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Lockdown of the Adolescent Detention Center

From the NY Daily News:

Correction officials ordered a lockdown of the Adolescent Detention Center on Rikers Island yesterday after five correction officers and three inmates were injured in separate incidents.

The first assault occurred at 1 p.m. in a stairwell outside the facility when one teenage inmate slashed another across the back of the head and neck with a tin can top, inflicting a wound requiring 17 stitches, said correction spokesman Tom Antenen.

An hour later, in another wing that houses 1,800 inmates, five adult inmates attacked and slashed two other inmates. Five correction officers, including two captains, were injured breaking up the scuffle.

The two inmates who were slashed were taken to the prison medical facility, where each received six stitches on the face.

The injured correction officers were taken to local hospitals. They were treated complaints ranging from chest pains to bruises and cuts, Antenen said.

Correction Officers Benevolent Association officials said the attacks were gang-related.

Antenen, however, said investigators had not concluded gangs were linked to either attack.

"We don't know if the gangs were involved here or somebody said something or it's something that started on the street," he said.

He said a lockdown and search of all inmates is the standard response any time there is an incident at a city prison.

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New Look For California Inmates

Crackdown Designed to Create "More discipline and respect"

By William Claiborne Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES-California. Prison inmates may never quite achieve the New England prep school look but they're headed in that direction with the help of Penal Code Section 3062.

Twenty-two years after then-Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry Brown Jr. signed into law his controversial 'Inmate Bill of Rights,' putting California in the forefront of liberalizing prisoners' personal privileges, beards, long hair and, ponytails are now out. So are earrings, long sideburns and 'mutton chops,' as well as letters, numbers and designs shaved onto the heads of inmates.

The new "grooming regulations" imposed on the 156,000 inmates in the state's 33 prisons are the latest rules changes in an ongoing crackdown on prisoners' personal appearance and conduct by the

administration of Gov. Pete Wilson (R). Advocates for inmate rights say the changes reflect a national trend of politicians making the conditions of confinement as unpleasant as possible and in the process undermining rehabilitation as a way of satisfying anti-crime fervor among constituents.

The changes in California already have resulted in cutbacks in some education and rehabilitation pro-grams, a ban on media interviews with inmates and new restrictions on over-night family visits.

Scheduled to be implemented soon are plans to replace the standard blue jeans and denim shirts prisoners wear with all white uniforms stenciled with "CDC Prisoner" in black. Also in the works is a ban on packages from home. Families will be required to purchase food and other gifts from a state-approved list of vendors and have them ship the goods to the prisoners. Also, a Department of Corrections spokesman said that body building equipment such as weights and bar bells will be removed within two or three months in an effort to: prevent inmates from bulking up and presenting a more formidable challenge to unarmed guards.

Tip Kindel, spokesman for the Prison system, said most of the new rules are being imposed for security reasons. Additionally, he said, the grooming standards are designed to promote good personal hygiene, a more uniform appearance and more discipline and respect for authority. 'Some folks are saying we're just being mean spirited, but it's not that,' Kindel said. 'Public safety and a need to minimize the risk of inmates changing their appearance is the reason for most of the [grooming] rules.' Kindel said beards became a problem because inmates shaved their facial hair just before or after escaping, making them more difficult to identify from prison mug shots taken when they were bearded. He cited the recent escape near San Diego of an inmate who cut his long hair and shaved his beard and, when captured, bore no resemblance to his mug shots. The three inch limit on hair length, which officials said may be reduced to two inches in the future, is also needed to make it more difficult to hide contraband, Kindel said.

The prison spokesman said the ban on earrings and all other body piercing for men is intended to reduce the risk of injury during prison fights, and that plain white uniforms would make it harder for an escape prisoner to blend into an outside population in which denim clothing is so popular. The new rules take note of the fact that female inmates, historically, have not been as violent or as escape prone as men, and therefore should be allowed to wear their hair at any length in any plain style which does not draw undue attention.'

Kindel said physical force will not be used on inmates who refuse to allow their hair or beards to be cut but those who do refuse will be subject to disciplinary action, including loss of time off for good behavior, loss of visiting privileges and transfer to more restrictive confinement. When corrections officials held a public hearing on the new regulations on Dec. 12, hundreds of Sikhs, Muslims and American Indians angrily charged that the new rules will violate their religious beliefs. Leaders of nearly 200 Sikhs at the hearing said they view unshorn hair as a supplication to God and that cutting hair makes a Sikh a renegade. Native Americans said long hair was a link to their ancestors, and Muslims said the Koran views beards as a sign of manhood.

However, prison officials noted that the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down inmates use of the Restoration of Religious Freedom Act as a defense "against violation of prison rules governing personal appearance. They estimated there are only about 20 Sikhs in California prisons, along with about 5,000 Muslims and 2,000 American Indians. "Presumably, these people broke at least one tenet of their faith to get into prison in the first place," Kindel said. "This is one of those things where if any correctional system can show that security issues outweigh religious issues, security issues have to prevail." However

Jenni Gainsborough, public policy administrator for the Washington- based American Civil Liberties Union's Prison Project, said Wilson and other governors seem to, be locked in competition 'to see who can be the toughest and punish prisoners the most. It makes you feel good and it makes, them look good, but they are damaging rehabilitation.

Millard Murphy, staff attorney for the California Prison Law Office, said the rule changes are a major setback for what was left of the 1975 Inmate Bill of Rights, which, in effect gave prisoners all of the' personal rights of "free citizens except those necessary to keep a convicted criminal incarcerated. That statute was gradually amended to the point where it now says an inmate may be deprived of any right "reasonably related to legitimate penological interests" a definition that Murphy said is so broad that it could be applied to any rule change.

The inmates are quite terrified. They are taking it very personally, like it's an onslaught to their last real area of personal, expression and identity,' Murphy said. 'Every minute of their lives is already covered by regulations, so what they do with, their bodies is important to them. Basically, their hair is. All they have left. Murphy said many older inmates With whom he has spoken have memories of riots that erupted over such rules changes. "Their fear is that these places are going to blow if we're not able to Stop it' he said.

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A Plot to Kill Correction Officers

A plot by a prison gang to murder three correctional officers at South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton has been uncovered and thwarted, and the prison remained on lockdown status yesterday, authorities said.

