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## Prison Jaycees Attack Juvenile Delinquency—From Inside

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### 30 Bills Before Legislature

Acts now before the Legislature would, if adopted, authorize the following:

- 1—Bail or fines, even if paid in cash, will not be payable at any time to any jail personnel, instead will be payable to the Bail Commissioner or any person designated by him.
- 2—Jail time spent before sentencing, for any reason, will be credited toward the time served, once sentenced, only at the discretion of the Commissioner of Correction.
- 3—Any inmate of any institution may be granted a maximum of a 30 day furlough for specified reasons, or those consistent with rehabilitation, by the Commissioner of Correction who may also renew such furlough.
- 4—Inmates who work a seven day week for a continuous period of at least 6 months may receive one additional day of good time for each such 7 day periods, counting from the first week of work.
- 5—Any inmates at any institution who donates blood to the Red Cross adhering to Red Cross policy may receive 10 days deducted from his sentence for each pint donated.

Somers—Inmates at the Connecticut State Prison here have developed an unusual approach to the juvenile delinquency problem by offering their help and experiences to fight it.

The program is conducted by the C.S.P. Jaycees, the state prison's chapter of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It functions with the assistance of "outsiders" such as teachers and youth group supervisors who encourage their students to discuss juvenile delinquency and the many ways in which delinquent behavior becomes manifest. They write their questions and send them to the committee at the prison, who answer via a taped presentation.

The first presentation was made to the Thompsonville Catholic Youth Organization through the efforts of Joseph Colletti of Toastmasters International, and Father Matthew R. Shanley, Catholic chaplain at the prison. The one and one-half hour presentation was reported to have had a profound impact on the youthful audience. The tape has also been used at South Catholic High School, Hartford, and other schools where the program was requested.

#### Experience

The effectiveness of the program lies in the uniqueness of the approach, that is, the participants are convicted criminals who speak from experience. Their advice may be heeded, the men feel, since it is coming from those who could not or would not understand the meaning of the principles of good living, have

broken the rules and have suffered the consequences.

Questions asked by the teen-agers vary, but a certain similarity of thinking is expressed by different groups.

Some typical questions they ask:

"If you could live your life over again what would you do to improve yourself and help others improve themselves?"

"Do prisoners' values change?"

"Do values change with each generation?"

"Do hardened criminals have values?"

"How do prisoners reconstruct themselves for when they get out, or do they go back to crime?"

"Is there something you can teach or instill in children to prevent them from becoming involved in crime?"

After hearing the answers on tape, the teen-agers made their comments:

"I think this program will most certainly be a success. As I listened to the answer it was like listening to a lecture on music by Bernstein."

"Since these men have gone through more than most of us will have to go through they can tell us what it is that is wrong with what they did, whereas in a personal analysis of our own we could not hope to understand all the possible motives."

"They know what they are talking about and we must realize, we can't help but realize that they do. I think this realization may very well cause us to listen to similar speeches whose words we might not necessarily believe otherwise."

