

New CDC Director Meets with SATE

Sate, San Quentin's black cultural group, met July 16 with Ms. Ruth Rushen, California's new Director of Corrections, to discuss some of the problems that are plaguing this prison in general, and black prisoners in particular.

Sate, which is an acronym for Self-Advancement Through Education, has been working to develop a more comprehensive educational program for black prisoners in the bastille.

During their meeting with Ms. Rushen Sate members Lafayette Nelson, Joel Head, J.C. Clark, Robert Duren, Larry Miller and "Thinman" Redmond and several other black convicts, discussed such topics as the director's position on self-help programs to the department's position on double-celling.

After explaining Sate's purpose and objectives to the new director, the meeting then turned to a question and answer period with different convicts in the group asking questions of Ms. Rushen.

Sate's president, Lafayette Nelson, started the question and answer period off by asking Rushen what the future plans are for expanding educational programs in San Quentin.

She answered by stating that she and the California Department of Corrections are supportive of expanding and developing educational and inmate activity programs that will benefit prisoners while in prison and working towards release.

The director emphasized that the CDC is reaching out into the community to enlist volunteer support for programs geared toward the development of educational programs inside of prisons.

When the question was raised concerning the limited A.A. college program, the director expressed her support for the idea of expanding the college curriculum to include a B.A. program. It is indicated that, among other programs, education is one of Ms. Rushen's priorities for San Quentin.

From there the discussion moved to the subject of double-celling in San Quentin.

When asked what the CDC was doing to alleviate this problem, Ms. Rushen seemed to be under the impression that most of the double-celling was

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"Considering the present-day turmoil within the Department of Corrections, I feel that the meeting with the director was a very enlightening one.

"Her ideas concerning prisons are both constructive and positive. Hopefully, with some assistance, she will be able to bring about much needed changes within the system. It is important that all convicts fully support her efforts."

—Joel Head, Sate Public Relations Director



SATE ORGANIZATION meets with Ruth Rushen in Jewish Chapel.

SQ Alcoholics Holds Seminar

By Tom Knudson

Last Monday the San Quentin chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous held their semiannual seminar in the visiting room.

Melvin Malcolm, chairman for San Quentin's chapter, welcomed all the members in attendance for their continued support and efforts through fellowship in helping one another in their everyday struggle for sobriety.

Melvin then introduced San Quentin AA member Tom Knudson who delivered a statement from chapter five of the Alcoholics Anonymous book on "How It Works."

Tom spoke of the 12 steps that members take as part of their recovery program to overcome the baffling, cunning and powerful effects that alcohol has.

Special guest speaker from the San Francisco chapter, Jane O' Toole, was then called to the stage where she spoke of her experiences with alcohol and the positive effects that Alcoholics Anonymous has had in her life.

After Jane's enlightening testimony, one of San Quentin's musical groups calling themselves The Perfections, took the stage for the entertainment

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Jesus Day Celebration For SQ Christians

By Dana Mejia

San Quentin convicts and guests held their annual Jesus Day Celebration on the lower yard Saturday.

The celebration featured a long list of born-again Christians sharing music, dance and testimony from both outside guests and mainline convicts.

The day started with an opening prayer by SQ con Richard Brewer, also a born-again Christian. Rich acted as the master of ceremonies for the entire celebration.

Among the outside guests to visit San Quentin were the Children of Eternity Dancers, a Polynesian dance group, which has been sharing its dance ministry together for Christ for three years. This group was also accompanied by another dance group known as the Kalena Ka Lani (Talents of Heaven).

Both of these groups have toured together and performed at other California prisons as well as some in Nevada.

This is a very dedicated group of Christian entertainers who travelled some 400 miles from the Los Angeles area to be here. They were brought here by Ron Davison of the Calvary Church of Torrance.

The Kalena Ka Lani dancers performed in the morning by dancing to music which was played on their own tape player. Unfortunately their act had to be altered for their afternoon performance. This was due to the fact that their tape player turned up missing after the lunch break. However the player was recovered later in the day when it was located in another part of the institution.

While not performing, the dancers were very cooperative

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Inmate Stabbed in C Section Yard

