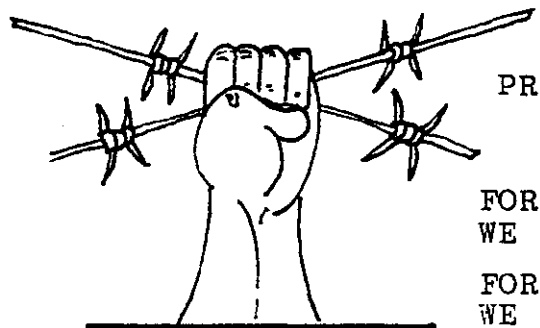


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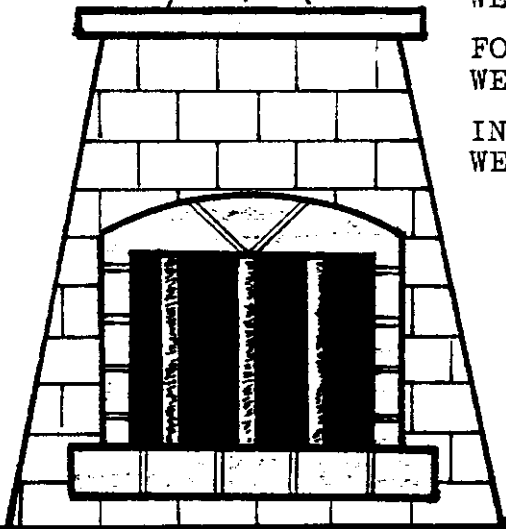
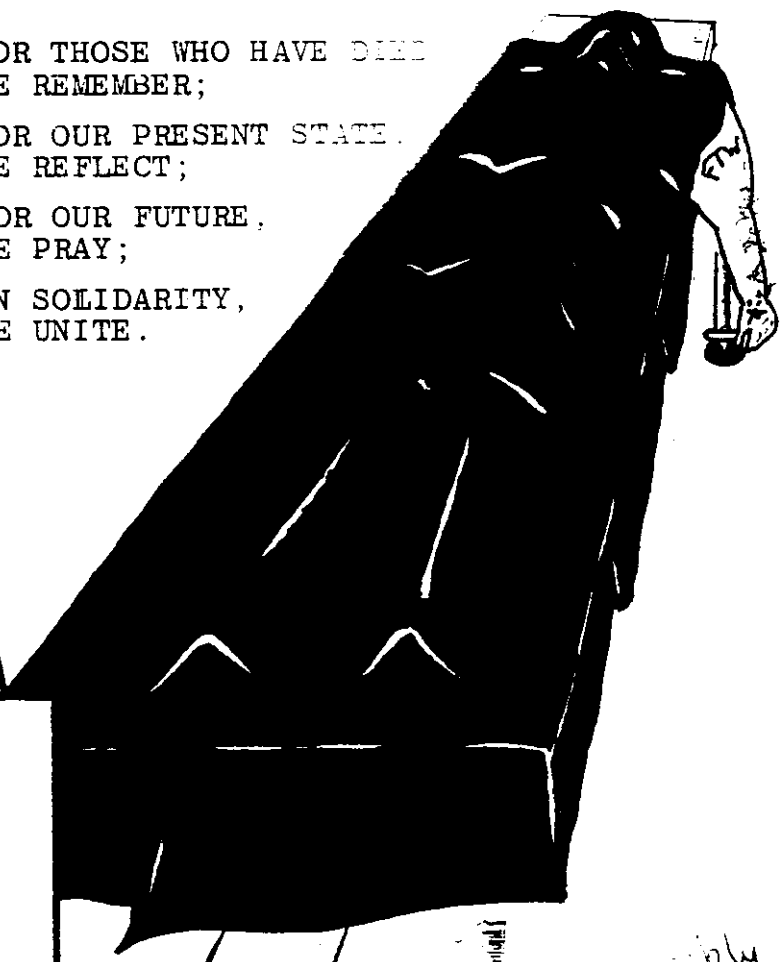
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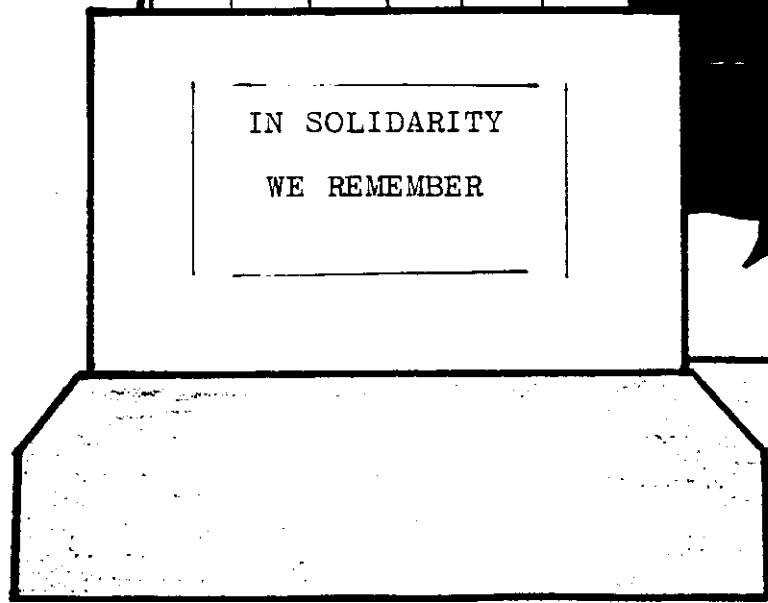


