

TURNING THE TIDE

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Anti-Racist Movement Takes Off Nationally

As we print this issue of TTT, two major anti-racist initiatives are developing nationally. The last weekend of 1989, the Syndicate had scheduled a national meeting of anti-racist crews and groups in Chicago, with participants and observers from ARA, SHARP, John Brown Anti Klan Committee, the Center for Democratic Renewal (formerly National Anti-Klan Network), the ADL and other groups. PART hopes to print a full report on this development in the next issue of TTT.

Meanwhile, the Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (SCAR) in Washington, DC is calling for national actions on February 1-3, marking the 30th anniversary of the Black freedom student movement, which commenced with the lunch counter sit-ins against segregation in Feb. 1960. For more information, contact DC SCAR at (202) 529-5037; PO Box 18291, Washington DC 20036. They are urging anti-racists to carry out local actions around the country on this date.

PART endorses both these calls. We think that we need to start out the last decade of the century on the offensive.

NAZI SKINS ARRESTED FOR RACIST ATTACKS; RELEASED AFTER D.A. MESSES UP

After a months-long reign of racist terror by nazi skinheads in the Simi Valley, police made a series of arrests. Two students at Simi Valley High were charged with vandalism for a series of destructive acts at the school, in which swastikas and white power graffiti were daubed on the school grounds. Although the school is attended by the son of a Black L.A. teacher whose home was vandalized by racist skins in the same period, police discounted any connection between the two incidents.

Police made a second set of arrests in an even more serious case, in which another group of nazi skins, several from outside the Simi Valley, were involved in spray-painting nazi slogans on an entire neighborhood after holding up a nearby convenience store and beating up the Asian store clerk. In this case however, the nazi skins were released on a technicality, when the D.A. failed to file the necessary paperwork within the time limit prescribed by the juvenile offender act. The D.A.'s office blamed the police for failing to get reports in on time.

This latest failure to prosecute, added to the inability to make any arrests in the attack on the Boss home, and a record of charges of racism against Simi Valley police and public officials, makes it clear that the nazi-skin attacks in Simi expose a bigger picture of racism built-in to the social structure.

RACIST VANDALS IN BEVERLY HILLS

A Black owned business in Beverly Hills was the target of racist vandals over the Thanksgiving weekend. The Brass Box was spray-painted with swastikas and racist slogans. Police had no suspects and noted that earlier in the year, a similar act of vandalism had been directed against a Jewish target in the city.

FIGHT RACISM

LOS ANGELES STUDENT COALITION SITS IN AT SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE IN BEVERLY HILLS

Thirty four members of the L.A.S.C. sat in at the Beverly Hills consulate of the racist apartheid regime on Dec. 18, the first day of winter break. About 50 supporters, also mostly from high school marched and chanted outside the consulate as police arrested the inside demonstrators and took them away in a paddy wagon.

L.A.S.C. is planning another demonstration at the consulate (information elsewhere in this issue) on Martin Luther King's birthday, cosponsored by the SCLC. PART endorses these efforts, as well as the new direction being taken by LASC to confront racism here at home as well as in southern Africa. You can reach LASC at 3517 Crestmont, LA 90026; 467-6888.



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DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING ANTI-RACIST ACTIVISTS

To: PART

From: Tony Stewart,
President,

Northwest Coalition Against Malicious
Harassment, Inc.
2582 S. Fairway Dr.
Couer d'Alene ID 83814

Although I recognize your constitutional right to publish and distribute material, I do not want your material. I am offended by your extremist and unfair attacks upon former President Reagan and President George Bush.

I demand to be removed from your mailing list. If I continue to receive your material at my address, I will contact the United States Post Office to stop the mailings.

cc: Bill Wassmuth, Norm Gissel

Dear Michael:

After receiving your note regarding President Tony Stewart's note to you, I thought it important to offer some further explanation.

The NWCAMH is a very broad based coalition ... While we recognize that there are problems of bigotry in all sectors of American society, we have chosen to work with law enforcement and governmental agencies to overcome the problems.

Obviously, you have every right to your approach; however, attacking whole institutions rather than just the problem is not our approach. And because this difference is rather fundamental, we will be able to work together only on a limited basis at best.

I too find your materials to be offensive in some cases. In my view leaflets such as the one identifying former President Reagan as a skinhead are not productive. I disagree very much with most of what he did as president, but leaflets such as yours seem to me to take the focus off the real issues.