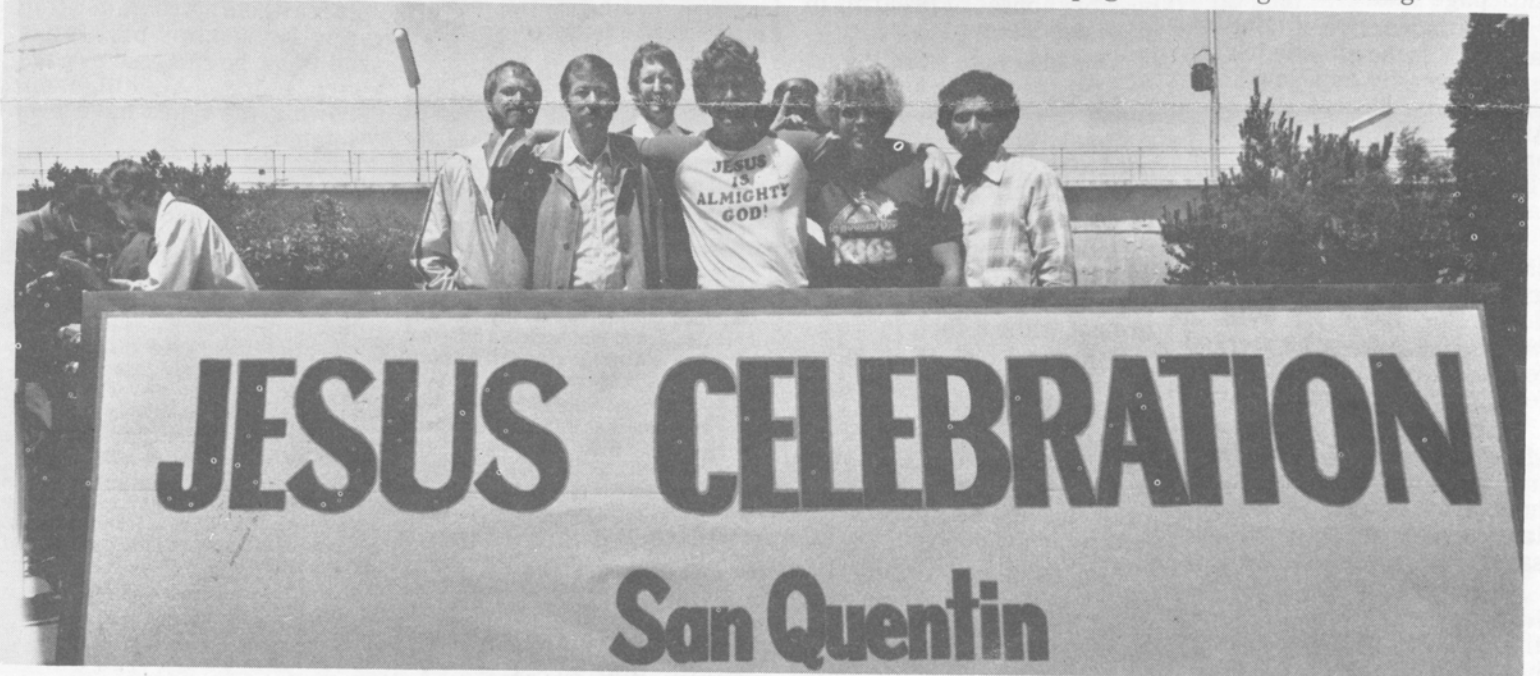
On Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the C Section exercise yard, one inmate attacked and stabbed another inmate in the shoulder with a four inch plastic prison-made knife, according to Mike Madding, prison information officer.

Three officers witnessed the attack and fired three warning shots with no results, said Madding. The officers then fired 10 rounds of birdshot into the combatants hitting both men and one uninvolved inmate.

All three were taken to the prison hospital. The one inmate who received a stab wound was held for further treatment and the other two were released, Madding said.

One officer was also injured when he tripped on the stairs and hit his head while trying to respond to the incident from C Section. He was treated at Marin General Hospital for a cut on the head and then released, said Madding.

The incident was considered personal and nonracial, according to Madding.



BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS pose for News camera. From left to right are Larry Myers, Bill Fain,

"T-Bone" Burnett, Ray Rogers, Don Stroud, Mike Moore, and Richard Brewer.

Canteen Will be Restocked Soon

Canteen Manager W. Riebeling informed the News the following items should be here within the next week to 10 days: Bugler (this week), Chunky Beef Soup, Top Ramen and chili con carne. Sugar is now available.

The reason these items are not in stock is outside vendors refused to accept state vouchers until the new budget was passed.

The new budget was passed July 18, so now things should be getting back to normal, according to Riebeling.

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Six Shots Fired on Max B Yard

On Thursday at 8 a.m. six warning shots were fired to break up a fist fight on the Max B yard, according to Mike Madding, prison information officer.

No major injuries were reported although one inmate did receive a skinned knee.

The incident is considered nonracial said madding.

— WEEKEND MOVIE —

"Apocalypse Now"

This brilliant and bizarre film follows Captain B.L. Willard (Martin Sheen) on a top-secret mission upriver into Cambodia to "terminate" an insane Green Beret colonel (Marlon Brando) . . . the colonel has been using Montagnard tribesmen to fight his own private war in the jungle.

MOVIE "Cross and the Switchblade"

1 p.m. Sunday
Garden Chapel
Everyone Invited

Max B Con Resists Search

On Thursday at 9:55 a.m. a warning shot was fired on the upper yard to stop an altercation in which a max-B prisoner was resisting a search, said Mike Madding, prison information officer.

