Colony) Repressive Penal System." It is our esteemed comrade Stanley "Big Tookie" Williams Sr. along with comrade Raymond Washington who founded the C.R.I.P.s in 1969. Stanley Big Tookie Williams ran the West Side Cribs ("Cribs" eventually became "CRIPS" by 1971) and comrade Raymond Washington ran the East Side CRIPS. There was a small neighborhood community after school center on the East Side of Los Angeles, California where comrade Raymond Washington and his friends hung out after school playing pool called the "Community Resource Inner City Project Service" (C.R.I.P.S).

From this Community Resource Inner City Project Service the "CRIPS" would form into a bastard party of the former remnants of the Black Panther Party (a community based nationwide Black nationalist organization who operated free breakfast programs in the poor disenfranchised sections of the ghettos and Brown barrios and promoted "self defense" against U.\$.

Originally when Raymond Washington and Big Tookie Williams joined up the East Side and West Side CRIPS were about protecting their communities against other "white" gangs who came into Black neighborhoods to start trouble and violence against Black people in general. The C.R.I.P.S. (Community Revolutionary Inter-Party Soldiers) promoted Community Revolution in Progress (C.R.I.P.) yet over the years ended up becoming a "self destructive" force which ended up being consumed by Black self-hatred and non-political violence.

Eventually Comrade Raymond Washington was murdered in the streets of East Side South Central Los Angeles. He was assassinated by a car of unknown assailants, in 1979. Comrade Stanley "Big Tookie" Williams was wrongfully framed by the U. \$. government on gruesome murder charges that he did not commit (and in which he maintained his innocence up until his dying day). Big Tookie was falsely convicted by a racist court system and jury which ended up landing him on California's Death Row at San Quentin State Prison in the early 1980's.

Ten years prior to Stanley "Big Tookie" Williams' arrival, San Quentin State Prison was the assassination scene of the bold, brilliant and beautifully courageous revolutionary activist, author and revolutionary theoretician Comrade George Lester Jackson on 21 August 1971. Jackson was moved to the Adjustment Center in San Quentin on murder charges of killing a Soledad correctional officer. 25 year old Officer Mills was beaten to death and thrown

over a 30 ft. tier in Soledad Central "Y" Wing Facility. There was a note in Officer Mills pocket that said "One down 2 to go" in reference and in retaliation for 3 Black prisoners shot and killed in cold blood by a racist Soledad prison guard name Officer O.G. Miller. One of the dead convicts was W.L. Nolen, a close friend/mentor of Comrade George. In February 1970 George Jackson, John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo would formally be charged with the murder of Officer John Mills. Since Comrade George already was serving sentence of one year to life, death on a non-inmate under California law at that time meant an automatic death penalty for Comrade George, even though the state had no evidence that George Jackson, John Clutchette, or Fleeta Drumgo (who become known as the "Soledad Brothers") killed Officer Mills.

George Jackson was an activist and revolutionary advocate of the prisoner class revolutionary movement, "Black family", and August 7th movement founder — a movement he founded in remembrance, honor and in tribute to the death (murder) of his little 17-year-old brother Comrade Jonathan Jackson whom on 7 August 1970 took a bag full of guns into a courthouse in Marin County (not far from San Quentin State Prison where his brother Comrade George was housed). Brother Jonathan Jackson Sr. calmly took over a courtroom where three Black prisoners were on trial. Jonathan gave the three guns then took the Judge, District Attorney and 2 Jurors hostage demanding that the "Soledad Brothers" be released immediately in exchange for the hostages. Sad to say Jonathan never made it out of the parking lot as over 200 shots by Marin County Officers were unloaded into Jonathan's Hertz rental van. Jonathan was murdered immediately.

The only sole survivors in the van with Jonathan was one of the three Black prisoners (Comrade Ruchell Magee - whom is still incarcerated to this very day despite his deteriorating health) and the District Attorney who was permanently paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair.

A year and 2 weeks later on the 21st of August 1971 prison authorities concocted an outrageous story to justify the assassination of George Jackson. San Quentin Prison officials claimed that Comrade George tried to escape leading six other prisoners out of the adjustment center allegedly slicing three prison guards' throats and killing two snitch prisoners. They claimed George Jackson had a gun and the guards assassinated Comrade George from the Gun Tower. The state (San Quentin Prison officials) deliberately murdered/assassinated Comrade George. Upon investigation, George would've beat his case had he went to trial and very well may have got out of prison.

Check out *ULK* 79 article "History (and Myth) of a Comrade Should Inspire Us" Written by USW51 for more on Comrade George, it's a very well written and detailed article.

How does this relate back to

our Comrade Stanley "Big Tookie" Williams Sr.? Well there are a lot of apparent correlations connecting these two comrades beginning with the criminal "injustice" system and the systematic oppression and "judicial lynching" of both these wonderful Black Brothers (and of Black and Brown males in this U.\$.

imperialist country in general). George Jackson entered the California Penitentiary System in 1960 with an indeterminate sentence of "one (1) year to life" for the conviction of a gas station robbery that resulted in the theft of \$60.00. Even though evidence was in Jackson's favor and Jackson adamantly professed his innocence of the crime, his court appointed attorney convinced Jackson that if he would only plead guilty to a lesser offense that he would receive some light county jail time, instead the racist court judge sentenced Jackson to prison for one year to life.