So while you may send your materials in the future if you wish, I must say that judging from the newsletter you sent me, I will not find much of the information helpful.

I am enclosing a newsletter to further clarify our position. We are both about the same goal — namely, eliminating bigotry and prejudice; however, we do differ in our approach.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Wassmuth, Exec. Dir., NWCAMH

cc: Tony Stewart

PART replies:

Usually, we don't like to air dirty laundry in public about differences of this nature in the anti-racist movement. Previous divisive activity by the N.W. Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, such as its attack on and attempt to isolate and discredit the Citizens for Nonviolent Action Against Racism in Idaho after that group decided to stage a public protest march against the Aryan Nation's planned "neo-nazi youth conference", have resulted in gleeful claims of victory by the racists, who seek to exploit all such division among their opponents.

However, we did want to comment about a couple of points raised, particularly in response to the graphic of Ronald Reagan as America's number 1 nazi skinhead in the last issue of TTT.

The photo used, taken after Reagan's brain surgery showing the ex-president with half skin and half hair on his crown, grinning maliciously like Lex Luthor or some other arrogant comic book super villain, begged for the commentary PART added to it. Some people just can't take a joke, or are so narrow minded they are unable to recognize political satire.



NEO-NAZI
"SKINHEAD"
OR
VICTIM OF
EXTREMIST
ATTACK?

But more important, the nazi skins are truly Reagan's children. Most of them have really known no other president or dominant ideology than that of Reagan and his hand picked successor. Their racism is a reflection of that put in motion at the highest levels of government throughout his administration. Every word we put in Reagan's mouth in that graphic was true, unlike most of the lies that were put into his mouth to speak while he was in the White House. It was Reagan who went to the nazi SS cemetery in Bitburg. Reagan who gutted every social, educational and medical program adopted since the New Deal, resulting in an infant mortality rate among Black people that is higher than that of Honduras, and an imprisonment rate for Black men that is higher than that of South Africa.

Bush did have open nazi collaborators, people who were directly involved in Hitler's genocide against Jews, gays, Romani and progressives in Eastern Europe, heading up key divisions of his campaign staff. Even the most mainstream of political cartoonists recognized that the seeds of Klansman David Duke's victory in Louisiana were planted by George Bush's use of coded racism in the presidential campaign. The NWCAMH will have to say for itself why it feels so threatened by these disclosures and accusations being made in a graphic and pointed way in a grass roots anti-racist publication. Perhaps its close ties to federal law enforcement agencies, and the big contributions it gets from major corporations has something to do with it.

PART, for our part, can work with anyone to oppose and expose racists wherever they are found, whether that's in neo-nazi groups or in the government. Robert Mathews, the founder of the neo-nazi underground Order which killed and stole for the racist cause got his start in politics through the Goldwater campaign, the Birch society and tax protest movements; so did Tom Metzger, head of the White Aryan Resistance. The nazi-skins of today start out in an even more radical, openly racist and hateful, and uncontrollably violent stage: thanks in no small part to where Ronald Reagan took this country. We won't begin to overturn these problems until we deal honestly with their root causes.

LETTER FROM PART TO THE L.A. READER

Metzger Manipulates Reader

To the editors:

I am not horrified that Jim Goad would even "think of speaking with Tom Metzger," but I am outraged that Goad would be so journalistically and politically irresponsible to print an interview ("He Always Does the White Thing," *Reader*, November 17) that did nothing more than lob him a few soft-ball questions. You allowed him to gain unchallenged access to your readership and to paint himself and his racist views as he saw fit, without presenting contrasting views or objective information about this dangerous and highly skilled media manipulator.

Metzger is a master at presenting exactly the image he wants to present to the particular audience he is trying to reach and for the purpose he's trying to achieve. In his newspaper and to his hardcore supporters, his gloves are off. His hate lines and his other propaganda abound with references to "mud people" and other, much more offensive references to "non-Aryans." He makes no bones that he is interested in a war of extermination against Jews, blacks, and others to achieve power and maintain his vision of the white race. At the same time, he and his son John refer to most white people as zombies for refusing to buy his hate-filled line. Whether he once gave Louis Farrakhan \$100 is irrelevant; he long ago abandoned any pretense of support for black separatism and has declared his intention to fight to the finish for white control over the entire United States. Meanwhile, he drapes himself in the mantle of free speech and seeks respectability with a broader public for sugar-coated versions of his racism in media outlets such as yours.