A prisoner-spokesman for the



### 30 BILLS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

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- 6—Any inmate in any institution may be credited with meritorious good time regardless of length of sentence.
- 7—A judge may not impose a definite sentence to Cheshire Reformatory.
- 8—The time of sentence to Connecticut state Farm for Women —“shall be computed by the number of days the inmate remains confined within the institution or is on unviolated parole or authorized furlough.
- 9—The titles of departmental institutions will be changed.
- 10—Any inmate or parolee who assaults any employee of the Department of Correction or Board of Parole shall be imprisoned for not more than 10 years.
- 11—Employees of the Department of Correction shall be subject to evaluative testing which may include polygraph testing, during pre-employment investigation or during employment, at the request of the Commissioner of Correction.
- 12—A 20 year retirement plan for institutional guards or employees of the Department of Correction and Parole Officers whose regular duties include the treatment or instruction of inmates or parolees, and administrative officials in the direct line of command of any correctional institution.
- 13—“Any person on the property of or under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction who is found to be under the influence of or in unauthorized possession of any intoxicating beverages shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.
- 14—The Correction of Deputy Commissioners’ titles.
- 15—Any person convicted of a misdemeanor on three occasions within a 24 month period shall be said to be a habitual misdemeanor and may be tried for this felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned for not more than three years.
- 16—Osborn Minimum Security Farm shall be administratively separated from the prison at Somers.
- 17—All references in General Statutes concerning the sentencing to a specific institution by a judge shall be by the Commissioner of Correction.
- 18—The administration of Connecticut’s participation in the New England Interstate Corrections Compact shall be by the Commissioner of Correction.
- 19—A person sentenced to life imprisonment may be allowed a parole hearing after serving not less than 20 years in confinement less such time not exceeding 5 years as may have been earned under section 18-7 of the General Statutes.
- 20—A 20 year retirement plan (submitted by Personnel Department similar to #12.)
- 21—Disability pension for state employees (by Personnel Department.)
- 22—To place probation services within the Department of Correction (by Criminal Planning).
- 23—Addition of 2 more members to the Board of Parole (by Board of Parole).
- 24—Release of a minor on bail restricted to parents or legal guardian.
- 25—To set up retail stores for hobby products made by inmates.
- 26—Petty cash fund for loans to work release inmates for the purchase of work supplies.
- 27—Abandoned jail facilities to be sold by the state.
- 28—Conditional release for misdemeanants (by Criminal planning).
- 29—The establishment of a Board of Education and Services, Department of Correction.
- 30—A pre-sentence report shall be made on all persons who can receive a sentence of more than six months.

C.S.P. Jaycees said research, experience and insights show that certain parallels exist in delinquent behavior among juveniles and adults. Sociologists, penologists and psychologists, he said, have long been aware of this and of the challenge to come up with solutions to juvenile delinquency by putting theory into practice.

He said there is no simple solution and the problems today are basically the same as those that existed in early history. “That is simply saying human nature has remained unchanged and those formulas which can be called the principles of good living are as meaningful now as they have ever been,” he explained.

In view of the crime situation today, the spokesman added, no one will deny “the need to employ measures, to make full use of imagination, to try to cope effectively with the problem. Any significant success in the future will require long-range planning and action between many interested people.

“Many people are talking about the problem of crime but certainly not enough are actually doing something about it. Our movement hopes to be influential as a deterrent among youth and young adults and also intends to cut into the apathy and ignorance that exists in society regarding crime and the delinquent individual.”

Tapes have been made for teenage groups and for one adult group in the central Connecticut area during the past two years. Anyone wishing information regarding this project may write to: Crime-Prevention Committee, C.S.P. Jaycees, P.O. Box 100, Somers, Connecticut 06071.



OUR LIBRARY; ITS USE AND MISUSE

by  
LOUIS LA BOMBARD

As one who works in the library I am naturally concerned about the doings there. And the doings there consist primarily of taking books in and out and vice-versa. To serve this purpose, we of course have a system - a none too perfect system, but the only one we have.

This is the system: A person finds a book or books he wishes to take out. He therefore should take the book card out of the jacket in the inside cover, walk over to the check-out desk, hand the card or cards to one of the check-out men and, as he does so, inform him of his Commitment No. and cell location. Next day all such cards are filed away until the books are returned.

To return books, all that is required is that, as the books are being turned in, the check-in men be informed of the returnee's cell location, whereupon, if all goes right, it should be relatively easy to obtain the proper book cards from the file, put them back in the books, and have the books back on the shelf the next day so that others may take them out and read them. Simple enough, right?

Well, then, what explanation can there be for the fact that when all library books were recently called in, we discovered that for almost half of them - mostly non-fiction - there was no card in the file to be put in them; and that we had more cards - and not duplicate ones - than we had books!?! There can be only one explanation; Too many library misusers are walking out the door past our vigilant guards without properly checking out their books; and apparently there are entirely too many books winding up in the you-know-what can!

To these miscreants I merely wish to say that we of the library do not approve of your going against our system, but if you feel you must, please do not rip up or throw away the cards. Just walk out the door with the cards in the books.