The incident occurred during the morning movement to the chow hall for max-B prisoners. No one was injured, according to Madding.

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Lawyer Guards Cons' Rights

SALEM (AP) — Roy Haber has made a career out of improving the prisoner's lot.

"Prisoners are citizens," he says. "And the Supreme Court has ruled that prisoners have rights under the Constitution. My job is working to see that those constitutional rights are protected."

He is known to be good at it.

The bushy-haired, bearded Haber, director of Prisoners' Legal Services of Oregon, was the guiding figure behind a lawsuit against the Oregon State Correctional Institution and the penitentiary farm annex.

In a stunning ruling, U.S. District Judge James Burns last month gave state prison officials until July 26 to come up with a plan to reduce the inmate population by about 500 men "as soon as humanly possible."

Haber was not surprised. It was about the 20th prisoner class-action suit Haber has had a hand in — and won.

He got his start in a 1970 federal ruling that forced Mississippi to build a new \$4 million prison, ending segregated and brutal practices that the judge called subhuman.

"He did it all," says Joe Littlepage, a former Mississippi prisoner now living in Oregon. "I never saw anyone with that much energy who was that dynamic. It was like the single-handed western hero who goes into a town and cleans it up."

"I would credit Roy with saving some lives down in Mississippi, and, at the very least, he got some decent treatment for those men," Littlepage said.

Haber is a native of Long Island, N.Y., who attended Syracuse University and New York University School of Law. After a year's study in London and Strasbourg, France, he clerked for a judge in Manhattan.

But Haber, like many others of his generation, was swept up in the civil rights movement during the 1960s. He went to Mississippi, where he worked for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Haber recalls seeing the state's 21,000-acre penal farm at Parchman and vowing to help turn it around. "It was the last vestige of slavery," he says.

Punishments for the 1,750 inmates included hanging them naked, suspended by handcuffs chained by bars. Knifings and beatings were common, as were shootings — sometimes by low-security prisoners who were permitted to tote guns.

Haber moved to Boulder, Colo., in 1972 as an attorney for the Native American Rights Fund. He continued to specialize in prison cases — but not exclusively.

At the time of the American Indian Movement's takeover

at Wounded Knee, S.D., Haber acted as a negotiator between Justice Department officials and Indian leaders inside the village.

He also defended AIM leader Dennis Banks, persuading Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to deny extradition of Banks from California to South Dakota.

Then Haber and his wife, Lil, decided on a complete change of pace. They bought a ramshackle farm in rural Mississippi, cooked on a wood stove, used rainwater collected from the roof and did carpentry.

That lasted nine months.

"It was Mississippi," he says. "There was nobody out there like us."

Haber took a job with the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division as deputy chief of the special litigation section. But after a year in Washington, he looked elsewhere.

Last November he became director of the Prisoners' Legal Services of Oregon.

Interviewed in his office in a converted Salem house, Haber gave Oregon prison administrators high marks, but he said many prison policies need changing.

He says some cases may come out of a riot at the state penitentiary. Haber is alleging possible abuses of firearms by officials.

"Our idea is to show the administrators that policy changes — which we feel from a constitutional standpoint need to be changed — also work for the benefit of the system," he says.

Haber and his organization, which is funded by the state and the federal government, are not without their critics.

Some prison officials are bothered by the circumstance of the state paying lawyers to sue state institutions. Officials say they worry that taxpayers are perpetuating a group that must act like an adversary to justify its existence.

And paralegal groups like Haber's are entitled to legal fees in winning cases. Legal fees will come out of the Oregon prison overcrowding case, though Haber has yet to file for them.

But he says he will not earn more than his \$30,000 salary. Any award will go into the organization's bank account to carry on the work, he says.

As for Haber, he is looking to buy another piece of land, expressing a pastoral wish to ditch the cities and their traffic, and start over again.

"I guess I have a little bit of 'There but for the grace of God go I' in me," he says.



—Open Letter—

Mr. Jim DeBron
Legal Intern
Prison Law Office

Dear Sir;

Are you related to the Phantom Diner? Between the two of you, your gonna wear the man's leg off. You seem to forget that this matter is about the food at San Quentin Prison, and that isn't just for the guys that go to the messhall.

There are over 500 convicts in lock-up areas that really don't give a damn if they take the forks out of the dining hall ceiling. The day your letter was printed — and several days on each side — us in lock-up have been getting meat sandwiches with the meat cutters turned down so that the stuff is thin enough to make toilet paper.

As to the MAC committee and its form, you need to consider that for whatever reason, they don't lower themselves to speaking for the guys locked down. Ask one of them if they have ever been up to talk with anyone from the row.