The *Reader*, in allowing Metzger a forum without any countervailing opinion or factual information, was even more reprehensible than that of talk show hosts such as Geraldo Rivera and Oprah Winfrey, who have given the Metzgers millions of dollars in free publicity in an effort to make ratings points out of the sensationalism; at least they have the common sense and decency to have other voices on those shows challenging Metzger and exposing his true hateful views. Metzger must not be allowed to escape accountability for the consistent pattern of racist violence coming out of his racist rhetoric.

Currently, Metzger is using a locally based, commercial answering service company's state-of-the-art voice bulletin board technology to spread his hate-mongering nationwide. Metzger has opened hate lines in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and New York, with plans to open more lines in Chicago, Miami, and other cities. He is piggy-backing his racist virulence onto this commercial service in an effort to magnify his importance and reach and appear more widespread and established than he is — but also in a serious effort to achieve that greater national presence and unity that will enable him to bring his fascist dreams closer to reality.

I am appalled that you have allowed your newspaper to be used to further this scheme. You have the urgent responsibility to print at least as extensive an exposé of what Metzger is really up to, as well as the views of antiracist organizers. The organization I am involved with, People Against Racist Terror, has been tracking Metzger and other local racists and neo-nazis for years. Contact PART, P. O. Box 10488, Burbank, CA 91510; 281-7928.

PRISONS, POLITICS AND RACISM

Prisons are going to be one of the issues of the '90's in America. As the graph on the back of this issue of TTT shows, the rate of imprisonment in the US is increasing geometrically. Even though the crime rate is going down, and the baby boom bulge in the size of the likely criminal population has gone down, the number of people in prison and going to prison is going up, and the people who go in are staying locked down longer.

This is tied up with racism in America. The prison population is disproportionately Black, Latino, and Native American. This is especially true on Death Row. Capital punishment in the US is racially determined: if you are Black, or if you caused the death of a white person, you are much more likely to get a death sentence than if you're white or if your victim was Black.

What's true of people facing execution is also the case for the general prison population. A series of recent studies have shown, among other things, that non-white inmates serve longer sentences for the same crimes as whites; that the arrest, conviction and imprisonment rate for drug related activity is much higher for Blacks than for whites, even though scientific polling shows that white youth are likelier than Blacks to be using all drugs, from alcohol to cocaine. That's why the war on drugs is really a war on minority communities.

The same racism holds true inside the prisons. The Attica prison rebellion almost 20 years ago showed that the prisoners themselves could unite across racial lines. Their example was so threatening, Gov. Rockefeller of NY had them massacred. Today, it's still true that prison authorities use and foment racism to control the prisoners. The prisons are using being used increasingly as concentration camps for dissidents and for a pool of cheap, slave labor. It's important for anti-racists to educate ourselves and others about these issues.

RACIAL VIOLENCE IN CALABASAS KOREAN STUDENTS TARGETED

A racial confrontation last month between white and Korean students from Taft HS and Calabasas High resulted in a series of arrests.

The violence escalated steadily from a situation of name-calling to the point where a white student fired shots at a group of Koreans.

According to the principal of Calabasas H.S., a group of white students shouted obscenities and racial slurs against a Korean girl. A male Korean student from Taft then returned to the area seeking revenge. He was beaten by white students on a Friday. The following Monday, another group of Koreans from Taft drove to Calabasas after school, armed with bats and pipes to avenge their friend who got beat up.

Shots were fired at them in the confrontation in the Calabasas high parking lot, and sheriff's deputies took them into custody. Subsequently the white student who allegedly fired at them was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

There is a growing atmosphere of racial animosity in schools in and around L.A. On Thursday, January 11, the L.A. County Office of Education and the County Human Relations Commission are sponsoring a symposium on hate crimes in the schools at Amigos Hall in Downey. For more info, call Bobbi Kimble of the HRC at 213-974-7611. PART will be participating in this important conference and we will have a full report in the next issue of TTT.

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NOTE:
The Reader dropped from the letter all the details of Tom & John Metzger's connections to the Order, cross-burnings and other neo-nazi violence and terror!