Bob McHugh, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections, said the plot was uncovered Tuesday when members of the department's Internal Affairs Unit received information from an inmate at the new medium-security institution.

"This was an extremely close call," said Acting Department of Corrections Commissioner Gary J. Hilton. "Only head-ups investigative work by our investigators and the South Woods staff prevented a major tragedy."

Investigators said members of the Five Percenters, a long-standing inmate gang, had planned to murder the guards by cutting their throats with razor blades -- possibly smuggled into the prison, possibly dismantled plastic safety razors that are issued to inmates.

Prison officials cited security reasons for not releasing the identities of the targeted guards, who were transferred temporarily from their normal duties to other assignments. McHugh said the attacks had been "imminent," according to what investigators learned on Tuesday. Correctional officers conducted searches of the prison but failed to uncover hidden razor blades or any other weapons. Investigators said they believe the razor blades might have been flushed down cell toilets.

Eight members of the Five Percenters gang were transferred Tuesday to the maximum-security New Jersey State Prison in Trenton. They were being held in disciplinary segregation pending administrative and criminal charges, authorities said.

McHugh said prison officials believe the gang might have plotted the killings either to make some sort of "political statement" or as a protest in the wake of rumors about an impending crackdown on prison gangs by the Department of Corrections.

The plot was uncovered five months after a corrections officer at Bayside State Prison, about 15 miles away, was stabbed to death July 30, allegedly by an inmate angry over plans to move his roommate to another cell. Fred Baker, 35, of Rio Grande, became the first corrections officer killed in the line of duty in 25 years.

The plot foiled at South Woods is the second uncovered since the Baker killing, McHugh said. Ten inmates at East Jersey Prison in Rahway plotted to assault guards using homemade weapons resembling blackjacks, he said.

"Let's hope it's not open season on corrections officers," said Thomas Little, president of Local 105 of the Policemen's Benevolent Association. "It is a dangerous profession that we do."

The inmates at South Woods had planned a guerrilla-type attack and were simply awaiting an opportunity when all three guards were in the same area, McHugh said. It is believed the plot would have been carried out in a day or two, he said.

South Woods Prison currently houses 920 inmates. The medium-security facility is being constructed in three phases, according to prison officials. It is two-thirds finished and the remaining construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring. The prison will ultimately house 3,200 inmates.

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CORRECTIONS ALERT THREAT POSED BY PHONE CORDS

Received word that a makeshift "saw" may be hiding in your facility. This covert tool was recently discovered by officials at the King Co. Regional Justice Center in Kent, WA after 2 inmates used it to help them escape by cutting through a chain link security fence.

"The means these inmates used to cut through the fence is quite inventive and came as a shock to us," King Co. Dept. of Adult Detention Director Arthur Wallenstein told the Street Survival Newsline. "They used a woven metal cord found in one of the vandal-resistant pay phones in our facility to cut through the 9-gauge chain link fence that surrounds the compound."

According to Wallenstein, the inmates separated the phone cord from one of the phones and unwrapped the metal binding used to cover the wires running between the handset and the body of the phone. Much to the surprise of jail officials, a woven stainless steel lanyard that is used to further secure the handsets to the phones was also being covered by the binding.

The inmates freed the lanyard, wrapped cloth around the 2 ends to use as handles and successfully sawed through the chain link fence in short order. "The cord acted just like a saw," said Wallenstein. "The woven metal strands produced friction that was very effective in cutting through the metal fence."

Since the escape, U.S. West, the phone company that supplies the phones for Wallenstein's institution, has initiated the development of a new cord made of a non-abrasive polymer that will not be effective as a cutting device. "This new cord will be just as effective at preventing handsets from being yanked off

facility pay phones while eliminating the risk now found to be inherent in the metal lanyards," Jim Brandt, Product Services Manager for the Public Service Division of U.S. West, told the Newslite.

"To our knowledge this hasn't been a problem anywhere else," he said. "But we acknowledge that word can spread through inmates quickly sometimes and we're prepared to do whatever it takes to avoid situations like this in the future."

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Salary Grade Reallocation

Does anyone have any information on the status of the 2 grade reallocation that Council 82 is/was seeking? Is it still in the works or has it been put on the back burner with most of the other important issues?

***Right now, its still in the "collection" process. An outside attorney is handling it and the info is being passed along as soon as we get it. Don't rush this, every "I" has to be dotted and every "T" has to be crossed, the LAST thing we want is for them to send it back for lack of info. This is not a legislative issue, its Civil Service and will have to be added to the budget once it is approved.

Like I said, we will be getting out some info on this.

John Butler
Correction Policy Chairman

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Salary Grade Reallocation (more info)

This is Rich Abrahamson, President of Council 82 responding to your posting on January 5. You ask, what is the status of the proposed 2 paygrade increase. Contrary to a widespread belief that this is a done deal, nothing could be further from the truth. When I first started campaigning for this position over 2 years ago, I believed a one or two paygrade increase in corrections was possible to acheive. I based this conclusion on talks with the leaders of the TUFCO movement and also former leaders of Council 82 from an era prior to the disasterous Puma/Kennedy regime. I believed then and even more now, that with a focussed political action committee, better relations with the powers on the state level, (ie. Governor, Senate Majoity Leader and the Speaker of the Assembly) and an informed active membership, we could make this idea a reality.

At this point this proposal is an idea. We have hired two law firms, one in Rochester for corrections and one here in Albany for the other State wide bargaining groups (Forest Rangers, Park police, University Police, Encon Officers and building guards) to put the information we are now gathering from the field into proposals which will be presented to the State in the form of and application. This is a long and tedious process which is nearing completion. We will than lobby the elected leaders through our legislative department, our hired lobbieist firm (Bolton/St.Johns), input from our pac committees in the field and Mike Graney and my personal relationships we have developed over the past year and a half with different leaders in state government.

So as you can see this is far from a done deal. But also let me tell you this. A year and half ago, in my "gut" I beleived we would get the 3/4 disability bill for tier 3 SHTA's and CO's, when many skeptics felt we wouldn't and we did. Also, many people thought we would never get one new cell built and we helped get 1650 new cells approved. We needed to put a lot more money into our pac fund, again many thought we were full of hot air, and we got it done. As I wrote earlier, in my "gut", I believed we could get it done and we did. We are now at the same point. I believe in my "gut" again, we will get at the very least a one grade increase. People tell me I'm crazy when I insist we will get a one grade increase let alone a two grade increase. I believe in you and me and 26,000 others like us, in that we can get this done. If we stay focussed and dot all the I's cross all the T's we can get this done. Again let me reinterate, there is no deal or this is not a done deal. Rather a belief on my and may others part that we are deserving of this increase and will get it done.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address Rka14222@aol.com or at Council 82, 1-800-724-0482, ext 244.