Unless the people who are in the position, like yourself, do something to put pressure on the CDC to either clean up its act — or go to outside vendors like the state of Massachusetts recently did — this problem will never be resolved.

Please take time to review the San Quentin News article right next to your letter. Fifteen of the 17 from the mainline disagree with you.

—Ricci Phillips

Dear Editor:

If you are an inmate with a lower bunk — and are now in this institution . . . Watch out!

There are a lot of upper bunks that are very carelessly bolted to the walls in these cells. I know because one fell on me, with my 200-pound celly on it.

Luckily, I was sitting down watching the Sugar Ray Leonard vs. Roberto Duran fight and my celly was sitting on his bunk too.

We were all excited and all of a sudden one end of the upper bunk came down in the middle of the eighth round.

I reflexed, trying to avoid it, and was hit hard in the lower back portion of my spinal cord. My head hit the wall and I went to the floor and was in severe pain for 5 to 10 minutes. I thought Duran had knocked me out!

It really isn't funny. I had to be carried to the hospital on a stretcher. I was examined quickly, set on my feet and told to walk, and sent back to a different cell. They told me to exercise it out; that I had a muscle spasm.

The next day I went back to the hospital and wanted X-rays. I understand they just spent \$150,000 on a new X-ray machine. Well dig this. I was told that it had broke down, and that they would ducat me when it was fixed.

So in the mean time I walk the yard on codeine to kill the pain.

—Armando "Mumbles" Sossa

Prison-Death Lawsuit Settled Out of Court

WALLA WALLA (AP) — An out-of-court settlement has been reached between the state of Washington and the family of a Washington State Penitentiary inmate stabbed to death two years ago.

Don Horowitz, attorney for the family of Robert Redwine, said the suit alleged mistreatment by a prison doctor who misdiagnosed the severity of Redwine's stabwounds. The inmate died the day after the May 23, 1978, stabbing.

Horowitz said the settlement was reached one day before the case was scheduled for trial in King County Superior Court. He said the settlement was for a "substantial sum," but refused to elaborate. He said one of the settlement's preconditions was that he not discuss the dollar figure.

King County Superior Court records showed that Redwine's wife, Lois, had sought \$950,000 on behalf of the inmate's three children.

Horowitz said court papers on the settlement would be processed within three weeks and that the dollar amount would be available at that time.

Judge Orders Reforms at New Mexico Pen

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A federal court judge has signed an order calling for sweeping reforms at the New Mexico State Penitentiary, where 33 inmates died in a bloody riot five months ago.

The agreement prohibits the doubling up of prisoners in cells except in emergencies, requires that each prisoner have at least 60 square feet of living area, provides for equal distribution of jobs within the prison, stresses rehabilitation programs and ensures an appropriate education program for inmates who need or desire training.

Negotiations for the agreement began more than a year ago, before the Feb. 23 riot.

U.S. District Judge Santiago Campos approved the settlement between the state and the American Civil Liberties Union on a lawsuit the ACLU filed in 1977 on behalf of a group of inmates.

Ralph Knowles, associate director of the ACLU National Prison Project, called the agreement "the most comprehensive ever entered into in a major prison case."

The ACLU contended that overcrowding and other conditions at the state's only maximum-security prison violated the inmates' civil rights.

Attorney Charles Daniels, who represented the inmates, said the settlement means that "for the first time, there's a federal court order in effect specifying that prisoners' rights can be enforced by going back before the judge and showing the rules have been violated."

Dear Editor

I have been getting Social Security for the past 12 years. I am not getting money for being a killer of a rapist. I have a bad heart.

If what you wrote in the paper last week is true, the public is being brainwashed into believing that all prisoners getting SS are living high on the hog . . . with new radios and color TVs, etc.

For myself, I take care of my family with the money I get. They don't have much going and it helps a lot.

By the way, you might mention something about the pay numbers we have here. They starz at \$10 and range to a high of \$50 a month. How about that side of the story?

—John C. Pearson

Dear Editor:

The article on page 1 of the SQ News, "Shot Fired on Lower Yard"—just to set the record straight—both inmates were released less than 24 hours after the incident. The only reason we were locked down in the first place was because of the shot. Charges were dismissed.

I've been here seven months and have always gotten a lot out of the SQ News. But lately the articles have been more informative. A lot of credit for this should go to Dana Mejia. His reporting reaches out to the inmate. He is an asset to the News and your staff.

—Paul "Chicago" Schlecta

Dear Editor:

In the Bible—if it is to be believed—Jesus sat, ate and drank with beggars, thieves, murders, etc., but at the Jesus Day Celebration, so called Christians wouldn't even let their workers have a cup of coffee to refresh themselves with.

However I will say this for them; they did let a select-few born-again-Christian-inmates have coffee and other refreshments. I guess they figure that if you aren't a Christian, you don't have anything coming. I wonder what Jesus would have thought about that kind of attitude?