If you intend to return the books within a reasonable amount of time - a month, two, maybe three or four; we don't care - please leave the card in your books. To those of you who don't intend ever to return the books and wish to deprive all others of the opportunity to read what you have read, well, we know why you are in prison, now don't we!?

EXCERPT FROM "THE CRIME OF PUNISHMENT"

by KARL MENNINGER

South Carolina has in recent years developed a complex of progressive features in its state correctional program. There are training programs in computer programming, bricklaying, welding, car driving, as well as an intensive elementary educational program for illiterates. There are required courses in property rental, money borrowing, and budgeting. The last ninety days of each prisoners sentence are spent in one of seven state correctional centers, during the latter part of which stay they are permitted to work at an outside job during the daytime. All of this reflects the leadership of Ellis C. MacDougall, a trained criminologist who has been the department director since 1962 and is president of the American Correctional Association for 1968. The state also has a private nonprofit society of sizeable membership - The Alston Wilks Society - Which actively assists prisoners and ex-prisoners and there families.

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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

In life's small things be resolute and great  
To keep thy muscle trained: know'st thou when fate  
Thy measure takes, or when she'll say to thee  
"I find thee worthy; do this deed for me"?

-----JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL



\*"THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF\*  
\* ARTICLES RALPH DeMASI SHALL BE \*  
\* SUBMITTING TO THE WEEKLY SCENE" \*

The title of this weeks article should be self-explanatory, but I wish to expound somewhat. I hope you were able to appreciate my efforts in last weeks article, and I want to thank those of you who spoke to me about it. In context to the question of the keepers mentality, I shall point out the extreme paradoxical situations which abound at this prison. We have many, as I say, paradoxical; ill-logical; self-contradictory and negative rules here. To point out but a few at this time, may help to precipitate a reevaluation of the keepers thinking.

First we have a rule which states that a man cannot use his electric shaver or use his typewriter after the hour of 9:00 p.m. This rule in itself seems to be somewhat reasonable, but, and here is where the paradoxical situation comes in. We have a speaker in every cell throughout the prison, which blares rock and roll music on two different stations approximately 17 hours a day and does not go off until 11:00 p.m. every night. So who, may I ask, is being disturbed by a typewriter or an electric shaver after 9:00 p.m., when the cell speakers are screaming until 11:00 p.m. every night?

Let us move on to another ill-logical rule. Some of us do not go to all of the meals. When the doors open for chow, everyone must close his own door, including the ones who did not go, When the officer makes his check to see that all doors are closed, the ones who did not go must be closed also, or you are subject to a thing called disciplinary action. We all can more or less understand this part, but here again is where negative thinking on the keepers part finds it's maker. After the doors are all completely checked, the officers once again open every door, including the fellows door who did not go to chow. Now, if you do not close your door again, this too will call for disciplinary action.

Let me now continue to another discrepancy. I have a visit. My pass is shown to the proper authorities before going through a few gates to the visiting room. After my visit is over, I must show my pass again before being allowed to come back in. Wonder if they would let me go out the front door if I lost my pass?

And this. The lights in our cell go out at 11:00 p.m., or if a man desires he can turn his own light off before 11:00 p.m. by pulling the cord in his cell. If I were to tell an unsuspecting person about lights going out at 11:00 p.m. every night, he would think just that, lights out. Not in this prison though. There are so many fluorescent lights blazing outside the cells in the corridors, that one would think he was on Broadway. So after fighting the Broadway lights for an hour or so, one may be able to slip into dreamland through pure exhaustion.

This one stretches my sense of logic to the breaking point. Like it or not, we are subject to a steady stream of loud, intense and nerve racking music coming from maybe 50 or more cells on two different radio stations. Oh yes, each man can turn his off individually, but you can't turn off the other 50 or so speakers going all at once on two different stations. What happens if I want to play my personal radio on speaker though? Once again I am subject to disciplinary action. Therefore, the wall speakers can be blasting, but my personal radio cannot be on speaker.

