

PRISONERS' STRUGGLES

AIDS STRUGGLE IN PRISONS

In spite of the official announcements of the Canadian State promising means and methods of protection against AIDS within prisons, and in spite of the fact that Canadian correctional policies contain provisions for prisoners suffering from the HIV/AIDS virus, abuse, torture, isolation, arbitrary dissociation, cruelty, and antagonism towards the carriers are common inside the walls of Canadian prisons. PWAs (Prisoners With AIDS) must know that there is help and support for them. At this stage, education (peer education, support, and counseling) is the primary focus. For more information, contact:

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Syndicat des Eleves
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PENNSYLVANIA LIFERS

Pennsylvania is one of only four states where the sole mechanism for release (in the case of lifers) is through commutation of one's sentence by the governor. During the Thomburgh and Casey administrations, more lifers died in prison (81) than have been commuted (25), showing how political the commutation has become. A Bill (HB 1382) is being prepared for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that would provide the possibility of parole for persons given life sentences, after serving 15 years and according to an exemplary prison record. The need for support and personal involvement is great. For information, contact:

Pennsylvania Prison Society
3 North Second Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
19106
(215-351-2300)

The Veterans Law Clinic, an affiliate of Vietnam Veterans of America, is seeking information and references on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Agent Orange (AO). They are also seeking the contribution of expert witnesses and legal counselors to the case work of Veterans incarcerated in Pennsylvania. All the information and help is fully appreciated. Contact:

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Graterford, Pennsylvania
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PRISON DISCIPLINE STUDY

The PDS was developed in 1988 to investigate the extent of severe discipline in prisons by allowing prisoners to speak for themselves. The findings were tallied and analyzed by Dr. Mark Hamm, Department of Criminology, Indiana State University, in cooperation with the PDS Data Committee: Therese Coupez, Francis Friedman, and Corey Weinstein. For more information, contact:

Prison Discipline Study
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Sacramento, California
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CANADIAN PRISONERS RIGHTS

A Newsletter of the Canadian Prisoners Rights Network, which evolved out of a national meeting of lawyers, academics, and front-line workers, in June 1989 in Kingston, Ontario, and where the aim is to strengthen communication within the ranks, responds to the need of a national organization and promotes Canadian Prisoners' Rights Advocacy. CPRN is a non-governmental and non-profit network of persons and organizations with a common interest in prisoners' rights. Those who want to participate and support CPRN are most welcome !

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