In closing I would like to mention that the other shows treat the inmate workers with more dignity and respect than the Christians did. Perhaps the lesson to be learned here is this:

Jesus said to love your fellow man as your brother, without regard to your station in life. Perhaps, if the Christians would practice what they preach, they would be better received by the mainline inmates.

—Clyde Parker



What type of educational, vocational or recreational programs would help to reduce idleness here in SQ?

John Shook: "On the educational and vocational side I think they should teach drafting. I'd like to learn a trade like that but they don't have anything like that in here."

George Lopez: "I'm getting ready to go home. I think they should have a better release program, a reentry program that would help a guy to get a job before he is released."

Jim Shook: "I really don't feel that any type of new programs would help to reduce idleness."

Robert Scott: "I think they should have programs that teach you something. The ones they have now are okay but the free people don't teach you anything, so you are not really able to learn."

Edward Cain: "On the recreational side we don't really have the prop equipment. I think with some new equipment more people could participate. The idle mind is what causes all the problems."

Steve Harris: "On the recreational side, I think they should have more outside entertainment. The shows they have now are good and they get people out of their cells with something to do."

Mike Berni: "I think they should have tattoo courses. They should have classes in dermatology and teach proper technique. It would teach the guys the proper methods and help them to perfect the art. I think this would help them when they are released."

John Miller: "I think they should expand the arts and crafts program. Also they should allow the close A and close B inmates a chance to work, or at least get on the night movement."

Gentry Trujillo: "I'm in favor of allowing close A and close B inmates to work and go to school. If they won't allow us to go on the night movement, they should make the same programs available in the day time. We get tired of sitting in the yard or in our cells."

Cornell Daniels: "More vocational programs like auto mechanics. Also they should create more openings in the programs that are available. On the recreational side they should have more sports equipment available."

George Rodriguez: "I think they should expand the hobby programs, there isn't enough room for everyone to participate. Also they should increase the number of crafts that they teach."

David McNeil: "I think they should make more sports equipment available. A lot of guys sit around because there just isn't enough equipment. There are enough activities but you need the proper tools to participate in them."

E. Simien: "I feel that there are some fairly good programs in San Quentin already that would reduce idleness. But perhaps not enough to meet everyone's desires. However, a close eye might be kept on the job market for those who wish employment on the outside. As we know, unskilled work is losing its popularity."

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California Opens Courts to Cameras

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An experiment in opening the doors to California's courtrooms began recently as newspaper reporters and television photographers were permitted to film and record proceedings, within restrictions, for the first time in 14 years.

For one year, all the state's 247 courts and their divisions will be permitted to open their doors to news and television cameras and recording equipment. Such coverage has been banned since 1966.

"We've had it here for 20 years and have had no problems," said former Chief Justice Edward E. Pringle of the Colorado Supreme Court. The state was the first officially to allow courtroom photos and recordings.

In California, Justice Bernard S. Jefferson of the state Court of Appeal said extended coverage by cameras and recording equipment would help show the public how things work behind courtroom doors.

"We ought to have more coverage of trials," he said. "The openness and coverage will be beneficial in the long run, beneficial to the judicial process, beneficial from the standpoint of the public. It will eliminate false notions of what really happens in trials, false

notions resulting from television and movies."

"I think that there is enough theater in the courtroom already, and if you get into having cameras in there it may really distract everyone from doing what they're supposed to be doing," attorney Neil Morse said.

The nation's most populous state is the latest of 26 that, under a variety of restrictions, permit courtroom news photography and recording on a permanent or experimental basis. Another eleven states are considering it.

The California test, to be evaluated by a Sacramento firm under a \$100,000 federal grant, involves the Justice, Municipal, Superior, Appeal and Supreme courts and their 1,213 judges.

The basic restriction laid down by the Judicial Council, a state agency that regulates the courts, requires that the judge, prosecutor and defense attorney in a criminal trial consent to the presence of cameras and recording equipment, in civil cases, only the judge need consent.

Television cameras may be live. Handheld tape recorders will not be permitted in any court.

Al-Islamic Bean Pie Sale

The Al-Islamic community is holding its third quarter bean pie sale.

All pies including blueberry, pineapple cheese, cherry cheese, coconut bean and bean pies will cost \$3.

Also offered will be oatmeal cookies and butter cookies for \$3 per package. Carrot cakes and pound cakes will also go for \$3.

For additional information stop by the Muslim office in the Garden Chapel or call ext. 377.

No Surfing in The Cells

A prisoner in Sydney, Australia, got into trouble for swimming and surfing in his cell. It was simply a matter of creating the right conditions, he told a royal commission inquiring into prison life.

The prisoner explained that he stuffed cracks around the cell door with bread and paper, wrenched loose a plumbing fixture, and let the water rise up to the window bars.