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AUGUST 10TH

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
WE REMEMBER;
FOR OUR PRESENT STATE,
WE REFLECT;
FOR OUR FUTURE,
WE PRAY;
IN SOLIDARITY,
WE UNITE.



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WE REMEMBER



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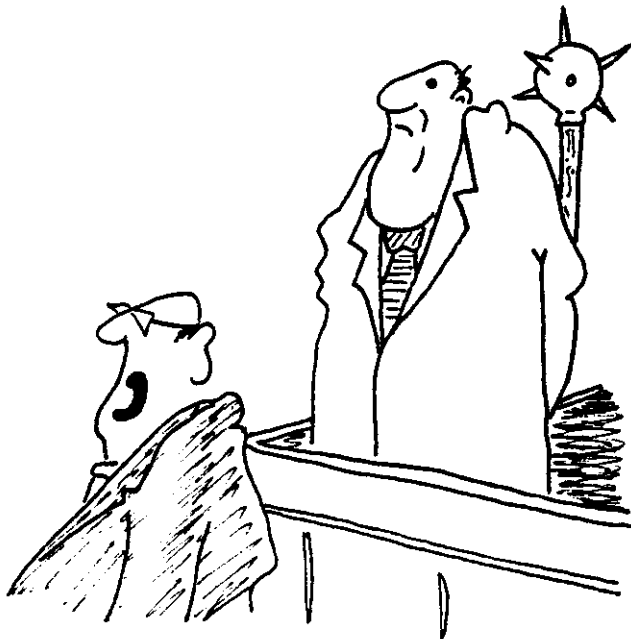
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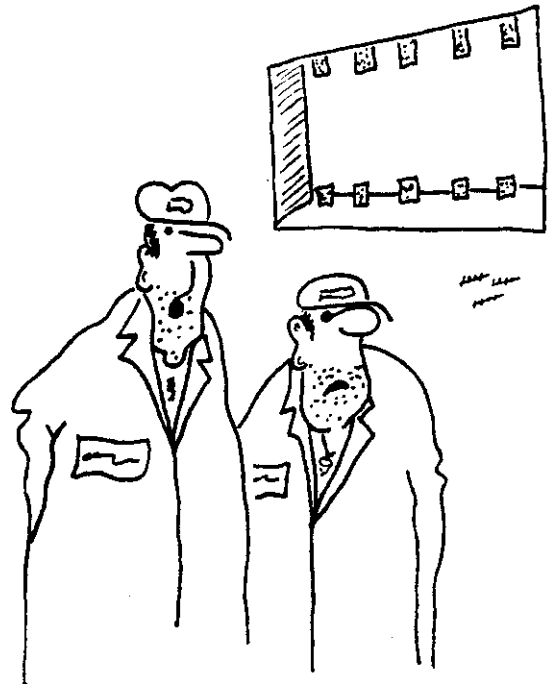
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"YOUR HONOR, MY CLIENT THINKS TEN YEARS IS A LITTLE HARSH AND REQUESTS PERMISSION TO APPROCH THE BENCH".