THE LOS ANGELES STUDENT COALITION IN COOPERATION WITH THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES
present the 4th annual

MARCH & DEMONSTRATION TO FREE THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH AFRICA!

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1989
MARTIN LUTHER KING
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DEMONSTRATION begins at 10:30
at the former site of the
South African Consulate:
9107 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.
MARCH at 11:00
to the current location
of the Consulate: 50 N. La Cienega,
just north of Wilshire Blvd.
A rally with speakers and
musicians will follow.

Join the fight to abolish Apartheid in
South Africa and Racism in the U.S.A.

January 15 is a school holiday in
Southern California. All students are
encouraged to come and let your voices
be heard. End Racism thru Education,

Come and learn what YOU can do!

The Los Angeles Student Coalition
is a student run organization that
represents over 60 high schools, junior
high schools and universities in the
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our responsibility to build a world
without ignorance, apathy or social
injustice. If you are interested in
participating in a possible sit-in
demonstration as part of the rally,
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for further information.

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The Student Coalition invites you to our weekly meetings on
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. at the Yablon Cultural Center at
7213 Beverly Blvd. Join us and help plan our next action!
Call (213) 467-6888 for info.

"This is the road
our nation has taken,
the road of those who
make peaceful revolution
impossible. By refusing
to give up the privileges
and the pleasures that come
from the immense profits of
overseas investments. I am
convinced that if we are to
get on the right side of the
world revolution, we as a
nation must undergo a radical
revolution of values. A true
revolution of values will soon
cause us to question the fairness
and justice of many of our past
and present policies. True compassion
is more than flinging a coin to a beggar,
it comes to see that an edifice which
produces beggars needs restructuring."
- Martin Luther King



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WRITE THROUGH THE WALLS

Turning the Tide —

Hi, what's up? I'm in prison: I've been here since 1987. It's pretty much the same shit everyday, but time does go by. I like groups like Misfits, Black Flag and like that. I can't wait to get out of this pen and back on the streets.

There's 10 or 11 punk in here from all over California. We have suicidals, anti-social, peace, bristle, anarchy and I think a few others. There's also a few skins in here, but we pretty much get along. This is the only place I know of that skins and all the different types of punk kick it together. It's cool though, cause this way I learn about all the different beliefs of everybody, the way they see things.

...

Thanks for your newsletter! I didn't know what to expect, but I found it to be exactly what I was looking for. In prison, TTT is exactly the kind of material we need floating around here. I showed it to all my homeboys. It brought up a lot of discussion.

In prison, we have a couple of separation groups, SWP, White Pride, just to name off a few. I sometimes make flyers with anti-racism songs and poems to pass out to people I know who are against racism. TTT was full of information front to back on some of the most controversial issues of today. My beliefs I found in TTT, except I don't believe in using the flag as a symbol of united races.

Right at this very moment in our institution, there is a lot of racial tension between the white supremacists and the Mexicans. There has been three riots in the past 2-1/2 weeks from these two groups of people. These are the times when I feel a newsletter like TTT would be perfect to pass out to let people know that fighting each other because of a different skin color is ignorant. What they are really mad at is the prison system, and they are taking out this anger through beating each other down.

I've been in a lot of fights and have made a lot of enemies for expressing my feelings about racism in here a few times, but it is something that has to be done in here and out in society. We all should continue to stand strong for our beliefs, no matter what.

...

Thank you for writing back and sending another issue of TTT. I think this issue, Volume II #6, is great. It's full, page to page, with info about subjects I am really looking to find. I learn a hell of a lot when reading TTT.

I'm locked in prison and your newsletter is just helping me out a whole lot. I never really tripped off the fact that racism is a governmental thing.

I've been talking to other anti-racists in here about it. We know that prison is full of racists, but we never thought that the people in charge of prisons, were racists pigs. I guess we will always be in the dark on certain issues because we are not in society.

My homey is making up some flyers right now to pass out through the institution and let everybody know what is up, that racism and separation or whatever, is for the weak-minded, who are scared of something, because they never took the chance to like different kinds of people. We'll most likely get into a few fights over the flyer he is putting out, but it's worth it, to express how we feel.

I got to go now, it's time for an institutional yard break. Thank you for helping us in here. We are very grateful.