"I could sit on the windowsill and dive in again and again, and when the door was eventually opened, I used to surf out to the yard on the rush of water," he remembers fondly. "I would get a fair way before I hit the ground and skinned my knees and elbows."

Industry Messhall Food, Flowers and Cleanliness

By Tom Knudson

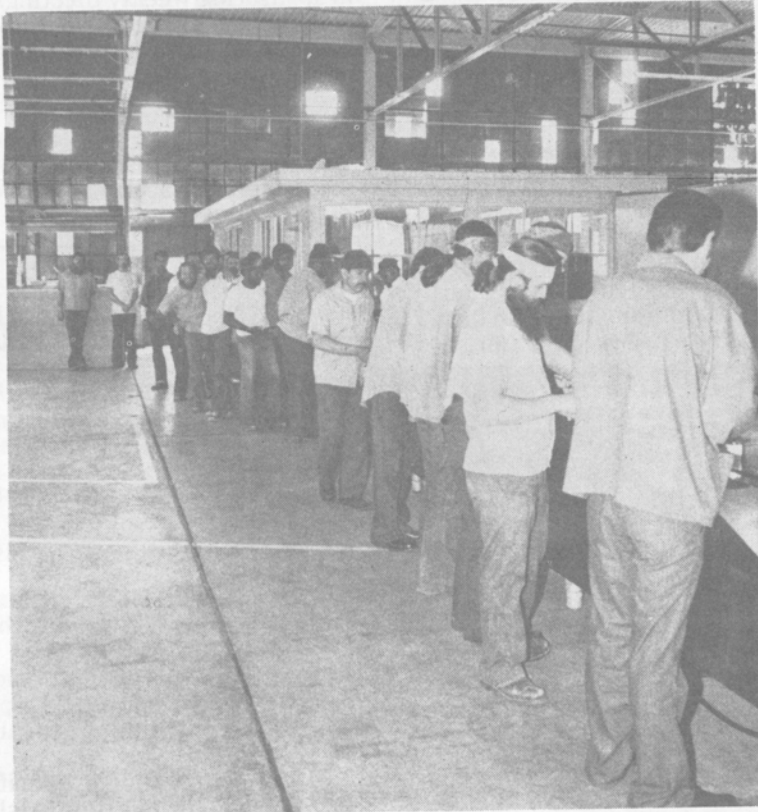
The industry kitchen workers were ready for Ruth Rushen's visit to San Quentin July 16 with a bouquet of flowers hand-picked from the garden outside the industry's messhall.

Officer Scott, along with his crew Darnel Williams, Bill Gradford, James Winnet and Joe Stevenson are the men responsible for feeding men from the industry area.

Because of these men maintaining a high degree of cleanliness in the industry messhall — and the special efforts of putting flowers on the tables three times a week—men welcome coming there for their noontime meal.

Some of the advantages of eating in the industry's messhall are hot food, ample servings, seconds on food, clean tables and floors — and a pleasant atmosphere in which to eat.

"Personally, I'd rather eat all my meals down at industries," said one of the industry workers. "We should be allowed to eat all our meals there," said another one.



INDUSTRY WORKERS on the serving line during the noon meal.



OFFICER SCOTT with two members of his crew pose for News cameraman.

A Day in San Quentin

"Room service," called the man
"I have green salad and liver
Vegetables and cake,
Coffee and gravy and the potatoes are baked."

"Is it hot today," I said with a sigh,
Knowing full well what the man would reply.

"I serve it; not preserve it."
He said with a grin,
And down went the ladle into that silvery bin.

Up came a tater with a full head of hair,
"Hold it!" I said, "What have you got there!
But onto the plate without much adieu,
"Eat it, or leave it, it's all up to you."

"Leave it!" I said,
"You can have all the rest,
Give somebody else this culinary best."

I sat on my bunk in this dingy state cell,
I thought about Heaven,
I thought about Hell.

I closed my eyes and started to pray,
"Lord if you've never heard me before,
Hear me today."

"Lord, if I should die before I wake
Please Lord teach that poor man how to bake.
For one day his life will come to an end
And what he calls skill,
You'll call Culinary Sin.
Teach him and guide him in the right way to go,
And if that won't work, then send him below.
He can bake bread all by the dozen
For that lake of fire makes a hell of an oven."

"Lord, since I'm talking, I've got more to say.
It's about a short visit, that I had today.
My wife came up and brought a friend,
But the bulls up front wouldn't let her in.
They say that I exceeded my limit today
And that's why they turned my wife's friend away.
They can visit on Wednesday and Thursday, too,
But Saturday and Sunday just won't do.

They say that animals have no soul
But Lord I'll ask one favor when it's my time to go
PLEASE change your policy, and let me in
So I can say hi to my prison guard friends.
Oh, I know they'll be there without a doubt,
For they keep the bad guys in and the good guys out!"