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Policy Committee Looses another Member Local

I received a call in the evening of the 8th from a Brother from Great Meadows notifying me as a member of the Policy Committee that they were withdrawing from participation with the committee.

Now Correction Policy has three Locals outside its participating body;

Attica in the West

Coxsackie from Mid Hudson

Great Meadows from the North

I have been told that the Policy Committee Executive Board has met and a number of issues were discussed.

When each Local became a participating Vice President of the Council the death nil of the committee was rung.

A number of Locals found it unnecessary to participate within the Committee structure since they now have a direct voice within the Council.

This attitude is not wrong when an individual local is mandated by its members to act within a specific parameters or take a specific stand.

This attitude is wrong when there is common grounds that effect Correction Locals in general.

What I have seen at the Policy Meetings is individual agenda's, individual Locals formulating their own venue with building #2, these venues maybe totally in the opposite direction that the majority of the Correction Locals want to go, an example of this is the issue address concerning T. Testo, a member local wanted the moratorium concerning communications lifted so that they could negotiate with Testo, I applaud the Local Presidents concern over opening communication so that a member can be return from suspension. This was one local, what would have happen if there were forty locals who wanted to open

communication with Testo, the department would have brought this to the Governors Office and said, "here we have forty local unions that say they can work with Testo, why can these forty work with Testo and the Council 82 is stating that TESTO must go".

The Policy Committee and its Executive Members on the Executive Committee must be the main source of communication with the department of Correctional Services, the committee must formulate a strong by-law which mandates participation in the committee. That the Democratic participation in the committee mandate after full discussion the majority position on issues.

In my many years of involvement with the Union I have seen one great flaw, no preparedness of meetings. Even at meetings I have seen the "lets get out of here" attitude.

Let me give you an example (I hate to bring up this issue again but it brings home my point);

The issue of buying 55 Colvin Avenue was known prior to the Executive Board Meeting of the 6 December 97, On the 5th of December the issue was not discussed, the Committee, Council knew this issue would be brought-up at the Meeting on the 6th, no reasons for the purchase, no debate of cost, no debate concerning need, no debate concerning buying vs. leasing.

I don't know what happen at the Law Enforcement Policy Meeting but, I'll bet a dollar to a donut that the purchase was discussed and a consensus was reach.

Without discussion and data how can anyone reach a knowledgeable decision to spend hundreds of thousands of members dollars.

In closing, there is a need for a strong Policy Committee but, that Committee must be drawn from the strength of a unified vote, if those Locals that are left in the Committee started to vote for the benefit of the whole and not in singularity, it would send a message to the non-participants that they are doing a disservice to their membership. It would send a message to Law Enforcement that they can not count on a disjointed Correction vote, the word union comes from Unity at this point we are a dis-union.

Fraternally,
A.J. Sportiello
President
S.S.C.O.U. Local 1413
173 Years of Service to the People
of the State of New York

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Sergeant Test Rankings

Will the list now go by seniority again or by some scramble?

***In a nutshell. The test is raw scored, 1 point for each five years of service is then applied, they are then zoned by 5s (ie. 100, 95, 90, 85, 80, 75, 70), veteran credits are then applied (ie. 100, 97.5, 95, 92.5, 90, 87.5 ect), within those scores seniority is again applied with any "ties" being fed into a computer for a "random" draw to determine the final ranking (I called CS and was told that they didn't have very many of those).

The facilities should have a complete "Eligible List" by now, check with personal.

There are 5,656 eligible candidates on this list.

No score below a 70 is listed.

There are; 5--100s,

2--97.5s,

54--95s,

22--92.5s,

368--90s,

73--87.5s,

931--85s,

134--82.5s,

1456--80s,

144--77.5s,

1652--75s,

60--72.5s, and 646--70s.

(my math may be a little off, but not enough to make a difference.)

John Butler

Correction Policy Chairman

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Malone Prison Site Problems!!!!

It appears that the Malone Prison Site is located on "Federally Regulated Wetlands" !

How can the State expect to build a prison there ?

It can take up to two years to get a permit from the Federal Govt.

The Dept. of Corrections should take another honest look at the Tupper Lake Sites !

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Labor Relations (D. Reilly)

On 1/8/98 during step 2's at Attica C.F. Dave Reilly (Labor Relations) spoke the truth ! What Reilly said are the sentiments of Labor Relations, DOCS, and the State of N.Y. Rick Harcrow stated to Reilly that we are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the laws of the State of N.Y. and the U.S. Consitution, Rick read it direct from he's calander book. Reilly appeared stressed out and on the edge. Then Reilly did it ! Reilly said, and this is a quote **"It is our postion that your Consitutional rights END when you walk through the front gate"** I repeat, Reilly said **"It is our postion that your Consitutional rights END when you walk through the front gate"**

I believe Harcrow and myself were both dressed in grey at the time. Its obvious, Labor relations, DOCS, and the State are all color blind ! They have a real problem distinguishing Grey form Green or perhaps its

all just the same to them.

PS: Council 82, if you are the New C-82 and a real membership backing union, you would bring on the Fed's to investigate DOCS and Labor relations. Oh sorry, that might be good for the membership but not good for Uncle George, we GOT to get him re-elected first.... opps sorry again

C-82 we understand..... SO WILL DO IT OURSELF.....

Carl Canterbury Attica C.F.

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Behind Bars, and Loving It

Gouverneur residents fleeing ice and floods find a warm welcome at the prison. Inmates donate duds.

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By GREG MUNNO

GOUVERNEUR - The ice storm of 1998 brought the walls down here.

The Gouverneur Correctional Facility, a state medium-security prison that houses 880 inmates, has become the temporary home of about 150 people who were flooded or lost their electricity.

"I wanted this prison built for the jobs. I never thought I'd have to spend the night here," said Americo Marchione, 77, who has been staying, freely he adds, inside a secure room at the prison since Thursday.

"They are very good to us here, although it gets a little slow. It feels like I'm locked up and they threw away the key."