"CRIP" co-founder Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. up until the day of his assassination/execution proclaimed his innocence of the murder charges that he had been wrongly convicted of, yet the racist criminal injustice system with no real tangible evidence put Big Tookie Williams on trial and concocted lies in order to assassinate, execute and "judicially lynch" Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. because he was a threat to the upper status quo and had been amassing power (revolutionary potential and Black leadership skill/charisma) and was "leader" of a fast growing "C.R.I.P" - (Community Revolutionary International Party) which possessed major revolutionary potential. The U.\$.

government had to "contain" him since he could become a potential "Black messiah." So just like Comrade Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt the U.\$.

Comrade George Jackson while incarcerated became autodidactic (self taught); he studied Marx, Lenin, Mao, political science and political economy, Engels, Stalin, Huey. Jackson was made Black Panther Party 'General/Field Marshall' by Huey Newton while he was incarcerated he become "politically conscious," re-shaped and transformed his Black criminal mentality into a revolutionary mentality. Comrade George redeemed himself and achieved redemption through his willingness, determination, self discipline, self-taught education through books. Comrade George changed and reformed his criminal thinking, Jackson refused to participate in all "non-political" violence (gang mentality), George Jackson practiced a very special bastardized style of martial arts as well as Kung Fu called "Iron Palm" and worked out 6 to 8 hours a day doing "1000" fingertip pushups a day. Comrade George also authored two classic political treatises of Black revolutionary literature "Soledad Brother" and "Blood in my Eye" and one underground book titled "Communist Manifesto." Jackson typed laboriously on his typewriter in his small prison cell, he wrote position papers that dealt with various political-socio issues such as prison life, economics, and the corrosion of Amerika's military-prison industrial-corporate capitalist culture and circulated these papers throughout and outside prison

walls. For his political/revolutionary activities he was rewarded with isolation and segregation in Soledad's "O"-wing administrative segregation unit and San Quentin's A/C Lockup where often times his cell was "welded" with a lock shut. Once that proved not to be enough, he was set up to be killed.

Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. had undergone a very drastic revolutionary change after his imprisonment as well, a quite remarkable one. Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. was autodidactic, self-taught through reading and politically conscious. He also studied political science, economics, socio-behavior and psychology to better understand himself and his negative subconscious programming and "learned" behavior. Big Tookie Williams studied about the Black Panther Party, Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Comrade George Jackson, Nelson Mandela, and Steve Biko. When Williams Sr. read the infamous "Willie Lynch Document" he was angered and shocked at how this white slave master from the Caribbean islands in the early 1700's had managed to create such a nefarious, diabolical, cruel and methodical "self-hate" system (which would become known as the "plantation psychosis") which would sink seeds of mistrust, and self hatred, and self-sabotage within our subconscious, unconscious minds that some 400 years later it is encoded in our (Black folk) culture and is the primary root of "Unkle Tom-ism" disunity, hatred, violence, mistrust and cowardice amongst our people, we were "programmed" negatively to behave this way with one another. The slaves were taught, whipped, beat, tamed, feathered, set on fire, lynched, pregnant Black women had their precious unborn fetuses cut out of their stomachs and stomped on in front of their faces

by the white slave masters, and Big Tookie Williams, Comrade Raymond Washington and their peers and "rival" Black teens were just lashing out against one another out of fear, and "self-hate," the "plantation psychosis" of Willie Lynch indoctrination. This was the source, the generations of negative subconscious programming fostering and festering within Black communities... This was the primary cause of his "Blue Rage."

[Editor's note: While a powerful story that motivated Tookie and others, Willie Lynch is a myth. Uncle Toms are the natural outcome of the dialectic of oppression observed across cultures and time.]

While on San Quentin's death row Big Tookie decided with utter conviction he would transform and change. Williams Sr. now being politically-socially revolutionary conscious sought "redemption" ("Black redemption"). Mr. Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. started writing several children's books that taught peace, and strongly advocated and promoted diversion from joining gangs and drug abuse, peer pressure to help in steering children in a "positive", productive, peaceful life in today's society. Mr. Williams even took on a Kiswahili name (Ajamu Ajani) that reflected his cultural, mental, spiritual transformation. Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. was even al-

lowed to conduct and operate a podcast from San Quentin's State Prison's death row to educate the public and youths across Amerika of the failures and downfalls of "gangbanging." Big Tookie Williams used his own three hour phone calls on the tier to call and speak to youth in middle and high schools and interacting and most importantly patiently and sincerely answering any and all questions these students may have had (on his own time; even though he knew that his time was very limited).

Mr. Williams Sr. tried to teach peace and had helped organize the peace truces between the Bloods and Crips in the early 90's. Mr. Williams published a sincere and very self critiquing, deeply introspective memoir before his assassination by the State called *Blue Rage, Black Redemption*. In fact, Jamie Foxx had played the part of Williams in a television movie, "Redemption: The Stan Tookie Williams Story." Williams was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Celebrities such as Snoop Dogg, Bianca Jagger, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Judge Greg Mathis, Daz Dillinger and Jamie Foxx tried to gain a stay on his execution, but on 2005 December 13th, the U.\$.

government dealt a huge blow to gang peace truce leaders, and had California prison authorities at San Quentin State Prison execute/assassinate long-time 'reformed' death row prisoner Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. (Ajamu Ajani).

This goes on to prove without a doubt that the U.\$.

government and global white imperialist truly "fear" gangbangers and criminals becoming "revolutionary indoctrinated" and converting into "revolutionary political soldiers" fighting for the liberation of our oppressed New Afrikan people's and all oppressed people's throughout all colonies of North Amerikkka and globally. Those who are victims of "plantation psychosis," imperialism, capitalist avarice, racism, police brutality, and systematic oppression!