Stay down for yours,
Twilight

PART replies:

It's letters like this that make all the effort and expense of getting out TTT, all the hassles from racists, worth it. This letter is more proof that prejudice is always based on ignorance; whether it's prejudice against Black people or Mexicanos, or prejudice against skins or against prisoners.

There's a saving that you can judge a society by the condition of its prisons. If so, that's further evidence that things are in a sorry state. We have an incarceration rate even higher than South Africa, and the government just keeps building more and more prisons. One black male in four now goes to prison. Here in California, our stone-hearted governor is trying to get a law passed that would let the state sell the labor of this vast pool of locked up workers to private companies to use as virtual slaves under contract with the prisons. He can get away with this because the prisoners are de-humanized in the public's mind by prejudice.

Turning the Tide:

I have been in prison since 1981, and I have spent those years as an activist by mail as well as inside.

It bums me out bad that in the last couple of years we have had a great influx of racist terrorists into the prison system. Skinheads that surpass anything I ever saw in the way of nazi movies, even — these are living hate machines. They know their doctrine, like puppets, and spread like fire.

In the Pacific Northwest, racism is rampant. Don't let the phenomenon of Seattle's new Black mayor fool you! We have all sorts of racist cults in prison; these include guards as well as prisoners.

One well known and fast growing group is the Aryan Nations, which uses the name of Church of Jesus Christ Christian. They put out a newsletter free to prisoners, called "The Way." This is only one of dozens of free racist publications for prisoners. And they offer a "bible study course" which has nothing to do with the bible. They also list addresses for other free racist literature.

I'd like to be on your mailing list. If possible, please send material in duplicate or triplicate, as I cannot make copies. I will try to make them count. I would also be interested in corresponding with someone about possible strategies against the Aryan Nations cult.

It would help if you did not print my name in your publication, although if you felt you had to I would handle it. But here, it could even cost me my life.

All for now. In solidarity,
a prisoner.

PART replies:

The growth of organized white supremacist groups inside prison, and the conscious strategy of racist groups to build their ranks by recruiting prisoners, is one reason why we think it's impossible to rely on the government to put an end to the problem of racist terror.

Simply locking up a few racist thugs is not the answer because the institutional racism of the prisons and the larger society makes prisons a breeding ground for racist violence. Groups like the Aryan Brotherhood organized inside prison.

We need to build a social and political movement that can eradicate the roots of racism in economic and political oppression and inequality. Then the haters will be isolated and powerless in their sterile anisomities.

TEXAS DEATH ROW PROTEST

On March 15, 1989 prisoners under sentence of death began a continuous (chain) hunger strike. The protest has since been joined by some prisoners from general population.

The prisoners are striking against the inhumane conditions and racism to which they are subjected continually. The Texas prison system has long been known for its widespread brutality and racism.

You can help by writing a letter of support for the prisoners to: James A. Lynaugh, Director TDC, P.O. Box 98 Huntsville, Texas 77340

Ex-Panther head again denied parole



SAN QUENTIN — Former Black Panther Party leader Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt was denied parole

STATE Thursday for the ninth time since the 1968 murder of a Southern California woman during a \$30 robbery.

Board of Prison Terms Commissioner David Brown announced after the hourlong hearing at San Quentin Prison that Pratt, serving a life sentence, "is not suitable for parole at this time."

Brown, who characterized the murder as "heinous and despicable," said the prisoner had consistently refused vocational training and a crucial psychological evaluation.

— Associated Press

Dhoruba Moore, 18 Years a Political Prisoner

Dhoruba Bin Wahad, formerly Richard Dhoruba Moore, is a former leader of the Black Panther Party who has been incarcerated since 1971 for a crime he did not commit.

In 1987, as the result of a 12-year legal battle in federal court in New York, Dhoruba's attorneys were able to obtain hundreds of FBI documents showing that the prosecutors in his case—one of whom is now a Reagan-appointed federal judge— withheld crucial evidence which proves his innocence. On the basis of these files, a motion to overturn Dhoruba's conviction was filed in New York State Supreme Court in April, 1988.

On March 17, 1989, Justice Peter McQuillan of the New York State Supreme Court issued a five-page decision holding that contrary to law, the prosecution withheld prior inconsistent statements of their main witness, a woman named Pauline Joseph. The court found that had the evidence been available at Dhoruba's 1973 trial, it is "very possible" that Joseph's testimony would have been successfully challenged. Moreover, the court stated that had the information been available at the time of Dhoruba's direct appeals (which were decided in 1976), a reversal would have been required. However, despite these findings, Judge McQuillan refused to overturn Dhoruba's conviction on the purely technical ground that since his direct appeals were exhausted, a reversal was not required. In other words, because the prosecution's cover-up was so successful, an innocent man must remain in prison for the rest of his life.