Paul Forte, who is heading Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.'s efforts to return power to the region, said Gouverneur is the worst hit town in St. Lawrence County. It may take a month to return power to the area.

Complicating matters, the Oswegatchie River flooded late last week, forcing a nursing home to be evacuated. Many of those residents are staying at the prison, which has never served as a shelter since it opened in 1989.

Most of the people in the shelter have a good sense of humor about their sentence.

"My son is only 18 months old, and already he has been in jail," joked Carly Carr, while her son Kadley laughed in delight at the attention he received from older children staying at the prison.

The prison staff, many of whom have slept at the prison since the storm, have brought VCRs from home to help entertain both refugees and prisoners.

The prisoners have done their part, said Superintendent Earl A. Couture. Couture spent part of Tuesday reviewing the files of 60 prisoners who volunteered for clean-up efforts outside the walls.

Prisoners donated clothes to help people who ran from flood waters without packing, Couture said.

"We had four minor disciplinary incidents in the last 48 hours," Couture said. "Frankly, that's unheard of around here. My kids used to misbehave more than that."

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Inmates Cook for A Crowd

The state corrections department is sending 17,000 meals a day to the storm area.

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By JEFF STAGE

Hot meals by the thousands - from chili con carne to spaghetti - are coming to the storm-ravaged North Country from an unlikely benefactor: the state Department of Correctional Services.

Inmates are preparing and shipping 17,000 dinners a day to distribution centers.

The Food Production Center at the Oneida Correctional Facility in Rome began shipping meals Sunday to Watertown, Potsdam and Elizabethtown. On Tuesday, Canton was added to the run.

"We know we will ship more on Wednesday and we're prepared to continue as long as they need us," said John Badger, head account clerk at the center.

He said they have shifted into overtime to help feed hungry North Country residents and rescue workers.

"I know they really needed it up in Elizabethtown by the time we arrived. We delivered about 3,000 meals there (Sunday)," he said.

It's not unusual for the center to produce mountains of take-out food. On a regular day, the center produces 35,000 meals for 38 state prisons from the Adirondacks south to New York City and west to Elmira and Auburn.

Still, it's much busier than usual this week. "We're incorporating the (rescue) runs in with our regular runs," said Badger.

That means a lot more work than can be handled in the center's typical 15-hour day.

The kitchen and shipping area have been open around the clock. Workers, including prisoners, are working 12-hour shifts. Drivers are on the road about 15 hours and start another run eight hours later. (Prisoners, by the way, who normally make 42 cents an hour, are getting time-and-a-half.)

Meals are a relative bargain. Chili with rice costs 28 cents a portion, spaghetti with meat sauce is coming in at 27 cents a portion, and pork stew with noodles is 24 cents a portion, said James Knoerl, a food production supervisor.

"We've wanted to create them meals that are substantial; something that will fill them up," Badger said.

That's called for innovations.

The center normally doesn't prepare rice. For this emergency, it turned a 200-gallon chicken cooker into a giant rice cooker.

The stew had to be cooked and pumped into thick, 2-foot long plastic bags at near-pasteurization temperatures before being chilled and shipped.

Knoerl said he is prepared for the emergency food requests to keep coming in for a while. His son is a lineman for Niagara Mohawk who works in the Western New York village of Fredonia. He's among those who have been sent north.

"My son said they were told to pack for three to five days," Knoerl said. "They got there and were told it might have to be a week. He called me and said, "Dad, now they say it's two weeks, but I think it's going to take at least a month and even then we might not get it all (repaired)."

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New York State Bill A00203

We all know that passage of Senate Bill S5558 by Senator Abate, Anti-Privatization of Corrections is a priority and that any legislator whether an assemblyman, Senator or Governor that really cares about his people would support such worthy legislation. This is a no cost bill and will not cost the government a penny to pass unless of course there are some out there that have taken a bribe. That's right a BRIBE. However a bill comes along that is worthwhile I like to share with you, the people that really care, the people that have a real heart, those that believe in justice, the constitution, and the bill of rights. Below is a senate and assembly bill for free train transportation for Correction Officers in the New York City Area/Westchester County and neighboring counties. Some of my friends that I met with in the city area gave their opinion to me earlier about how expensive the transportation costs were for them to travel to work. Well here's the bill the assembly and senate version this year. All you have to do is start writing to your assemblyman and senators start writing articles in the editorials(they just hate that little secret weapon). Good Luck Tom

Text of New York State Bill A00203

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1997-1998 Regular Sessions

S E N A T E - A S S E M B L Y

(PREFILED)

January 8, 1997

IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. JOHNSON, HANNON, KUHL, MALTESE, MARCEL- LINO, NOZZOLIO, TRUNZO, VOLKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed

to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the metropolitan transportation authority to permit New York state and New York city corrections officers to ride the Long Island Rail Road at no charge

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY,
DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 1266 of the public authorities

2 law, as added by chapter 307 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as

3 follows:

4 14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any

5 contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road,

6 shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on

7 the Long Island Rail Road for: (A) police officers employed by the city

8 of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county

9 of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages, the division of state police, the

10 port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North Commuter

11 Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York

12 city transit authority; AND (B) CORRECTION OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE NEW

13 YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OR THE NEW YORK CITY

14 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION. In establishing such program, which has as its

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets

{ } is old law to be omitted.

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1 goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters, the

2 authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall, among other things,

3 consider: (a) requiring police officers who ride without cost to regis-

4 ter with the Long Island Rail Road as a condition of riding without
5 cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registration
6 process their regular working hours and the Long Island Rail Road trains
7 that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering
8 and re-validating such officers. The authority and the Long Island Rail
9 Road shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to
10 carry out the goals and objectives of this section.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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The President & Contraband

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton prodded the states yesterday to keep prisoners off drugs, calling for new tough penalties to stop jailhouse drug peddling and earmarking \$197 million for drug testing and treatment. "To inmates we say, 'If you stay on drugs, then you'll have to stay in jail,' " Clinton said during an Oval Office ceremony. "To parolees we say, 'If you want to keep your freedom, you have to stay free from drugs.' "

The initiative is one of several 1998 agenda items Clinton has announced in advance of his Jan. 27 State of the Union address.