So it's right now, right here that I give honor and tribute of remembrance to both of these redeemed political giants Comrade George Lester Jackson and our beloved Blue Dragon Comrade Stanley Tookie Williams Sr. as his "return to the essence" date approaches this 13 December 2022 (17 years) after his state/government sanctioned assassination.

Rest in Power Big Tookie

MIM(Prisons) adds: Tookie Williams dedicated one of his books to a list of mostly revolutionary figures, including George Jackson. This was one reason given by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to deny clemency for Tookie. Schwarzenegger said it indicated that he saw violence as a means to address societal problems, and then proceeded to use violence to kill Williams. Meanwhile, everything coming out of Tookie was about promoting peace, and gang truces, and getting kids out of gangs. As *MIM Notes* pointed out at the time of Tookie's murder, it is hard to know where his ideology was at the time because the state literally had a gun to his head every time he spoke.(1)

Whether pacifist or revolutionary, there is no doubt that Tookie had abandoned the negative aspects of his past in order to serve his community and oppressed people around the world. As demonstrated so vividly in the

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Commentary on "Gunnas Stop"

by a California prisoner
November 2022

The U.\$. Constitution is a fraudulent and nefarious contract that is designed to maintain the status quo, and has led the oppressed masses in circles. Amerikkka has never — nor will ever — be a "democracy". Christianity... in all its artful guises, is merely white supremacist propaganda disguised as sacred gospel. When you allow your sworn enemies to choose the rules and tactics by which you fight your battles, you will lose the war.

The commentary in "Gunnas Stop", on page 12 of *ULK 78*, sounds like an emotional appeal that misses the cold hard reality of the "perverts" situation. While it would never — or has not yet — occurred to me to perform a salacious sexual act for a female who had not indicated her consent to the act, and I've know some freaky females in my time! My sentiments are as such that anyone who willingly colludes with the new Jim Crow prison/slave system of the U.\$. D.O.C. is undeserving of much — if any — consideration. If all the "perverted" — probably insanely stressed out — brother did was to slap the nazi-pawn pig upside her head with his penis, she should count her blessings; he could have used a .45 caliber cannon. I don't quibble between what is "legal"... and what is pragmatic. This war has been raging for 500 years! WTF?!!

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walls are far worse than I witnessed in military POW camps. they call for nothing less than military action to get inside and expose what is occurring and begin a healing process. Its fucked.

There hasn't been any light bulbs for 18 months. I only recently received one light bulb. Sit in a dark cell with no light.

Roaches and mice are an infestation. ORK Pest control in Amarillo Springs regularly comes but none die. I owned a pest management company and can tell you its not copacetic.

What I'm running into is a denial of all grievances, refusing all due process rights, and one-sided administration that makes rules they hold us accountable for and completely ignore those punishing to them. Lawsuits are difficult with no assistance and I'm running into a cost issue of not being able to produce documents necessary for TDCJ to prove pro se or indigent.

Shake downs every 90 days and regular cell search result in losing much of what they sell us as they just take it period and destroy our cells in disarray tearing books etc.

Of the 20 to 30 % staff many are foreign working on indentured servitude program receiving less or no wages. Purchased into slavery from an African country and housed on site and bused around. Nigerian/African prisoners, debts owed, criminals, and outcasts purchased under flag of indentured servitude.

Majority have sold out and crossed over to become a part of the problem as they were too weak or chose not to fight a battle they couldn't win alone and divided we are. The few of us who resist are overwhelmingly outnumbered and now fight the ad-

Many years ago, an associate ambushed a law enforcement officer, who was with his family. The officer plied a scheme by which he would set up Black college students on bogus marijuana distribution charges, because he hated the prospect of a Black man obtaining college education and rising above blue collar slave wage status. The associate — presumably with others — massacred the officer and five of his family members, including the officers 8-year-old nephew (or cousin). My initial response was sadness and surprise. Then I thought of the thousands, millions, of innocent men, women and children who are still being enslaved and slaughtered by the state, and I realized that if that pig, or any of his kind, gave a happy shit for me or my children, he would not be in the service of the colonial Nazi Amerikkkan slavery genocidal system. That's karma. (The irony of it all is that the assassins were white guys)

I have no problems with white supremacy, in Germany or Norway. My Native sisters and brothers don't want it on Turtle Island. My Dinka and Khoisan peoples don't want it in Africa, and I'm not having it in my home. I have not allowed christian literature, amerikkkan flags, or any other satanic filth in my home or personal space since 1979. I nearly drank myself to death when I realized that I had to purge my life of friends and family who insisted on supporting the global slave

... Clements Ad-Seg

ministration less as we first have to fight the layer of those who were once us and crossed over. Fighting amongst ourselves and trying to interpret rules all by design a smokescreen to hide the underlying more predominant fights. The criminals who take us prisoner, abused and torture and neglect us, and steal all the funding allocated for the "solution to the problem" the failure of democracy, justice and Law in this entity.

I stand up for what I believe and will resist or fight til my last dying breath; I call for help and assistance. I Need the methods I use to help change things from what they currently are to closer to the original intent which is reform and discipline and department of "corrections" is necessary.

North Texas AIPS Adds: We assume many similar reports have been censored by the state of Texa\$ through direct or indirect methods as this writer describes above in regards to materials being taken away through cell searches and terrorism from the staff. The few that do come through highlight the extensive problems regarding any accountability the guards have to the Texa\$ prisoner population and continuing neglect and abuse. While reform can be a useful tool to facilitate organizing and education, the original intent versus practice for prisons in amerikkka has always been to further suppress organizing among the oppressed masses. Fighting the conditions of Ad-Seg in this state must be for the purpose of revolutionary organizing and education if our goal is to end this long list of abuses. ■

state, as flag waving patriots.