"WE ARE FINDING IT VERY HOT IN HERE, WARDEN."

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AUTOMATIC PARDONS TO BE CONSIDERED

The federal cabinet will soon be considering a proposal, submitted by the Solicitor-General's department, that would amend the Criminal Records Act. The proposed amendments call for the automatic pardoning of ex-offenders 5 years after the completion of their sentence, barring any further criminal convictions during that time. The proposal would grant automatic pardons to the well over 1 million Canadians presently eligible under the present system and would make pardons something more than in name only.

Under the present system an ex-offender must apply to the National Parole Board to receive a pardon. Pardons are only granted to those individuals who after completing their sentence, remain free of any criminal convictions for a period of 5 years for an indictable offense, and 2 years for a summary offense.

A pardoned individual, after a lengthy period of "good behavior", is supposedly forgiven by society for any past criminal offenses. The pardon formally recognizes that the pardoned individual's past criminal record is not to be held against him, or her.

As it stands now a "pardoned person" cannot legally deny having a criminal record, contrary to the original concept of granting a pardon. A past criminal record could bar a person from receiving employment where bonding is necessary, or for obtaining visas for travel in foreign lands, thereby stigmatizing the individual.

With the existing procedures the applicant is thoroughly investigated by the R.C.M.P. It is through this police investigation that family, friends and employers often learn for the first time of the person's past criminal record, in many cases causing further embarrassment and further stigmatization.

If the proposed amendments are adopted a pardoned person can legally deny having a criminal past, thereby removing some of the stigma that follows the ex-offender. By the pardons being granted automatically, the need for any police investigation is eliminated. In this way any possible embarrassment is also eliminated.

Further amendments call for the destruction of the pardoned person's criminal records 10 years after the completion of their sentence, providing that no new criminal convictions are incurred during that time. Presently, criminal records are never destroyed. They are kept, sealed and may be viewed by the police with the written permission of the Solicitor-General.

This provision is being opposed by police forces, stating that they fear criminal investigations will be hampered if the pardoned individual's criminal records are destroyed. But statistics, compiled over the last 15 years, show this "fear" to be completely asinine and having no base in logic whatsoever. Out of the 57,000 people pardoned under the present system, only about 1% have had to have their pardons revoked because of subsequent criminal convictions.

Remember, that to be revoked would mean that a pardon was granted. This 1% would have had to spend up to 5 years without a criminal conviction before a pardon was granted in the first place. They would also (Continued)

have had to pass through a thorough police investigation, lasting on the average of 13 months, before a pardon is even considered. This supposed "fear" has obviously nothing to do with the reality of the situation what so ever.