"Somehow jail time has to be cold turkey for those who are addicted, and must represent unemployment for those who are addicted, and must represent unemployment for those who are drug dealers," said Barry McCaffrey, Clinton's drug-policy director.

Although the federal government has no direct authority over the conduct of state prisons, Clinton said he would use the power of the federal budget and grants to states to help shape a policy of "coerced abstinence" in prisons and jails.

The program has these elements: It requires states to report annually on the extent of their prison drug-abuse problem, building on an earlier requirement that they submit drug testing and intervention plans in order to qualify for federal prison grants. It urges Congress to pass a law permitting states to use prison construction money to provide drug testing, treatment and penalties. It requires states to toughen penalties for drug trafficking within correctional facilities as a condition for receiving federal prison-construction funds.

Clinton said his new budget would include \$197 million in initiatives to promote drug-free prisons and mandatory drug treatment for inmates who test positive for drugs.

Clinton's actions follow a report issued last week by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University that said 1.4 million of the 1.7 million inmates in the nation's prisons were either high on drugs or alcohol when arrested, stole to buy drugs, or have a history of drug or alcohol abuse.

McCaffrey said that in the federal prison system, which has a stronger testing and treatment program than many states, 2 percent of inmates tested positive for drug use, compared with 9 percent of state prisoners.

Responding to questions, he said that prisoners get drugs through meetings from relatives, through corrupt guards, and possibly from smuggling in shipments of supplies..

"The True Administration of Justice is the Firmest Pillar of Good Government" (Inscription above the entrance to the New York State Supreme Court, NYC)

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North Country Storm

Dear Brothers and Sisters

One week ago a devastating ice storm ravaged much of the Northern part of New York.

Many of our brothers and sisters who work in places like Watertown, Riverview and Clinton have homes without running water, electricity or heat.

There families are sleeping in shelters and they need our help.

I ask each and every one member of the net to consider making a donation to their local Chapter of the American Red Cross to hep with North country relief.

I also ask each local to consider making a donation either from its treasury or by passing a hat in the jail for the help of our brothers and sisters up North.

Just think as you read this that many of our favorite Hacknetters can't get on line because they have no electricity or phone service.

If a union exists for the benevolent assistance of each brother and sister let me say our brothers and sisters are in need.

Thank you all for your time and reaching into your hearts (and pockets).

Mark Hartz
VP Local 1136
Mohawk Valley Chapter
American Red Cross
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Disaster fund

From: John Bulter;

Council 82 is attempting in getting together a disaster fund for the Members of C-82. They are seeking donations from Locals and/or individual members.

For more information or to actually make a donation, please contact:
John Bulter CPC @ 1-800-724-0482 Ex: 263

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Local Union President Steps Up To The Plate

The other night at Cayuga C.F. Local 3551 union meeting I presented a petition that is to be sent to our local senator asking for support of Senator Abates bill for anti-privatization. I presented the petition to the members on both shift meetings and I was informed today by our local President Tom Mulhern that the petition is good to go and the local will be seeking signatures.

I must publically thank our President Tom Mulhern who has really stepped up to the plate and may be responsible for saving our department and state from this crime of privatization. What I am about to say I have never said before. Today I can say that I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF LOCAL 3551. However I am not proud to be a member of AFSCME. Can any of you say that out there. Our President has stepped up to the plate without a sliver of fear. He has taken the first initiative against privatization.

If any of you would like the petition please e-mail me and tell me the format your system can read. Also at the union meeting I made a statement on the record that I and Bob Fitzmaurice have been accused of being part of the challenge which you all probably know by now is on-going, that there is a prestigious law firm hired for it and several officers around the state are involved and organizing. One meeting has already taken place and the date for the second is already set. I made it clear on the record that I or Bob are not part of any challenge, that I have not attended nor will not attend any meetings, that I will not be passing cards out at the jail, however will I sign the card that will be my decision alone and is personal. What ever knowlege I did have of the challenge I shared with the members of my local and they were very open and frank about it, appreciated my openness, and hell most of them said they voted for the challengers in the earlier election which I was unaware of until this union meeting. Furthermore I will be stepping back on the issue of privatization now and let the locals and the members take the issue over as I will be returning to College next week to further my education. I am sure there are many people out there who promote privatization that are breathing a serious sigh of relief.

Bob, myself and another officer also have opened a Computer Business Known "WEB ROVER COMPUTERS" and can ship computers anywhere in the world. We mainly sell two lines Comtrade and Vektron. Comtrade was one computer that earlier this past year 1997 was voted as the fastest and Vektron received the ISO-9002 Award for Quality. We also sell printers at very reasonable prices with very low markup since our overhead is low. In the future we will be designing our own system. We are a legitimate business with a tax certificate and business number. This business is approved through the Commissioner of Corrections and we do not sell pirated software. If anyone would like a brochure faxed, e-mailed, or snail-mailed please send me a note.

[Tom Short](#)

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Sergeant List Rankings

SERGEANTS LIST THROUGH THE SCORE OF 90

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1 - Lynn Paul 2 - G.S. Lawrence 3 - R.W. Meyers 4 - B.M. Smithers 5 - W.A. Terrill

97.5

6 - D.C. Augustine 7 - Robert Chapin

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8 - A.F. Nowicki 9 - C.S. Jenkins 10- W.E. Madden 11- Rafael Ortiz 12- John Palmatier 13- Ed Lavino 14- Joe Bott 15- N.P. Bashta 16- Ralph Greene 17- Michael Reed 18- Eddie Charles 19- Roland Lapier 20- Ed Fagan 21- Thomas Somich 22- Mark Supina 23- J.A. Martin 24- R.J. Considine 25- Brandon Smith 26- Kathryn Scott 27- William Hughes 28- Dwayne Hash 29- John Jagow 30- D.V. Hotaling 31- Brad Landry 32- Brian Gernatt 33- M.L. Sticek 34- M.G. Minemier 35- D.E. Gallagher 36- Dennis Giglio 37- Wayne Hirsch 38-A.J. Jonathan 39- John Lawson 40- T.J. Gonzalez 41- Dennis Martin 42- K.A. Temple 43- C.J. Kudla 44- Dale Long 45- Donald Watson 46- Peter Sigona 47- R.W. Schroder 48- J.W. Hallowell 49- Richard Buys 50- Jamie Lamanna 51- Janice Olsen 52- John O'Brien 53- B.J. McCauley 54- M.M. Diangelo 55- R.C. Long jr. 56- M. Overbaugh 57- Jeremy Knapp 58- Rickie Weber 59- Jon Rizzo 60- Brian Sansone 61- K.M. VanVolkenburgh