—Carl David Hogan



"No more west block cartoons, understand!"

Sate Meets...

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confined to the security housing units.

After a brief dialogue with Warden Sumner concerning this misconception, she emphasized that a planning unit had been set up to deal with the problem of overcrowding. This is the purpose of the new inmate rating system, she said.

Rushen was then asked about the quality of the health care in SQ. She stated that the CDC is in the process of recruiting more doctors and other medical personnel for the San Quentin hospital. She believes that by getting more medical personnel for the hospital, the quality of the health care here will improve.

The new director stated that if a legitimate grievance concerning the hospital reaches her through the proper channels, she will act on it.

The CDC is now trying to push a minimum wage proposal through the legislature, said Rushen. She also stated that there is stiff opposition for a minimum wage for prisoners but she hopes to be able to raise the existing pay scale.

As the hour-long meeting drew to a close, Ms. Rushen was asked how she felt about the Sate organization's objectives as a self-help program.

She commented that she was in agreement with Sate's stated goals and objectives. Prisoners should have the opportunity to involve themselves in constructive educational programs, she said.

Warden Sumner stated that even though Sate has been viewed in a negative light in the past, he now feels that the black cultural group has become a positive force in its development.

He and the director concur that Sate can play an important role in the motivation of black prisoners toward positive self-development.

Ms. Rushen's closing statement was although she supports Sate's stated goals and objectives, the bottom line is, "No one is as responsible for the development of Sate, than Sate itself."

Commenting on the meeting, Sate President Lafayette Nelson said, "I personally feel the meeting was a positive exchange of views. Also I feel the director is a very down-to-earth person, sincere and straight forward about her plans for the prison system."

He also added, "However, I realize that she is only one person in this system and I hope that at least some of her plans become a reality for the prison population."

East Block Con Assaulted in Cell

On Wednesday, at 5:45 p.m., in the east block bay-side, during the shower unlock, staff saw an unnamed inmate come out of his cell bleeding from the head and back, according to Mike Madding, prison information officer.

The alarm was then sounded, said Madding, and the inmate was taken to the prison hospital to be treated for seven stab wounds in his back and two in his head.

Two suspects have been placed in maximum security, Madding said.

The back bar of the fifth tier bayside is now on lockdown. The incident is still under investigation but is considered to be nonracial, according to Madding.

Jesus Day

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in talking with SQ cons who managed to get on stage.

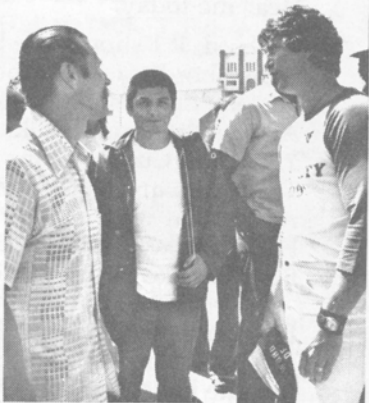
This act was followed by the testimony of San Quentin convict Richard Roldan. Rich shared with the men the solace he had found since he accepted Jesus as his savior.

Following inmate Roldan was a group of entertainers from Oakland known as the Born Again Singers.

This talented group was led by Mrs. Priscilla Gonzales and her four children: Rosa, Juan, Delia and Victoria. Also included was vocalist and guitarist Skip Cordova.

Accompanying the Singers to San Quentin was their pastor, Rano Sanchez, who also shared testimony with the men on the yard.

Mrs. Gonzales told this reporter that she has been a



RAY ROGERS talks with SQ cons. born-again Christian for most of her life and she finds great joy in visiting the men behind bars. This was her second visit to San Quentin, and it should also be noted that while visiting other institutions her family and herself have started numerous friendships with convicts and they still correspond.

Another of the outside guests to share his testimony was Joseph Sombrano. Joe, an ex-



HENRY "T-BONE BURNETT" and his band.

con, is now the director of Teen Challenge of northern California. Mr. Sombrano has been visiting the bastille for 10 years now and he shared a very spirited testimony of the many trials and tribulations that had accompanied his life before he accepted Christ.

Don Stroud, a member of the Friday night cell block ministry here at SQ, showed up to speak to the men. Don was accompanied by his wife Pat.



BORN AGAIN SINGERS perform at celebration.

Both the Strouds have visited San Quentin before and have started friendships with convicts in the Garden Chapel.

Sharing her feelings on the day Pat stated, "It's beautiful to be able to share with the brothers in here. I've given, but I've also taken, a bushel of blessings out with me."

Mainline convicts were also treated to the sounds of Henry "T-Bone" Burnett and his band. This group of Christian musicians included; Henry "T-Bone" Burnett, vocals and guitar; Larry Myers, mandolin; David Mansfield, violin; and Jerry Scheff, on bass.