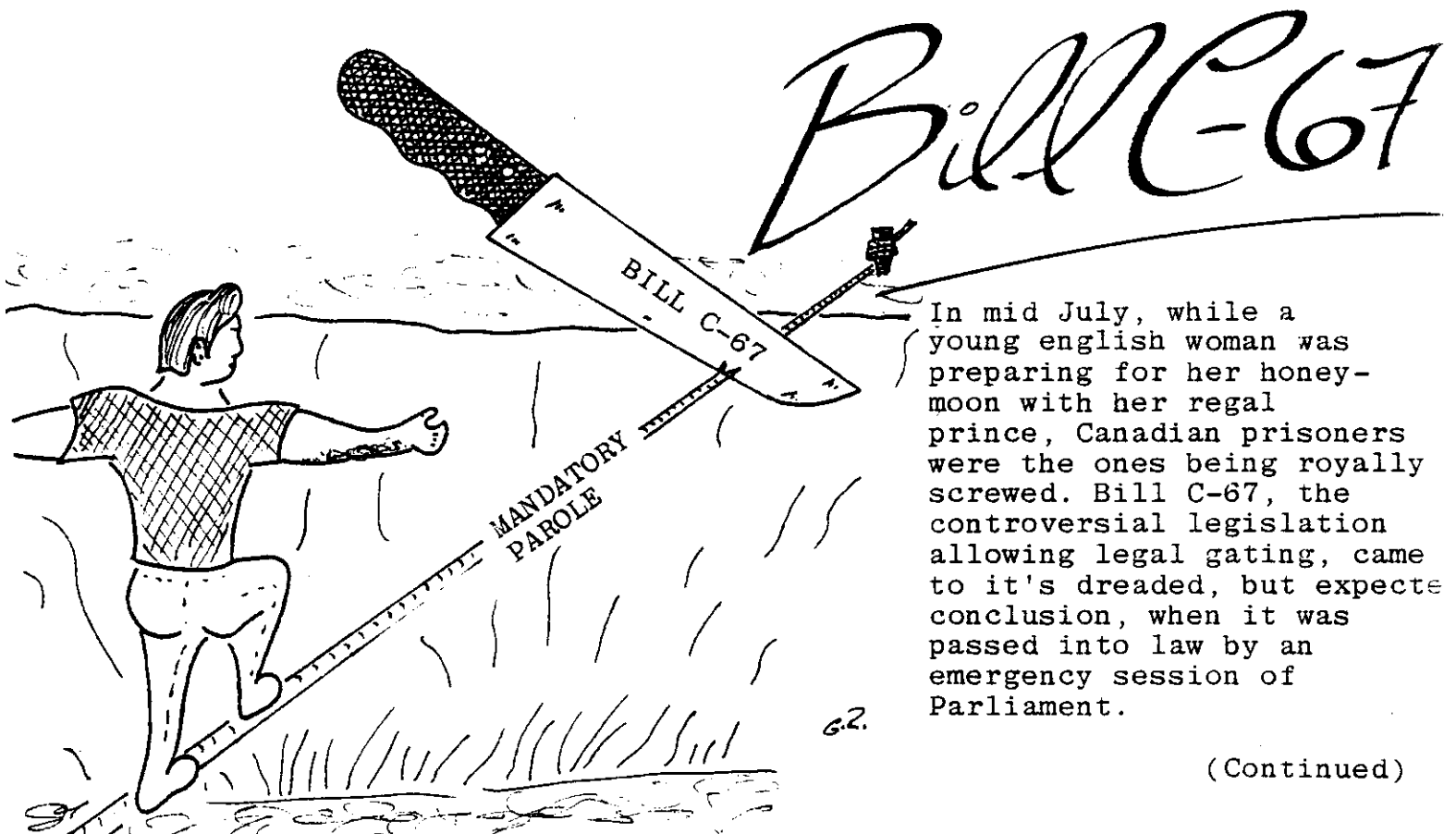
Over the last 15 years only 57,000, out of the well over 1 million people eligible, have even bothered with receiving the present pardon. This small 5% clearly demonstrates how absurd the present system is viewed by those effected. A change in policy has been a long time in coming.

Although the proposed amendments do show a move towards reform, the quality and motivation behind such reform is in question. With the recent passage of Bill C-67, the controversial legislation that permits legal "gating", reform has been set back years. It seems a little more than coincidental that the very same governmental department, that brought us that bill, is now taking a position on reform. This can only be seen as a blatant case of taking large with one hand, while offering very little with the other. Just another example of this governments track record of taking 10 steps backward for any one forward.

If the motivation behind such reform is to quiet dissention from past legislation, or cover past incompetences, this government is in grave error. Prisoners, ex-prisoners and reformists will not be satisfied with mere scraps, while any hope of serious reform is stolen from their plates!