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62- Prince Cousins 63- Tony Baker 64- M.E. Supina 65- Steve Byrne 66- Ward Cladwell 67- Michael Graci 68- Richard Holmes 69- C.P. Couventry 70- Steve Duke 71- John Morton 72- L.F. Siulc 73- Jerome Hendel 74- Jack Vitvisky 75- T.J. Sheedy 76- John Agati 77- W. Ryerson 78- S.R. Landers 79- T.P. Horton 80- Darin Austin 81- S.V. Casaceli 82- M.A. Dayesr 83- Craig Goodman

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84- J.R. Englehart 85- David Wigsten 86- John Wagner 87- M.H. Frederekswen 88- Pat Halicy 89- S.J. Spillane 90- Rob. Cary 91- Tyler Smith 92- David King 93- W.T. Huggins 94- John Swanson 95- John Locastro 96- W.J. Kilmer 97- Dennis McBride 98- Don. Devore 99- Kevin Brown 100- P. Dufficy 101- Dave Fuller 102- David Irwin 103- James Huff 104- M.E. Henderson 105- Creglin Olmeda 106- T.M. Irving 107- Rob. Keith 108- L.J. Greenwood 109- G.A. Ransom 110- W. Minogue 111- John Moore 112- G.R. Rabideaur 113- Dave Crans 114- Wayne Lasher 115- M. Ratliff 116- Bruce Banker 117- Greg Palen 118- John Lloyd 119- Glen Travis 120- Steve Uram 121- J.H. Schneider 122- G.G. Prentice 123- Dave Goff 124- Mark Leroux 125- R.C. Finnegan 126- Will. Wood 127- Judd Suillivan 128- Ed Kelly 129- R.W. WAHRENDORFF 130- L.S. Johnson 131- Rob. Card 132- T. Dougherty 133- M.E. Murray 134- W.J. Martens 135- J. Sehlmeier 136- Sean Murphy 137- C.A. Russell 138- Rob. Rock 139- C.G. Barrette 140- Don. Bushey 141- Tom Brown 142- Fred Loftin 143- Norm. Miller 144- Kevin Arnone 145- Derek Deegan 146- Tom Crowe 147- J.D. Stanforth 148- Dave Lucia 149- Pete Merante 150- T.J. Seeberger 151- Mike Spitz 152- Mike Booth 153- John OHerron 154- James Mason 155- Denis Whalen 156- Kevin Rosa 157- E.W. Liberty 158- Andy Mattice 159- R.D. Ferris 160- R.E. Simmons 161- J. Giannotta 162- Nick Wood 163- C.A. Hamilton 164- Scott Renshaw 165- G.J. Scarfile 166- E.J. Jeffery 167- Leonard Weeks 168- C.J. Hegeman 169- Steve Schiff 170- Dave Mulcahy 171- Jim Forkey 172- N.F. Durocher 173- R.C. Hagadorn 174- John Yurek 175- Coleman Smith 176- Gary Vaccaro 177- D.G. Hillriegel 178- L.G. Duquette 179- C.K. Moore 180- Leon Lareau 181- John Jarvis 182- Brian