In this day of enlightened penology, I find myself somewhat assaulted to see the lack of foresight those in power seem to show. There is definitely huge amounts of inconsistencies in regards to logic at this prison. In my opinion, if Connecticut wishes to become a dynamic leader in the concepts of modern penology, rather than the reluctant follower it is now, a long and searching view into the many paradoxical situations we have here must be looked into. At this prison, a wind-egg has been laid in regards to progressiveness. A wind-egg is one with no life in it, and no possibility of incubation. Once again I sincerely hope these constructive criticisms presented here will be acted upon. Once again I say, THE KEEPERS MENTALITY IS IN QUESTION, and shall remain so until positive action is shown.

RALPH DeMASI



DODD WARNS PRISONS PRODUCING CRIMINALS

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd said that, "If we ever hope to reduce the soaring crime rate in America, than we had better stop producing criminals in out jails."

The Connecticut Democrat said his subcommittee hearings on juvenile institutions has listened to testimony about "the brutality, the wholesale sexual attacks, the beatings, and even the murder of some prisoners." Lodd asserted that, in "far to many cases, our correctional systems are not correcting."

Dodd said the subcommittee was told of "youngsters who were locked up in solitary confinement for weeks and who, in utter despair, were driven to commit suicide by hanging themselves."

The senator concluded that instead of rehabilitating, "our prisons have become the breeding ground for crime."

Turning to the subject of narcotics addiction, Dodd charged that the traffic of narcotics in the nation's prison is "widespread."

Dodd cited the testimony of a Washington, D.C., prison official, Kenneth Hardy, who said that in one reformatory in the District of Columbia more than 2,000 capsules of heroin are smuggled in by visitors and prison employes during any weekend.

Via New Haven Register By Ron Gabriele

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LIFE PENALTY BACKED FOR 'PUSHERS'

Convicted narcotics "pushers" could face a life sentence under a bill which won the favorable backing of the legislative Public Health Committee Wednesday.

The measure (HB8382), introduced by State Rep. Michael L. Marano, R-Greenwich, would slap a life sentence on those who illegally "manufacture, sell, prescribe, dispense, offer, give, administer to another compound or transports with intent to sell or dispense any narcotics drug to another individual."

Under existing law, first offenders face five to ten years; second offenders, 10 to 15 years and subject offenders, up to 25 years.

The bill also hikes penalties for those "pushing" controlled drugs such as barbituates, amphetamines and hallucinogens. First offender would face five to 10 years or \$3,000 fine, now two years or \$1,000, and subsequent offenders 10 to 15 years or \$5,000 fine. The current law calls for a maximum of 10 years with no fine.

On other legislative issues, the association said 35.2 per cent of the members responding favored total abolition of capital punishment while 31.7 per cent favored retention for limited reasons and 33.2 per cent favored the present law.

VIA HARTFORD COURANT

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TAKE TEN

Two little boys were engaging in the traditional battle of little boys everywhere.

"My father is better than your father."

"No he's not."

"My brother is better than your brother."

"No he's not."

"My mother is better than your mother."

"Well," said one of the boys candidly, "I guess you got me there. My father said the same thing."

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In Arizona they lie on the sand and look at the stars.

In Hollywood, they lie on the stars and look at the sand.

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How about the old maid who died a virgin, but finally got laid in her coffin?



"OPPORTUNITY"

Opportunity, is open in many phases of life, only if the individual is interested and concerned. The individual himself, must be obligated and determined, to seek and find, his own desires in life. It is possible, that opportunity is denied certain individuals, but most often than not, the situation is hidden, rather than openly

Many individuals, are denied opportunity not because of others, but because they themselves have no interest, or ambition.

Opportunity itself, appears to have progressed in recent years, to benefit those who are determined, and interested. Many forms of occupation and employment, require only, that the individual show some kind of self-responsibility, and consideration for those around them, as well as themselves. There is also a great demand for education, or at least a trade, to become successful in this world today. I feel that trade schools, and O.J.T. programs (on-the-job-training) are a great advantage, for those who have been un-fortunate, to have not completed or graduated from high-school. These people are obligated to themselves, to desire assistance, that is offered to them, by dedicated individuals, who devote their own time and patience, to educate those, who have been less fortunate, than themselves. No matter what the situation happens to be, the only successful way to opportunity, is determination, interest, consideration, patience, and most of all, a sense of responsible, obligation to yourself.

by JAMES FAIR JR.