Skin, bones, teeth and hair mean little to me. The value of a thing turns on its ability to exist harmoniously and respectfully in the world. Even from childhood, I learned to admire Malcolm X, Geronimo, and Nat Turner. I also greatly respect Fidel Castro, Ernesto Guevera, Harriet Tubman, Hugo Chavez, Akhenaten and Niccolo Machiavelli. Mao Tse-Tung was nowhere perfect, but in my view he is one of the most honorable people to walk this earth in the last millennium. Commendations too for the Bolsheviks.

Say what one will about Ho Chi Minh, Kim Jong Un, Joseph Stalin, or Nicolas Maduro; These stalwart souls knew when to shit or get off the pot! Its two minutes past midnight, fuck the furniture, save the children!

Wiawimawo of MIM(Prisons) responds: For a 1 paragraph piece, we received some strong positive and negative responses to the article "Gunnas Stop." Even one critic of the article supported those who discouraged gunnas by other means. It was this general sentiment from the masses opposed to this behavior that led me, as the editor of *ULK 78*, to include that short piece. I was correct that it was a topic of interest, but as the comrade above points out i was incorrect to print that piece to stand as our position

A Black Man's

Confession

by a California prisoner
February 2022

A black man's confession;
I could never escape oppression;
for as long as beauty is black;
ghosts, demon, and devils
breath down my back;
mad cause they can't trick me
out my skin;
to bask in the chocolate love
that I'm in;

So my punishment is to never
escape oppression;
For this is true as my confession;
At 51 it's still the same;
penitentiary slavery chains;
When he say "shut up", and I
won't comply;
I have to wonder if I'm'a die;
And if I rely on Freedom of
speech;
Then theres a different lesson, he
aim to teach;
So I could never escape
oppression;
300 years and we still guessin;
why they hate us like they do;
A voice whispers "cause they
can't be you"
So in a way i understand;
How it hurt to be 'that' man;
wicked, sick and on the plot;
Slimey gooze covid snot;
Yet 'n' still I feel I feel his pain;
His soul is lost without a gain;
Something the devil farted out;
unleashed on me, so I can't pout;
So before I stink like the rest;
I rather stay black, and be
oppressed!

Suffer with a smile
so how you hurtin me?

WE The People
u dig? dude! ■

on the topic. The original author is not a regular contributor to *ULK*.

In the spirit of self-criticism, I want to restate a few reasons why we agree with the critic above. First, we are not here to defend the oppressor, or to tell people to act professional towards them. Maybe that's a useful tactic, maybe it's not, but it is not a general position we should promote to our readers in this context. What is moral to the proletariat is what ends oppression, what ends imperialism.

Second, this comrade's critique is much more in line with MIM gender line than the article I approved in *ULK 78*. "Gunnas Stop" painted C.O.s as the oppressed in these situations. Yet as early as the first issue of *Under Lock & Key* we discussed the fact that young Black men were the most gender oppressed people in this country, largely thanks to the oppressive prison system.(1) Later in *ULK 6*, we focused on the topic of gender, and talked about things like how female staff would watch male prisoners shower. We get reports every week of C.O.s (of whatever biology) sexually harassing and assaulting biologically male prisoners. But as pointed out in the article in *ULK 1*, a 2007 DOJ report said 58% of staff charged with sexual misconduct were female, and therefore the rate of sexual misconduct of females against males is much higher in

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601.800 (dealing with JPay kiosk and tablets on C.M.: Close Management) to be in uniformity with ch.33-602.900 (which deals with Jpay kiosk and tablet). As of 6 October 2022, every prisoner is allowed access to kiosk and tablets. This was not done out of altruism. However, I believe JPay threw a rod regarding the amount of money their being denied via the thousands of prisoners being denied their service or should I say bilking. I won't even front with a tablet, I won't need anyone to transcribe my thoughts and I can get my thoughts out to be published allowing me to raise funds for appealing my criminal case while enlightening others in the bigger cage."

Revolutionary State of Mind

by a Texas prisoner
October 2022

Last night i dreamed i was talking to Huey P,
told him how tired i was of amerikkka & what it's doing to me.
Got me feeling like every white cop is my enemy,
Consumed by hatred & it's killing me.
Wanna pick up my gun & put some pig on my plate,
Tell the judge "He tried to kill me!" & see if i can skate. (yeah right)
But there's gotta be a better way & i was hoping you could
help me find my **Revolutionary State of Mind**,
So i can become a proud supporter of **Revolutionary Suicide!**
i'd gladly die for my People just to see them on top,
Black Lives DO Matter!!! Brothers & Sisters so we can't stop.
Educating our minds, strengthening our bodies & spiritually filling
our souls,
Storming across amerikkka screamin "**Let My People Go!!**"
The world isn't ready for a Black Movement such as this,
But they're poking us with bullets & the people are getting pissed.
They want us to accept these targets on our backs,
But i'm loading up my mind & my clip. (click/clack)
Didn't want violence to begin with but we're tired of talking it out,
Breonna Taylor, George Floyd it's a damn shame we gotta burn
down buildings just to make'em feel what we're about.
All we want is what was promised when Honest Abe said we were
free,
You know, Protection, Justice, Equality,
Might as well be living in France;
Cause that shits foreign to me.
i want to teach my folk how to rise & stand tall,
with **All Black Everything** there's no way we're gonna fall
So Mr. Newton will you teach me the Revolutionary facts?
He just chuckled & said, "Young Brotha you're already on track."
Black Lives Matter!!! ■

prisons than on the streets. In fact being a youth and/or a prisoner is a better predictor of being sexually assaulted than being female. (1)

As one recent example getting some publicity, Gregory Rodriguez recently "retired" from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation after an investigation was launched last month into his sexual assault of at least 22 female prisoners in Central California Women's Facility. This is the rare example of a C.O. getting investigated for such behavior. And it is even rarer to see these cases get any attention in male prisons.