Baker 183- Kirk Snyder 184- Ray Hauck 185- R.J. Shanley 186- John Conklin 187- John Shipley 188- R. Ferebee 189- John Millett 190- Mel Shaw 191- Jeff Gray 192- M.T. Putorti 193- Shawn Kerbein 194- Will. Green 195- L.S. Hammond 196- P.J. Lawrence 197- Glenn Randall 198- K.R. Brakenbury 199- Duane Bickell 200- Joe Black 201- R.A. Wightman 202- Tina Moak 203- Allen Tripp 204- Martin Curry 205- C. Karlstrom 206- Roy Bright 207- D.T. Durland 208- Jim Hartman 209- Dale Larsen 210- Grant Marin 211- P.L. Grafmuller 212- R.A. Frohlich 213- J.A. Catoggio 214- M.M. Tornabene 215- Lois Noto 216- J.C. Aurigema 217- E.T. Reynolds 218- Kevin Ryan 219- Mick Cohn 220- C.A. Cardarelli 221- J.M. Knobloch 222- Mike Rahn 223- Don Quinn 224- Hossam Miligy 225- Andre Sedlak 226- K.R. Dutton 227- Jim McKenna 228- Bruce Johnson 229- W.H. Fulton 230- Tim Cool 231- Craig Downing 232- M.R. Emerson 233- R.M. Carine 234- Jim Silver 235- Tim Votraw 236- JIM HOOGE 237- ANDY HUGHES 238- R.H. ABBOT 239- KEVIN SARGENT 240- K.J. WOJCINSKI 241- ROB. STELLA 242- DAVE REEVES 243- G.H. UNDERWOOD 244- RON. RYAN 245- DON. PREMO 246- J. PIETROBONI 247- R. BRERETON 248- SCOTT WEEKS 249- T.J. RICHARDSON 250- KEVIN LAPORTO 251- W.M. KIVETT 252- GREG JENKINS 253- ROB. BURNS 254- V. GEORGE 255- E.R. BURNETT 256- O.G. CHAPMAN 257- BRAD PARKER 258- DAN GRANT 259- R.S. WRONSKI 260- J.R. WALTERS 261- D.B. WIERNICKI 262- G.J. STABILE 263- C.J. PINKER 264- TIM ORVIS 265- C.J. ATKINSON 266- A.J. DICKSON 267- JOHN TAYLOR 268- J. MELIORIS 269- M. SALAMONE 270- MIKE LUCAS 271- PAUL SKELDON 272- WILL. PAGE 273- GARY SHOLES 274- J.T. HALL 275- M.D. PERRETTA 276- S.M. ULLRICH 277- JOAN KULCZYK 278- CURTIS LARUE 279- GARY SENEAL 280- J.P. DISCHIAVO 281- WILL. DAVIS 282- SABATO PARISI 283- JOHN BESIG 284- G.W. SHEPLER 285- WILL. JONES 286- J. SULLIVAN 287- TROY MITCHELL 288- R.D. GOODMAN 289- J.M. KEENAN 290- JOE WUEST 291- TOM SIROIS 292- S. PFRANGER 293- RICH. ADAMS 294- TIM COREY 295- MIKE HAAS 296- J.R. KURTELAWICZ 297- B. SHANAGER 298- TIM AUBIN 299- JEFF HAINES 300- DAN CHENEY 301- DAVE MCCOY 302- BRIAN WEMTTE 303- C.J. HOMER 304- M.G. RANIERI 305- C.L. MILLER 306- KEVIN KLEIN 307- S.C. LAPLANTE 308- MIKE TUNDO 309- KEVIN SIGNOR 310- JESSE MUNSON 311- RALPH ISABELLA 312- ALLAN WELSH 313- STEVE DEC 314- MIKE REESE 315- JIM DURGAN 316- J.E. HARPER 317- W.V. BARNARD 318- DAVE BUCKBEE 319- DAVE SCHALLER 320- KAREN METZ 321- JODY JOHNSTON 322- WILL. ALLAN 323- W.S. WHITEMARSH 324- DEBRA MAHNKE 325- KAREN BORDEN 326- DAN GUNDERMAN 327- D.A. OLEKSIW 328- JEFF LAGRAY 329- JOE MARKER 330- C.J. REGGENTINE 331- A.F. ROCCHI 332- D.W. CARMICHAEL 333- J.F. AMEDICK 334- A. VANORDEN 335- M.M. HUBBARD 336- DAN SKUBIS 337- M.J. NAPIERALA 338- M.J. LOCKWOOD 339- N.J. WHITMORE 340- RICH. IRISH 341- VERNON KING 342- R.E. LEWIS 343- D.T. STRZEPEK 344- WARD DAVIDSON 345- JOE VASILE 346- RALPH RIESTER 347- SUE HANN 348- W. TROMBLEY 349- ROB. ORIN 350- MARK DUMSTA 351- R.M. CONRAD 352- KEVIN WATERS 353- S.D. BROOKS 354- W.J. SNYDER 355- BARRY PORTER 356- SHARI WING 357- JOHN PERRY 358- H.D. WETZEL 359- MARK SCHIEFER 360- F.M. BROWN 361- ROB. SNOCK 362- VISHNU LAMAYE 363- PETER ARCHIMO 364- MIKE GIROL 365- RICH. HOUCK 366- T.C. ZERNIAK 367- R. MATIAS 368- B.J. JOHNSTON 369- WAYNE JORDAN 370- DONNA TEMPLE 371- SHAWN YORKEY 372- M.R. PORTER 373- S.J. OSTROWSKI 374- S.A. SALLS 375- J.P. OCHIBOVE 376- C.A. GARDNER 377- JIM PLOSS 378- D.J. DALTON 379- S.R. MURDOC 380- GERALD BLOW 381- ROB. SQUIRE 382- RANDY WHALEN 383- TOM KELLEY 384- T.F. SWIERCZNSKI 385- JOE IVES 386- DAN KERR 387- GERALD BROCK 388- BRIAN SLOCUM 389- NEAL SENEAL 390- PAUL CYBART 391- R. SZCZEPANOWS 392- A. LUCENTI 393- GARY BAUCHER 394- (UNABLE TO READ NAME ON MY LIST) 395- TED MCCARTHY 396- DAVE CLARY 397- C.

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References from the AFSCME International Constitution

These references are from the AFSCME International Constitution and this writer suggests that they should be incorporated into the Council 82 Constitution. It follows then that AFSCME would no longer have a part in this union. My opinion is merely for debate in the continuing dialogue about the union. It is by no means a complete solution and was edited to be as brief as possible.

1. Article V, Section 7 - The International President shall have the power to direct the International Secretary-Treasurer to conduct an examination and audit of the books and accounts of subordinate bodies, including any books and accounts concerning health and welfare, pension, insurance or other benefit programs covering members of such subordinate bodies, at any time.

~That power should belong exclusively to the membership. Maybe something similar to a constitutionally authorized Board of Directors, headed by a chairperson, made up from the membership to oversee the operations of Council 82. One qualification could be that anyone having served in an elected or appointed capacity in the union within a certain time period would be ineligible to be on the Board of Directors.

2. Article IX, Section 6 - The dues of each local union shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the average percentage increase in pay of AFSCME members... ..That percentage increase shall be applied to the existing minimum dues amount in order to determine the amount of increase in dues and thereby establish a new minimum dues rate. The increase shall be allocated as follows: 10% to the local union, 60% to the AFSCME council(s), and 30% to the International Union...

~Change all references to AFSCME and International to Council 82, with the exception that the International's cut of the dues be divided evenly between Council 82 and the locals to bring the new allocation as follows: 25% to the local union and 75% to Council 82. Dues would be increased annually in accordance with the average percentage increase in pay of Council 82 members.

3. Article IX, Section 33 - If the International President shall have reasonable cause to believe that a subordinate body or the officers, employees, or members thereof are (1) engaged in financial malpractice or corruption, or (2) violating the obligations of a collective bargaining agreement, or (3) acting in violation of this Constitution or of any lawful order of the Convention, the International Executive Board, or the International President, or (4) threatening secession or dissolution, or (5) conducting the affairs of the subordinate body in such a manner as directly and seriously to jeopardize the fundamental rights and interests of the membership of the subordinate body or the International Union, or (6) conducting the affairs of the subordinate body in such a manner as to deprive members of the subordinate body of the rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights for Union Members contained in this Constitution, or potential members of the right to become members of appropriate subordinate bodies, and that such conduct cannot or will not be immediately remedied by the subordinate body, the International President shall refer the matter to the Judicial Panel for hearing and/or investigation in the manner hereinafter

provided and shall notify the subordinate body.

~Change all references to AFSCME and International to Council 82 and incorporate the Bill of Rights for Union Members into the Council 82 Constitution. Council 82 would now have the direct responsibility of maintaining democratic locals. This could be one more function of the Policy Committees.

4. Article X, Judicial Procedure - ~This section is quite lengthy with few changes necessary, those being changing all reference to AFSCME, International, and Federation to Council 82. The Board of Directors would become the Judicial Panel, with cases heard by the Judicial Panel appealed only to the next Council 82 Convention.

So, #1 is checks and balances, #2 funding, #3 accountability, and #4 justice. What's better than us taking care of our own?