The proposed amendments are not without merit. They will make a pardon more than just a bureaucratic formality and make them more accessible to those eligible. In these times of conservatism and right-wing politics any reform no matter how small, can only be seen as bonus. It is no secret that reform already an uphill battle, is in for some tough, bloody fights in the near future. Any reprieve is welcomed.

G.R.



Passage of the Bill in no way means that the fight is over. In fact, the battle has only begun. Attempting to quash the legislation through lobbying never had much of a chance from day one. But with the Bills passage, the fight can now be taken through the courts, an arena that holds more promise of victory.

Many groups are in strong opposition to Bill C-67, one being the Queen's University Correctional Law Project. The following letter was written by the Project's Director, John Hill, and was sent to our Inmate Committee. With the Committee's permission I am reprinting the letter for your information. Lets hope that the Project, and like groups, are successful in their fight against this bogus legislation.

G.R.

July 24, 1986

Dear Sir;

This letter is in response to the numerous inquiries the Project has received in the past few days concerning the Project's position on Bill C-67.

The recall of Parliament for consideration of a Senate amendment and passage of Bill C-67 is an unnecessary step taken by the Federal Government. By portraying the passage of Bill C-67 as a solution to an emergency, the government is creating in the public's mind, panic to a situation that does not exist.

Simply put, the facts are:

1. Bill C-67 is legislative authority for "gating" that was declared illegal by the courts in 1983. If an emergency exists, it has existed for three years without any timely legislative action.
2. After introducing Bill C-67 with sure knowledge of its passage because of the overwhelming number of government M.P.s, the Bill was studied in committee where minor amendments were considered. Yet the Bill that was reported to the House was substantially unaltered. The government asked for advice, yet refused what was offered.
3. The Senate, however, did alter the Bill by allowing an appeal to the Court wich should be a fundemental right. The Senators, and especially Senator Hastings, are to be congratulated for their hard work and useful contribution.

It appears that the Senate amendment will be rejected by the Commons. It is indeed unfortunate that the Government did not see fit to use the summer recess to explain the legislation to inmates and describe how, as the government maintains, few will ultimately be effected. One can only conclude that avoiding crisis may not be good politics.

The retroactive aspects of Bill C-67 may well be illegal. The Project will be involved in developing an argument based on international covenant to be ready to test the legislation in the Courts.

Yours very truly,
John L. Hill

PRISONER'S JUSTICE DAY

AUGUST 10TH

Since 1976 August 10th has been recognized by us as PRISONER'S JUSTICE DAY. It is a day we spend in quiet reflection, remembering those who have died while incarcerated. Every year more names are added to the list of those who have gone before us, with the unfortunate, but realistic expectation that the list will only grow in the years to come. It is for these cons that we hold P.J.D.

P.J.D. is also a day of quiet protest. There are many reasons why men and women have lost their lives while incarcerated, but all share one common denominator - They have died while serving time. By recognizing this day we send a clear signal to the administrators of these warehouses of human suffering that we are aware of who is responsible for the loss of life behind prison walls. We are all to aware of the identity of the murderers and we know they aren't wearing green.

The following articles have been written by prisoners over the years. It is my hope that you read them and give them the consideration that they well deserve.

G.R.

AWARENESS

This country of ours is conscious....
That on this day people housed in prisons
have united in a common cause....
To pay acknowledgement to those who have died
within the walls that enclose them....

Men fast....
Corridors are quiet,
life is stilled....
The meaning of experiancing death here is
made real for all....

It brings to our awareness realities which
are forced to the back of our minds
day in and day out....
The shadows of life here which lead to despair,
frustration and meaninglessness....

We come together with the desire to face those shadows....
To feel the pain, which to feel alone is unbearable....

To be aware that we are not alone in these feelings
is a great admission....
It is the begining of personal freedom....
It is to have found another in common cause....