Dhoruba Bin Wahad joined the Black Panther Party in New York City in 1968. He worked on the BPP's Free Breakfast Program and efforts to decentralize schools, and against police murders of black youth. By early 1969, the FBI and New York City Police Department began "investigating" him. Dhoruba was placed on the FBI's "Security Index" and in the "Black Nationalist Photo Album." He also became a key target of the FBI's counterintelligence program (COINTELPRO) whose stated aim was to "neutralize" black organizations and their leaders. On April 2, 1969, Dhoruba and 20 other members of the New York BPP were indicted and arrested on charges of conspiracy. This indictment, which became known as the "Panther 21" case, was based entirely upon the testimony of undercover NYPD officers assigned to infiltrate the BPP.

The trial of the case—the longest trial in the history of New York City—ended on May 13, 1971 with all defendants, including Dhoruba, being acquitted of all charges. On June 5, 1971, however, Dhoruba was arrested during an alleged "robbery" of a hangout for South Bronx drug merchants. While incarcerated on those charges, the FBI and NYPD sought to link him with a shooting of two NYPD officers which had occurred two weeks prior to his arrest. Ultimately, Dhoruba was indicted for the attempted murder of the policemen and after three trials was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.



Jeffrey M. Hirsch

The prosecution's chief witness in their entirely circumstantial case, was a woman named Pauline Joseph. Ms. Joseph was arrested as a material witness after "anonymously" contacting the police and stating that Dhoruba was innocent of the shooting. For two years she remained in an exclusive Manhattan Hotel under 24 hour police guard while her story was fabricated. At trial, the prosecution produced no prior statements, swearing that none existed.

In 1975, Dhoruba filed a federal civil rights lawsuit, charging that he was a victim of COINTELPRO. It was through a 12 year battle in this case that the numerous prior statements of Pauline Joseph were finally uncovered and the motion for a new trial filed.

The case of Dhoruba Bin Wahad is one of the most blatant examples of a politically motivated frame-up in recent history. Despite a favorable ruling from a judge, Dhoruba remains incarcerated on a legal technicality. We urge everyone to sign the accompanying petition/letter demanding justice for Dhoruba and return it to the address listed below

—Bob Boyle

PEOPLE AGAINST RACIST TERROR



be part of the solution

P.O. Box 10488 Burbank, CA 91510

Political Prisoners

The government denies it. Yet, today there are more than 100 people locked up in U.S. prisons because of their political actions or beliefs.

The United States alone among the world's major governments maintains the fiction that it holds no political prisoners. The official position is that all those jailed here for politically motivated actions are "criminals". Yet in all other countries, regardless of the politics of the rulers, it is an accepted truth that dissenters, jailed for opposing the government, are, in fact, political prisoners.

The United States tries to hide the existence of political prisoners because they challenge the image that the U.S. is a truly democratic and humane society. These prisoners expose the fact that there are political resistance movements of such potential impact that the government is compelled to use repression against them.

By labelling political prisoners as criminals, the U.S. government has also been able to shield from view serious human rights violations against them. These include prison sentences longer than in most dictatorships, psychological torture, and brutality including sexual assault.

The men's federal prison in Marion, Illinois, which includes several political prisoners among its 400 inmates, has been condemned by Amnesty International for violating international standards on the minimum treatment of prisoners. The men in Marion are under permanent lockdown and are sometimes chained to their beds for days at a time.

The control unit for women at Lexington, Kentucky, was an experimental underground political prison that practiced isolation and sensory deprivation. It was finally closed by a federal judge after two years of protest by religious and human rights groups.

Freedom Now! Campaign for Amnesty and Human Rights for Political Prisoners in the United States.

Freedom Now is initiating a campaign for amnesty for all the women and men imprisoned in this country as a consequence of their political actions.

We are bridging the walls with a common effort that includes the active participation of the prisoners and their families, along with political activists, clergy and professionals. Join us in stopping the continued imprisonment and mistreatment of political activists in the United States. Human Rights must begin at home.

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