This quartet have known each other for quite a few years and have performed separately as well as together on tour with Bob Dylan.

Their music, a gospel-folk type, was somewhat familiar to the men as "T-Bone" Burnett performed the music for the movie "Set Free" filmed here in San Quentin.

The group gave a very polished and professional performance. When asked to comment on how they felt about performing here in SQ, Jerry Scheff said, "We know that only through Jesus we aren't in here too."

One of the more prominent guests of the day was ex-convict Ray Rogers. Ray, who is currently on parole was allowed back inside the walls to share his testimony and witness for Christ.

The men were easily able to identify with Ray as some of them in attendance had served time with him right here in SQ. Ray shared his personal testimony and the Word of God and emphasized that, "Only through Christ are we ever really free."

Ray is a very serious and active born-again Christian. When he wasn't on stage he could be found sitting on the grass or mingling with the men as he witnessed for Christ.

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phase of the evening.

The four vocalists, Bert "Too Sweet" Washington, Melvin Malcolm, "Little Joe" Adams and "Jimbo" McDowell, along with Bob Varricchio, piano; Darrel Green, bass guitar; Wilbert Stoneham, congas; Jerome Herron, drums; Raphael Washington, rhythm guitar, and Richard "Dollar" Burns, lead guitar, captivated the audience with such songs as "You Can Do It," "Shining Star," "Darling" and "Just As Long As I Have You."

Betty Nelson, from the San Jose chapter, was the next speaker. Betty, who was a little nervous at first, spoke candidly about her experiences through alcohol, and of her recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous.

Several of the other speakers included Ernie Brede, chairman of the San Jose chapter; Mary Gladston, San Jose chapter, and Steve Watkin, San Francisco chapter.

According to several members attending the seminar, the evening's events were a complete success.

"Special thanks go to Jane Hodgdon," said Melvin, "Without her help and support we may not have had this seminar."

The San Quentin members would also like to thank the chapters from San Francisco, San Jose, Hayward, Marin and Sacramento for their support in sponsoring weekly meetings and the encouragement they have given us to in seeking a better way of life.

A warm thanks goes to the members of the bandroom for their help in setting up the stage.

"6-20" Bill Killed in Senate

Reprint from Soledad Star

Due to persistent rumors throughout the state regarding the "6-20" bill, the Star contacted the author's office to find out its status.

As introduced, the bill would have increased the good time/work time from the present 4 months and 10 days, to 5 months and 10 days—you would have ended up serving 6 months and 20 days on each year of your sentence.

However the bill is dead. Senator Alan Sieroty of Beverly Hills informed the Star News that the Bill, SB 749-79 died in committee for lack of the required number of votes to send it to the floor.

It will not be reconsidered until next session—starting in January 1981—and the chances of passage then are slim unless some of its present opponents change their minds.

Friday Night Canteen To be Discontinued

The Friday night canteen will be discontinued effective July 25.

According to a bulletin released by Canteen Manager W. Riebeling, the west block and D Section inmates will only be allowed night canteen privileges on Thursday nights. This will begin Thursday, July 24.

Also there will be no night canteen on holidays or on the last Thursday of each month during the taking of inventory, said Riebeling.

Scheduled hours for Thursday nights will be 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

RAMADAN

With the Name Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful Peace and Blessings upon His Servant and His Messenger, Muhammad, forever. Amen.

As-Salaam-Alaikum

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The whole Month of Ramadan is a month of fasting. The correct day to start the Ramadan Fast this year is July 13.

During this 30-day period, Muslims are not to overeat, overdrink, oversleep, or overindulge for selfish pleasure. Your daily meal should be the meal of a poor person.

Muslims should sacrifice time from their usual pastimes to give time to Islamic growth. The extra time is to be spent praying, reading the Quran and reciting Quran, and helping the propagation (spread) of Al-Islam.

One of the important benefits of the fast is to bring to your mind the hardships of the less fortunate one in our community so that we will be aware and more sympathetic to the needs of others.

The Ramadan Fast has been divinely ordered by Allah. If you deviate in any way from the strict instructions, you break the fast.

You are to eat immediately after sunset prayer time. During the daylight hours, you are to abstain from food, drink, sex and ill-temperament or anger.

It is not how much or how long you can fast, it is how well you can follow the guidance of Allah.

Any food that is "halal" (permissible) for consumption in the Holy Quran is permissible to eat during Ramadan. Remember, however, that it is expected for you to stay away from expensive food, and from gluttony.

May Allah bless you with the light of understanding.

Your brother in the Faith

—Warith Deen Muhammad

SPECIAL NOTICE

You should check the weather section of your local newspaper to determine the exact time of sunrise each day. At two hours prior to sunrise, you should have finished partaking of food and drink.

The dawn prayer should be said about 40 minutes prior to sunrise.

When possible for you, join in prayer and reading of the Quran at the Masjid.