For those who were alone....
Who have faced death in despair....
We mourn, for on this day our hearts....
Our feelings....
Our lives are with them....

Our plea is for support to go forward from this day
determined to overcome our separation....
To put our effort toward the knitting together of community....
To have a voice in our future in the effort to achieve
peace and goodwill....

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PRISONER'S JUSTICE DAY

The whole concept of August 10th, known to convicts throughout the land as Prisoner's Justice Day seems to be in disarray. The prison mentality seems not to recognize the full meaning of the day.

The fight by convicts to obtain this day for convicts was strong. The outlook and participation on this day was meaningful to all concerned. Fallen by the wayside are these facts and many more.

This day is our day to remember and pray for those convicts who have died at the hands of this prison system, and judicial system as a whole. The deaths include suicide, unnatural deaths, and yes, natural deaths, for no man should have to die in a cage. The system fails in that there are these cages and men dying in them.

It is not man's nature to be incarcerated, whether it be for one day or a lifetime.

It is in man's nature to be cruel and barbaric to those they can put under the gun, and this is where the system is partly negligent. Human element cannot relate to human element, when all that stands between them is hate and anger.

Prisons breed negligence. Power in the wrong hands leads to greedy authorities who believe they sit in God's throne.

The mental anguish prisons produce are the cause for many a man to see no further than the cage that engulfs him, thereby forfeiting his life in the hopes that there is something better in the next world.

It is in man's nature to be free. It is obvious that he will seek this. It is clear that a man does not have to be shot if he attempts to flee the anger and pain of living in a cage. Domestication does not come about by punishment, suppression or encagement.... The system fails in that they have paid assassins with their fingers on the triggers, paid antagonizers who cause unrest and pain administrators who grow rich on other men's sufferings.

The Medical System, and hospital absence, are a great team. One serves to outdo the other. The convict is totally in the hands of correctional staff. The doctor and nurses listen to the staff. They are told what is to be done, what is not to be done. They are negligent in that they deal with human lives, but they defer decisions to be sure it coincides with correction's wishes. They are negligent as medical staff in that they keep everything they see and here within the confines of the prison. They do not exercise their duty by reporting

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the negligence they come across within the prison system. The system fails in that it suppresses even the people that work in it

Legal murder is not above the prison system's reputation. The government pays men to go out on the streets and murder in the guise of a uniform and a badge. What is so unusual of the government to pay men to murder under the guise of a uniform and title of "Corrections Officer"?

Men found hanging, or smothered, in their cells, with their hands tied behind their back... Men shot... Murdered, while climbing a fence... Men set up by Correctional Officers, only because they differed in reason or thought.

The negligence resulting in convict's deaths are always great, and it should not be a forgotten fact.

It is our duty as convicts, to make this day, Prisoner's Justice Day, a public day. It is the public that must be properly informed of the negligence going on within the prisons.

I live this concept of Prisoner's Justice Day, everyday, because I live and view the negligence everyday.

The solidarity and unison of this day, by the whole convict mass, is a sign that there are still those who care about prison past, prison present and prison future. We must stand together to be heard...

I pray for those

Who fought before me...

Eugene Turnbull

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PRISONER'S JUSTICE DAY

In this institution, in just the past year, we have had several suicides. One in particular stuck in my mind, because the individual had just returned from the Regional Psychiatric Centre in Kingston. The same evening, this person committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell.

This makes you ask yourself, just what is the quality of mental health care given to prisoners, if the staff at the R.P.C. would send a prisoner back to Millhaven, who commits suicide the first evening of his return?

When you have been in a few years, and observe how the prison administration reacts to mentally deranged prisoners, you question their priorities. From my own experience, I've seen that the institutions only concern is if they believe that the prisoner will strike out at the institutional employees. However if the prisoner is walking around in a fantasy world, talking and answering himself, they won't show any interest in obtaining medical treatment for him; providing that he is passive. This demonstrates to me that the institutional authorities only priority is maintaining a safe environment to earn their parasitic wages.