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" THE NATURAL ORDER OF TODAY "

Daybreak comes.....

and natures beauty' ..... unfold.

The sunset in all its' glory,

the birds chirping - - going about,

looking for their mornings' food,

the rich, blue sky,

the cool breeze of freshness.....

EVERYTHING IS IN ITS' NATURAL ORDER.....

As you move about preparing yourself for today;

you look at your watch.... timing yourself,

for it's nearing the hour of breakfast.

EVERYTHING IS IN IT'S NATURAL ORDER.....

For a few more moments, you sits on your bed,

thinking of todays' events....

Breakfast, go to work....

Lunch, go to work.....

Dinner, T.V. and maybe.....

EVERYTHING IS IN ITS' NATURAL ORDER.....

The sudden loud, clanging noise of cell-doors opening,

remind you, all too well, that....

EVERYTHING ISN'T IN ITS' NATURAL ORDER.....

OR IS IT?????

Rick Myers



GIANT SHADOW

The clouds are dark, night is already slowly creeping like a giant shadow. Which is like no other, when you have gambled and lost.

These times are the hardest of all, when night has set in. You are alone with the thoughts of your loved ones, You're sorry within some parts...But which parts? This has happened time and time before.

You want to cry out...Reach out and feel some warm, tender hand. But each time you move either way, there is only the cold, lifeless cement around you. So you linger, and you wonder.... Will you ever see the light again?

Tyrone Rome Emanuel

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SUDDENLY...

Suddenly...as the crash of waves

Suddenly...as the thundering of lightning

Suddenly...life means more to me than it did yesterday

Suddenly...my mind has discovered, there are two worlds.

Suddenly...my eyes see beyond all I couldn't see before.

Suddenly...I want to live and live.

For Suddenly...has become a wonder to me.

For Suddenly...the birds sing sweeter than ever.

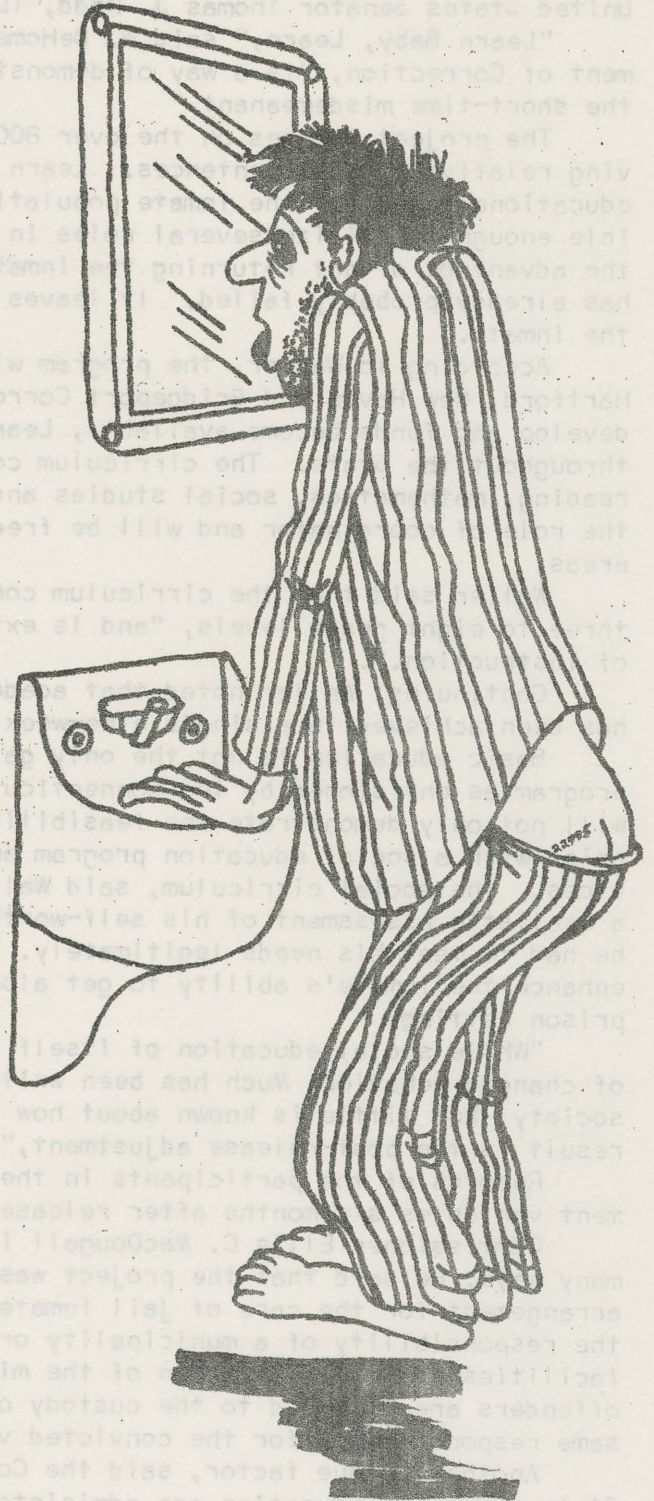
For Suddenly...all smiles are welcome into my life