All that is to say, in our battle against gender oppression, appeals for gunnas to stop, is not where our energy needs to be focused.

As another comrade pointed out in response to my self-criticism, Mao Zedong promoted a strategy of treating prisoners of war well to win over enemy forces and promote a sober and scientific approach towards the enemy by the revolutionary forces. But, "Gunnas Stop" was not addressed at revolutionary forces or a socialist state, but rather at random masses under conditions of torture and abuse themselves. ■

Notes:
1. MIM(Prisons), September 2007, Gender Oppression in U.\$. Prisons, Under Lock & Key No. 1.

Gender, Nation and Class Divides - Discussion of *ULK 79*

by a California prisoner
November 2022

Thank you for *Under Lock and Key 79* (could just as well be called *Under Division and Unity*). I could not help but draw a parallel between 2 articles from that issue: "Some Discussion on Bad Ideas Pt. 1" and "Show Proof to Build Unity."

First, in "Show Proof to Build Unity" MIM reminds us that the reintegration policy is a strategy to "displace the big four lumpen orgs". The divide and conquer tactic is a correct analysis although somehow avoids the subject implied which was/is: Unity with the biggest 'lumpen group' (sex offenders) as means to fight the real enemy (CDCR).

Perhaps it is fear that prevents any one sex offender from organizing. Fear of hate, after all hate is scary and dangerous especially when it is NOT justified. What does MIM propose? Does the sex offender boldly call for Unity with the prisoners that hate; or in reality need someone beneath

themselves as a means to tolerate their own reflection in the mirror?

Does MIM propose the sex offender organize with other sex offenders? He prefers to keep his commitment 'offense' secret because the moment he attempts to unite he lets everyone know that he is the designated scapegoat thus opening himself up for attack, essentially a dangerous invitation.

Much safer to stay quiet, isolated although silence is complicit. Silence concedes that it is somehow ok to hate sex offenders when the reality is; hate for sex offenders is hate of self. Hate for sex offenders is simply a need to place someone beneath self as a means to tolerate ones own reflection in the mirror. It is a self conscious advertisement that the haters' bad acts are much, much worse than any perceived 'crime' of having sex. Mostly because everyone is guilty of having sex. This hypocritical aspect is further proof that hate of sex offenders is really hate of self. The delusion

What is Social Democracy?

by Plastick of MIM(Prisons)
July 2021

A Texas Prisoner wrote: "Recently on sum conservative radio show there was a persyn who asserted that amerikkka is a "socialist country and has been for a long time." A pupil and i argued about this because i'm like, amerikkka is the antithesis of socialism, but as i read your reply this debate re-entered my mind along with the conservative ploy to confuse the masses with "red baiting," equating everything "left" of center as die hard communist/socialist but in essence what the persyn on the radio program was really saying was that amerikkka is a social democratic country and has been for a long time. i still disagree, wat about u? And wat is the difference, if any, between social democracy and democratic socialism?"

Plastick of MIM(Prisons) responds: For us Maoists, social-democracy is the tendency where as opposed to Marxism or communism, they seek to apply a welfare state such as the likes of Sweden while capitalism is the main basis. Democratic socialism is a revisionist Marxist trend where they claim that socialism is the goal where the workers run the world, we must do it through non-violent and reformist means. The confusion could go deeper for some newer comrades as the Bolsheviks of the Russian revolution called themselves as upholders of Social-Democracy. To Lenin and Stalin, social-democracy meant socialism and modern democracy in a backward semi-feudal imperialist Russia, not sharing a section of the imperialist pie to the Russian masses. But the International Communist Movement later abandoned "social-democracy" to those who thought capitalism could be reformed to serve humyn need.

Social-Democracy's core characteristic is appeasing the masses through reforms and better short-term conditions while preserving bourgeois dictatorship. In an imperialist country, social-democracy can mean better wages and living standards for the labor aristocracy who might be growing tired of inflation. In the Third World there are just as much social-democratic movements as

the comprador-bourgeoisie seeks to quell the majority proletarian populations of their respective countries. Ironically, despite its efforts to preserve Liberal bourgeois democracy, social-democracy oftentimes paves the way for fascism, particularly in the exploiter countries. In Germany, social-democracy crushed the revolutionary movement both by appeasing to the workers through oppressor nation chauvinism and militaristically ridding the revolutionary leadership. When economic crisis in Germany deepened to where social-democracy couldn't govern its masses the way it did before, fascism arose to put forth law and order.

People often talk about social-democratic countries being the middle ground combination between capitalism and socialism: Amerika is a capitalist country, China is a communist country, and Sweden is a social-democratic country. This is a meta-physical view of what a country's political economic system is — qualitatively all of these countries are run by a bourgeois dictatorship. Out of these countries, Sweden is the most famous for its social-democratic way of governing. There is a similar social-democratic movement in the U.\$. that wishes to follow those countries lead, but to say a country is social-democratic is misunderstanding what social-democracy is: it is a trend that arises out of the labor aristocracy/petty-bourgeoisie during times of hardship. If social-democracy fails, the coin will flip to reveal the other side of fascism.