Since this day is especially for the remembrance of those who died in prison you have to consider those prisoners who have been killed unnecessarily by other prisoners. Certainly there has been deaths in prison that could have been avoided with some forethought, to resolve problems without incidents. Just to quote an old proverb; "Keeping away from strife is an honour for a man, but any fool will quarrel".

When we are confined in the circumstances that we are presently in, certainly we could attempt to resolve disputes with logic, and avoid incidents. It really bothers me personally, to see a prisoner with a short term sentence, turn it into a life sentence. I think that another old proverb is appropriate here; "A fool's vexation is known at once, but a prudent man conceals dishonour". These places are no place for any type of settling of accounts, as demonstrated by subsequent court actions that invariably follow every incident. Whether it be a week, or several years after the incident(s).

Consider also, the administration uses every incident to justify their actions for maintaining Special Handling Units (S.H.U.). Certainly some incidents are incited by custodial staff, to justify having high ratios of guard staff to prisoners. We cannot react to their manipulations, nor to their methods of propaganda, that the institutional authorities use in applying the age old "carrot on a stick" undermining tactics.

So on this day, think of those who have died through all the various deprivations of prison, with the thought of avoiding deaths, that can be prevented in the future.

With respect and solidarity,

Concerned Con

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THE REBEL

The rebel does not ask for life, but for reasons for living....

He rejects the consequences implied by death....

If nothing lasts, then nothing is justified, everything that dies is deprived of meaning....

The protest of evil is at the core of everyman's revolt....

It is not the suffering of a child...or a man... That is repugnant in itself, but the fact that suffering is not justified....

In the eyes of the rebel what is missing, is some principle by which they can be explained....

The uprising against evil is, above all, a demand for unity.

The rebel stubbornly confronts a world, condemned to death, and the ridged obscurity of the human condition, with his demand for life and absolute clarity.

He is seeking freedom and life....

With respect on this day,

I remember.

Concerned Con



KID'S DAY SOCIAL

August 15th

The first Millhaven Kid's Day Social was held a few weeks ago, and from all reports, was a total success. Men were able to spend some time with their families, while the children had a blast with various games and toys. The social went so well that plans are already being made for next year, for what will hopefully be an annual event.

The overwhelming success was entirely due to the efforts of a number of cons who volunteered their time and talents, the Inmate Committee, Bob Young from the HELP PROGRAM, John Walton from the SALVATION ARMY, and of course, the families and children that participated. Thanks for a great day!

The following pieces were written by fellow cons, expressing their feelings on the day. The first is an article written by Denis Lepik, followed by a poem composed by Raja Manmohansingh. Thanks for submitting your work guys.

A member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee best summed up the Kid's Day Social when he said, "I can't believe how well this has gone. If it weren't for the fences, you could almost imagine all of these people at a carnival in a shopping centre parking lot."

That is what we set out to do, and obviously that is what we accomplished. We showed the public, and the administration, that socials such as this are possible in a maximum security institution. We brought a sense of unity to Millhaven, there was no tension here this summer, everyone got along and worked together. That's been pretty rare here. Unfortunately, the entire population could not attend, but that did not stop them from donating \$1047.00 in a one hour period. A great many prisoners freely gave their time, effort and talent to put Kid's Day together and the appreciation could be seen on every child's face.

Naturally putting a social of this size together was a lot of work, and because we only had eight weeks to do it in, it made it even harder. But somehow it all did come together and it is the hope of every member of the population that socials such as this become a regular thing.

To better organize next year's social a five man Kid's Day Social Committee has been requested. It would be made up from the population and would be responsible for organizing and working in liaison with staff and volunteer

workers. It would help ensure the success we enjoyed this year, happens every year.

An Annual Kid's Day and Kid's Day Committee are much needed here, for obvious reasons. We would all like to see the stigma surrounding Millhaven disappear and a program, such as this, would be an excellent beginning.

There is much that could be written or said about this subject, but if you could look at the photos of the families in the yard on August 15th, I think they would speak for themselves. They clearly show that Kid's Day was one of the best things to happen to Millhaven in years. Lets make it happen every year.