Phil Bijeau
Clinton CF

If you have a news article that you would want include here please send it to me,
include Newspaper or Source, Date and Author.

Thanks Ed Kasper
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City Correction Officers To Vote on Contract

Times Herald Record
Sunday January 25, 1998

The New York Times

NEW YORK ---- Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced yesterday that his administration had received a tentative agreement with the 11,000-man union representing correction officers, leaving only one major municipal union still at the bargaining table.

The five-year deal with the Correction Officers Benevolent Association was patterned after settlements that the administration secured with other municipal unions in Giuliani's first term. Retroactive to April 1, 1995, it calls for a two-year wage freeze, followed by annual increases in the last three years of 3 percent, 3 percent, and 6 percent.

The tentative agreement, which requires the approval of the union's members, includes increased bonuses and an additional vacation day for some workers. By June 1, 1999, the basic maximum annual salary would increase to \$49,023, from \$43,593 under the old contract, said city Labor Commissioner James Hanley. There are additional bonuses for some members based on years in the department, he said.

The raises will cost \$80 million. "The city has already budgeted all of that money," Giuliani said, "but we haven't spent it. But now we will."

The agreement with the correction union brings the mayor one step closer to attaining labor peace with all the major municipal unions, a process that began in 1995 when he reached a deal with the first group of unions that was intended to help the city grapple with serious budget problems. At the heart of the deal was a strategy of adopting a two-year wage freeze and pushing raises to the last three years.

The mayor had hoped that by the time the city had to pay the wage increases, its finances would be in better shape. The timing seemed to work: With the raises coming due, the budget is more stable, bolstered by tax revenues from Wall Street.

The city has long had a policy of using the first agreement it reaches with a major municipal union as the framework for subsequent deals with other municipal unions. The only major union still at the bargaining table is the one representing sanitation workers, said Deputy Mayor Randy Levine. He said the administration expected to reach an agreement with that union within the next month.

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Judge OKs state prison double-bunking

Times Herald Record
Tuesday January 27, 1998

By JOHN MILGRIM
Staff Writer

ALBANY- Doubling up state prison cells is not cruel and unusual punishment, a federal judge ruled Friday

The ruling, by Southern district Judge Sidney Stein, essentially squashed a civil-rights lawsuit filed by three inmates at Sullivan County's Woodbourne Correctional Facility

At the same time, the state plans this year to build 1,550 new, double-bunk cells.

"That's one of the reasons the judge's decision was significant," said state Department of Corrections spokesman James Flateau.

"The judge looked at the screening process for who we put in double cells. The judge looked at the health and safety issues for inmates and employees. He looked at the issues of AIDS and tuberculosis. He also looked at the fact New York is basically the 'Johnny come lately' state. The federal system does it extensively and other states do it extensively"

The inmates' case is separate from a state action brought by the union representing prison correction officers. Council 82 won a case in state courts arguing the prison system was not following policy regarding minimum space requirements for inmates by double celling at some older prisons. Since then the Department of Correctional simply changed the minimum spacing policy to meet its needs, said union spokesman Bob Lawson. A court date on that issue is scheduled for next month.

"Our contention has always been creates a terribly unsafe situation (for guards and prison staff). The potential is always there when you have to something like (a forcible removal of an inmate) in a very small cell," said Lawson, noting, doubled cells at Eastern Correctional Facility in southern Ulster County

have a total of 48 square feet.

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Mohawk Riot Convicted Pleads Guilty

Rome Sentinel Reported(1/23/98)

Luis Agosto, 23, admitted beating an officer with a baseball bat. He was named as the "spark" for inciting the riot by DOCS.

He pleaded guilty to :

1count of 1st degree assault

2 counts 2nd degree assault

1 count 2nd degree gang assault

1 count 1st degree riot

According to Asst. D.A. Ray Tarkowski, Oneida county.

The newspaper reported that Agosto is currently being held in Marcy C.F. SHU, and will be sentenced on March 19th before Judge Michael Dwyer,.

The charges and terms are as follows:

1st degree assault for baseball Bat attack on LT. Rich Prusko, with a determinate sentence of 13 years.

2nd degree gang assault for attack on Officer Larry Rounds, a 10 year determinate sentence

2 counts of 2nd degree assault for attacks on Officers Greg Carter and Todd Candido, a determinate sentence of 2-7 years on each count and.,

1st degree riot--2-4 years.

according to the paper:

The determinate sentence designation means that since he is a 2nd violent felony offender, Agosto will have to serve six/sevenths of his term before being eligible for parole. Asst. DA Tarkowski said the convict will not start serving the sentence until the current term is complete.

He won't be eligible for parole until 2012. All time is to be done in SHU. The asst. D.A. said he discussed the sentence deal with all the victims and they were satisfied with the deal.

The newspaper also reported that LT. Prusko and C.O. Rounds are still out of work, and C.O.'s Candido and Carter have returned.

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Veterans Information Day

Brothers and Sisters:

On March 5, 1998 From 11:00AM - 7:00PM The Dansville American Legion will be having a Veterans Information Day. I have coming in, the Medical Staff from Canadagua VA to do health screening and check-ups (Free of Charge). I'll also have the State Veterans Councilor there, along with information just for women veterans. This is open to ALL Veterans not just Legion members. All you have to do is show up with a copy of your DD214. Too many Veterans don't have any idea what benefits they have coming to them especially if they don't belong to the American Legion. I'm trying to fix that problem. Please pass this information on to any veteran you know. If you want or need any further information or directions E-Mail me personally.

Thanks for your help in this.

[Cowboy Groveland CF](#)

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Deferred Comp Information

You can monitor your Deferred Comp contribution each payday to know exactly where your account stands instead of waiting for Copeland's quarterly statement. This is especially useful if you need to know what's going on with your money more than four times a year!

Code 416 on the paystub shows the deduction that NYS sent to Copeland for Deferred Comp. It was arrived at by multiplying paystub gross pay by Deferred Comp contribution percentage, after subtracting the health insurance premium and 3% retirement contribution, code 620, from the gross. What results is a lower contribution percentage than what you authorized Copeland to deduct. For me, about 0.78% less. Anyway, it's accurate to the penny. If you have multiple funds in your account, multiply each of those percentages against code 416 to arrive at the proper allocations.

Copeland makes the transaction on Friday after payday, unless Friday is a holiday, in which case it's the following Monday.