The last two presidential elections demonstrated an increase in pressure from the labor aristocracy for social democratic policies. All advanced imperialist countries have social services paid for off the backs of the Third World proletariat. If we want to split hairs and say some of these countries are social democracies, we'd say the U.\$. is not currently one because it has extreme privatization, going so far as to privatize some prisons. ■

see recommended reading: H.W. Edwards, 1978, Labor Aristocracy, Mass Base of Social Democracy, Aurora:Stockholm.

that sex is somehow a crime of the worst nature is paper thin, held together only by silence, fear, and hate.

Silence, fear and hate are powerful weapons that CDCR uses for control. Does anyone wonder how 3 pigs keep control of 200 prisoners? The haters need loom no further than his own reflection in the mirror for that answer.

The delusion that sex is a crime is only a manifestation of one's ego. An ego that requires someone; anyone to be worse than self. The haters must truly look at themselves and ask if CDCR oppression is great enough to drop their own ego. CDCR knows that haters will not drop their ego and this is how CDCR keeps everyone captive in chains and cages. Cages built out of ego, silence, fear and hate.

The haters must ask themselves if they can unite with the largest group of prisoners in prison because sex offenders are much, much deeper than any one hater knows. It is the silence; the secret, the dirty little secret that has allowed hate to grow into an uncontrollable big monster. The silence that has allowed the pigs to brand even greater numbers of regular, normal people with the brand of sex 'offender'. The fear of hate that forces silence is the cause of division. Division that gives CDCR so much power and control.

In the article "Show Proof to Build Unity" MIM suggests unity with sex 'offenders'. Perhaps by inherent necessity, it is the sex offender that must call for unity with his haters. The oppressed that must call for unity with the oppressor. Here I see the parallel in the other article "Some Discussions on Bad ideas Pt. 1." The call for unity with the 'White Worker' seems to be a suggestion that oppressed nations call for unity with the oppressor nation by inherent necessity. Because certainly the haters have no desire to escape oppression thru unity.

The paragraph that "communists have failed the masses for 400 years by supporting the 'white workers' and putting the nation contradiction beneath "white worker interests" seems to refer to 3rd world nations rather than the demographics of national 1st world USA. Global perspective would provide clarity because this article was written and provided to and for 1st world USA. Prisoners who only know 1st world demographics, most of whom have never been outside the country.

I found the theme of 'identity politics' otherwise correct and intriguing for instance the paragraph about how it is wrong to be enemies with the MASSES for their bourgeois ideas when under oppression, such as patriarchy, homophobia, racism etc... I liked this whole analysis regarding friends being those who have the correct line on xyz and enemies being those who hold reactionary views as an incorrect communist stance.

I like the correct stance specified being "Mao's method of finding out who our friends and enemies [are] by looking at a group of people's relations to the means of production, relation to consumption, and relations to other classes." That word class seems to me to be a definition of economics therefore the only color of class is green. Thus for revolutionary purposes 1st world USA is obviously enemies and

3rd world is friend. But Revolution from within 1st world begs a different question of who are friends and enemies? Who are the MASSES of 1st world USA?

Which brings on the question of "cause of racism" I get it (I think). I can certainly identify with extreme frustration even outright hatred of the haters although I think racism is caused by individual thinking as evidenced by my statement above "Hate for others is really hate for self". It only seeks justification by blaming others therefore racism is caused by individual thinking and not necessarily by "Feudal European aristocrats (a class of people)" on "the white worker".

In the same way hate for sex offenders is not perpetrated by any one (class of people) rather it is hate of self and sometimes that hate manifests itself as hate for others. The unavoidable truth however in that cause is individual thinking. Sometimes it only feels like hate when it is nothing more than an individual desire to fit in with all the other haters. Conformity like the Holocaust.

I think it gets a little confusing when we are discussing who the masses are in relation to revolution from within the 1st world USA or from a global revolutionary perspective. Does the author regard emself as american? or a global citizen? Its relevant to eir view of who the masses are. MIM seems to subconsciously realize that hate is in fact caused by individual thinking in the last paragraph "The sub-culture problem" Here ey writes "Line struggle turns into flame wars with no purpose of uniting with others, but exist only to express ones individual self for the cathartic feeling of having the correct line." Here the people are seeking unity through the correct line even if that line is in reality incorrect, whether that line be a reactionary bourgeois idea on unity with the white worker.

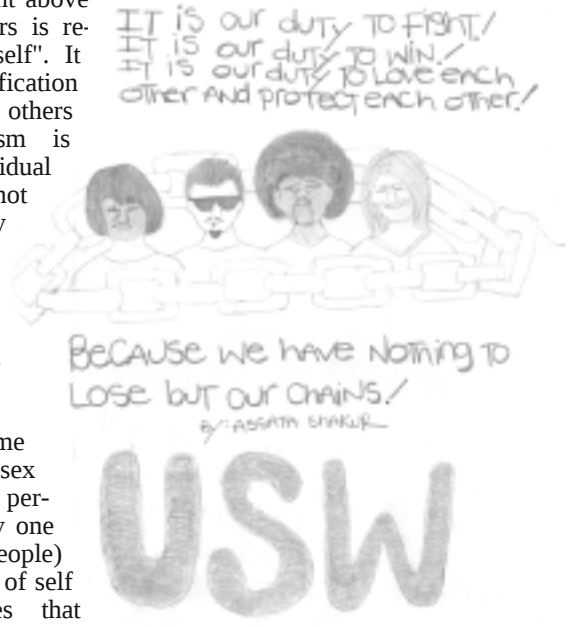
MIM dismisses the unity of "300 college students with a Stalin portrait in their dorm room who thinks the white worker is a friend" however, at least that unity is not grounded in hate and fear, or doubt but conformity in the least and revolutionary at most.