Dennis Lepik

o you the guys who prepared
nd made this day come true
special thanks for you all
nd a HIP, HIP, HURRAY for you.

e thank you for the good times
e thank you for this day
e thank you for the time we had
o do it our way.

he food was just fantastic
he games were lots of fun
or just that moment in our lives
e forgot that we were cons.

he love our kids has revealed
he moms that truly care
rought joy and laughter to our hearts
s we look forward to next year.

The hardest part of this great day
Was to hide the tears that didn't show
As we stood back, behind the fences
To watch them as they go.

Oh! Moms how much we love you
For the sufferings which you bear
And still raise our kids so proudly
With your love and tender care.

All the playing and the laughter
I'll remember for quite a while
You brought me joys and comfort
And a smile I could not smile.

Lets not forget the Supreme
Our God from up above
We thank you Lord dear Father
For this day and all your love.

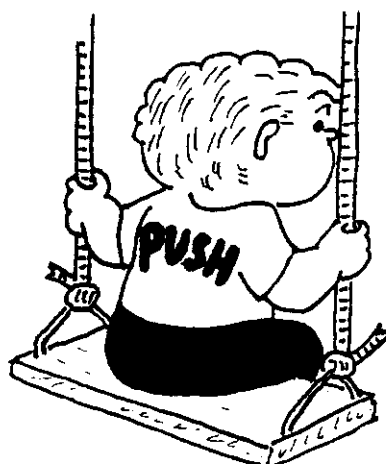
Raja



"You had better be good, P.J.,
or they'll put you in solitary."

Taken from FAMILY CIRCUS

By BIL KEAN





FROM THE INMATE COMMITTEE

We have been able to make some gains that will hopefully make life in this hole a little more bearable. As you are aware, any gains made are slow in coming, and I would like to thank the population for their patience and support.

I would also like to take this time to thank the population for keeping their shanks sheathed and out of other prisoners bodies. It makes life here and the committee's job that much easier.

The following are a few things that we've been able to accomplish.

1. Microwave ovens have been installed in both units. At the present time there is only one oven per unit, therefore they will be rotated from range to range so as to be fair to everyone. They have been installed on a trial basis and will be monitored. We are hoping to get an oven for every range, and if this is ever to come about, the ovens must be used with some common sense. If range walks and counts are held up because of their use, or if they are repeatedly damaged, it will mean no new ovens will be purchased and we could very well lose the ones we have. Lets treat them with care and respect.
2. We have secured permission to purchase fans for the cells. As soon as it can be arranged the fans will be available for purchase by the population.
3. Tentative dates have been set for the Sports and Christmas Socials;

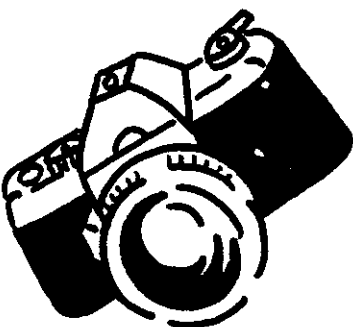
SPORTS SOCIAL	OCTOBER 24th
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	DECEMBER 12th

I would like to remind the population that the committee is very limited in what it can do. We don't run this joint, the man does. If you have any problems come and see us. We can't promise results but we will do our best to help. If you have any suggestions for the committee, we welcome them gladly, drop a kite to us in the Committee Suggestion Box at the end of A & J unit serveries.

In solidarity,

Bob Brabent
Inmate Committee Secretary

THE PHOTO ROOM



The Photo Room is located in the gym (middle office) and if you wish any photos taken see one of the guys there. If you want photos taken with your visit get the man at V&C to call one of the photographers. Cameras are now available for use in the Family Visitation Trailers. If you are interested see Denis Lepik one week before your visit. There is a \$10.00 charge for processing your photos. Please be sure to remind Denis the day you go into the trailer so as he can ensure that the camera is there for your visit.