Unity is key to revolution although revolutionaries must decide who are friends and enemies. Revolutionaries must distinguish where to wage revolution from. From the 3rd world against the 1st? or revolution from within the 1st world? MIM conceded conditions within the 1st world are unique, the follow up then is that revolution from 1st world the masses are in fact the white worker. Revolution from 3rd world only against 1st world may see the white worker as enemies. That is historically of course, considering the demographics of the 1st world today which only reinforces mass method of determining enemies and friend on class, class defines the only enemy color as green.

I want to thank MIM for calling on the haters to "Show proof and Build Unity" in *ULK 79*. I echo that sentiment to all that

claim to dislike CDCR oppression. Show proof of opposition to imperialism (CDCR). Unite with the largest group of political prisoners, unite with sex offenders, we have a common enemy. Unless anyone really believes that any one 'crime' is somehow better than another.

I will give some thought to stepping outside of my self-imposed isolation, my shadow of



safety. I think of a way to unite with those that hate me after all someone has to lead and haters obviously have no desire to escape their oppression through unity.

Wiawimawo of MIM(Prisons) responds: We appreciate this comrade's thoughtful response to *ULK 79*. It brings up a number of issues i will try to address here with suggestions for further study.

Historically, in the CDCr, and elsewhere, New Afrikan communists and revolutionary nationalists have joined hands with neo-Nazis to unite around common interests as prisoners. These united fronts represented different groups with different interests (for example, white prisoners and New Afrikan prisoners) that had an overlapping interest that came to the forefront. This is similar to the unity of the Communist Party of China with the bourgeois Nationalist Party to fight the Japanese imperialists. After joining forces for a period, many Nationalists went on to fight the Communists, though some joined them. To join in a united front may represent a stage of struggle and not a permanent alliance of interests.

If a group of New Afrikan revolutionaries can join forces, in a principled way, with white Nazis, then certainly the divide between general population and sex offenders can be bridged. The sex offender issue is very persynal for many, but so is the nazi issue for New Afrikans.

We can point to the example of Lucasville, Ohio, outside of CDCr, where the unity between nazi's and New Afrikans became permanent, however, despite the work of key leaders, the masses of white prisoners did not follow suit. In the case of sex offenders we believe the contradiction is less antagonistic. In other words it is more resolvable.

To an extent we agree with the author about the form hatred takes towards sex offenders being in peoples' heads. But we don't agree that it derives from the ideas of the individual. As Jean-Paul Sartre wrote in *Anti-Semite and Jew*:

*"Underneath the bitterness of
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END RHU IN TEXAS

As promised, the campaign to shut down the long-term solitary units known as Restricted Housing Units has reached another level this month. Rallies and strikes are happening across Texas as multiple lawsuits are in the courts and pressure is being applied in the state legislature.(see p.3) Now is the time to write articles, file 1983s, write letters to other news outlets, make art, hold rallies to agitate for a complete end to long-term solitary confinement in Texas.

As we've seen in other states every effort will be made to keep long-term solitary confinement in Texas under new names, in new forms and with new rules. We must make it clear that torture is never okay!

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM INITIATIVE UPDATE

End Solitary Confinement! End Restrictive Housing Units(RHU)!

End Mass Incarceration!

Stop Political Censorship!

Transform the prisons to cadre schools!

Transform ourselves into NEW PEOPLE!

In previous writings we've utilized the principle of self-criticism to critique the communications operations that We, Team One, previously had. Therefore, we're enthused to announce not only new tactical methods of communication, but a new address as well.

Tx Team One

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Also, in conjunction with the JFI campaign and in partnership with outside supporters, We're presently soliciting contributors for a book

project. This project will be a collection of personal experiences of prisoners who are working or have previously worked an industrial job in Texas prisons (TDCJ).

This work contributes to the portion of the Juneteenth Freedom Initiative that deals with prisoner workers' lack of payment and the practice of state coercion. Any and all prisoners who would like to contribute their personal experience via written word should write to the above address. Those considered for publication will receive a reply.

Those committees and individuals who've written us in the past, but did not receive a reply, should write to our new address with your contact info.

- Triumphant, Tx Team One

STOP CENSORSHIP OF POLITICAL SPEECH

The Owolabi suit has entered the courts. (see p.1)

Comrades on the inside, keep appealing, and if you can take legal action.

Comrades on the outside



CAMPAINS

can join our ongoing postcard campaign to let the TDCJ know that we oppose this political repression. Help us spread the word, download and print fliers and postcards from our website and go talk to people about what the state is doing.

SPREAD UNDER LOCK & KEY

Every subscriber should pass this issue of ULK on to someone else. Even better if you can get them to actually read it! Share what you got from the newsletter, and how it has impacted your time in prison. We are still recruiting ULK distributors who can receive a small stack of ULKs to distribute at their prison.

WE DEMAND OUR GRIEVANCES ARE ADDRESSED

If you are experiencing problems with your grievance process, such as delays, unanswered grievances, or harassment, you should join this campaign. Petitions are available for AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL,

GA, IL, KS, LA, MS, MT, NV, NY, NC, OK, OR, SC, and TX. If the state-level petition doesn't bring relief, we now have a new follow-up petition written to hold states accountable to federal requirements.

Write in to get the petition for your state. Remember, you need to send them out to the administrators and politicians yourself.

If your state is not currently covered by the grievance campaign, volunteer to rewrite the petition to work for your state. Update this campaign - If you participated in this campaign in the past, send us a report on what happened. Tell us how you used it to help organize others and build group consciousness or how it didn't work.

SEPTEMBER 9TH DAY OF PEACE & SOLIDARITY

Organize locally for the September 9th Day of Peace and Solidarity, to promote the United Front for Peace in Prisons and an end to conflict amongst prisoners. September 9th is the anniversary of the Attica uprising. This campaign was initiated in 2012 by an organization participating in United Struggle for Peace in Prisons and has been taken up as an annual UFPP event, with people committing to participate in prisons across the country.

This demonstration aligns with the UFPP principle to build unity among prisoners who have a common interest in fighting the oppression of the criminal injustice system. Prisoners take the 24 hours to engage in solidarity building and education, ceasing all prisoner-on-prisoner hostilities. The unity building starts well before September 9th for those who are engaging others to participate in the commemoration.

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the anti-Semite is concealed the optimistic belief that harmony will be re-established of itself, once Evil is eliminated. Hist task is therefore purely negative: there is no question of building a new society, but only of purifying the one which exists."(1)

In *Under Lock & Key* 55 i contrasted our approach of dialectical materialism to that of metaphysics, that sees things as having an unchanging essence. (2) To many people, the sex offender is evil that must be eliminated and cannot be changed. Yet in prison, these same people will often preach for rehabilitation and parole for other prisoners who have committed crimes. As Sartre points out with the anti-Semite, their views are advantageous in allowing for laziness. There is no need to figure out how to make society better or transform ourselves as the solution is easy — eliminate others.

Above i acknowledge the persynal motivation of hating sex offenders. A very high percentage of people in the criminal injustice system were abused as children, often sexually.

Now where we strongly disagree with the author is with eir implications that sex cannot be criminal because everyone does it. On the contrary, we say under patriarchy that all sex is rape. We also say that all of us in the imperialist core are reforming criminals, whether we are in maximum security in the concentration camps or on the streets in mini-

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mum security. Where the author seems to think there is nothing wrong, we think there is something gravely wrong that can only be resolved by changing the whole system. We might call it overthrowing the patriarchy.

The author above is correct to note the difference between the national question internationally and within the United States. It is only the delusional who see people in this country as having the same interests as the masses of Central Africa, South Asia, the Andes Mountains, etc. It is much more reasonable to claim that New Afrikans or Chican@s have the same interests as Amerikan. The minimum wage laws apply to all U.S. citizens after all. However, other statistics on wealth, health, segregation, as well as history indicate great divides that still exist and in some cases are increasing.(3)

Therefore, it remains MIM line that the principal contradiction in the world is around nation (oppressed nations vs. imperialism), and the principal contradiction in the United States is around nation. Again the author is correct to recognize these as 2 separate, though parallel, contradictions.

One point of argument in favor of the MIM line is you can actually find a lot of support for Amerikan so-called workers from the Third World proletariat and their fighting organizations/communist parties. Yet it is the internal semi-colonies in the

United States where we find more sober assessments of the role of the euro-Amerikan nation. If there is anything unique that the internal semi-colonies have to offer the International Communist Movement, it is this.

The author refers to sex offenders as the biggest lumpen group. There are currently about 20,000 sex offenders out of about 96,000 prisoners held by the CDCr, so this is not off-base. We have written plenty on the need to unite across these divisions. But this comrade brings up the important topic of how to do so. While this was the topic of *ULK* 55, which we recommend comrades check out, this is not a question with easy answers. The examples of uniting with nazis mentioned above focused on finding unity around key struggles.

We must recognize though that often those who are the most oppressive towards sex offenders are those who are most friendly with the cops. See the recent grievance response received from a Nevada comrade (see page 5), where the pig responded with,

"Stop Sniveling! Child molestors have no rights and will get no help from me... If you send me anymore kites I'll make your life a living hell, do you want to be... labeled a snitch? Maybe I put your charges up on every bulletin board in the quad, or PREA your ass."

So in response to request to be returned to the appropriate housing level this pig threatened to falsely label this persyn a snitch among inmates, publicize eir sex

offenses to other inmates or to create a false charge against em claiming ey sexually assaulted someone (Prisoner Rape Elimination Act). The pig is openly demonstrating how the state uses these divisions to control the population, especially those fighting for prisoner rights. As long as other prisoners play along with this, unity will require a lot of creativity and looking for opportunities.

In the long run, teaching dialectical materialism and promoting MIM gender line can undercut the deep held beliefs behind these divisions; if not in the old-guard, then in the youth. We know there are many "sex offenders" (whether actual or labelled) out there, we get your letters. Real solutions come through struggle, so we challenge you to join the struggle and find the answers yourself as this comrade is challenging emself to do — and then share them with us in the pages of *ULK*. As the saying goes, "real recognize real." ■

Notes:
1. Jean-Paul Sartre, 1965, *Anti-Semite and Jew*, Schocken Books: New York, p.43.
2. Wiawimawo, March 2017, *White Nationalism and the prison Movement*, *Under Lock & Key* 55.
3. see "Who is Lumpen in the United States?" for our analysis.

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book *Prisoners of Liberation*, this was the goal of prisons in socialist China, true reform.(2) And with true reform came redemption and reintegration into society. But not for Amerika, there is no redemption for the oppressed.

Tookie happened to be born into a neighborhood where the U.S. government was importing drugs and weapons to create chaos in response to the organizing of the Black Panther Party in cities like Los Angeles. Oliver North, who oversaw the Iran-Contra Scandal that brought cocaine to the streets of the United States while serving on the National Security Council, now serves as high-paid political commentator and appears on mainstream news shows these days, while Toookie was killed by the state. ■

Notes: 1. HC93, 14 December 2005, *Tookie, Another Casualty of War*, MIM Notes No. 329, January 2006.
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