For Suddenly...my heart understands what it could not yesterday.

For Suddenly...has become me, A Creature, Crashing, and Reaching, Far beyond the simple things of yesterday.

Tyrone Rome Emanuel

Often the test of courage is not to die, but to live!





"LEARN BABY, LEARN"

Learn Baby, Learn! soon becomes the clarion call at Connecticut Correctional Centers.

The Connecticut Department of Correction, today, was informed that it has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Announcement of the grant for project Learn Baby, Learn came from United States Senator Thomas J. Dodd, (D. Conn.).

"Learn Baby, Learn," said W. DeHomer Waller, Director of Education for the Department of Correction, "is a way of demonstrating the feasibility of adult education for the short-time misdemeanant."

The project focuses on the over 800 inmates in the State Correctional Centers serving relatively short sentences. Learn Baby, Learn becomes an attempt at meeting the educational needs of the inmate population in a mode that is novel to them, and flexible enough to utilize several roles in the educational process. The program also has the advantage of not returning the inmate to the kind of learning situation in which he has already probably failed. It leaves the major responsibility for achievement up to the inmate.

According to Waller, the program will be conducted in educational areas at the Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport Correctional Centers and, as the program begins to develop and funds become available, Learn Baby, Learn will be extended to other Centers throughout the State. The curriculum content will consist of programmed materials in reading, mathematics, social studies and the language arts. Teachers will be cast in the role of coordinator and will be free to assist the learners in specific problem areas.

Waller said that the curriculum content in each center is designed to span the three to eight grade levels, "and is extensive enough to provide for individualization of instruction."

Continuing, Waller noted that academic achievement of more than two grade levels has been achieved in a single nine-week period, the proposed length of the course.

Basic education is not the only gain that can be attributed from a successful program as envisioned by the Connecticut Department of Correction. Learn Baby, Learn will not only demonstrate the feasibility of improving adult basic but it is accompanied with a social education program and the necessary supportive psychological services. The social curriculum, said Waller, is so designed to help an inmate develop a realistic assessment of his self-worth and potential, and how he can best use what he had to meet his needs legitimately. The social curriculum, said Waller, will enhance the inmate's ability to get along with people both within and without the prison setting.

"While social education of itself is desirable, it must be evaluated in terms of changed behavior. Much has been written of the critical reentry of the inmate into society, but little is known about how he adjusts and reacts to pressures. The end result is the post-release adjustment," said Waller.

Records of the participants in the proposed program will be analyzed for adjustment variables six months after release date.

Commissioner Ellis C. MacDougall in describing the program called it "unique" in many ways. He said that the project was unique in that Connecticut has an unusual arrangement for the care of jail inmates. In this country, such inmates are usually the responsibility of a municipality or county which may or may not have the facilities for rehabilitation of the misdemeanant offender. In Connecticut, such offenders are remanded to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction who has the same responsibility for the convicted vagrant as for the convicted bank robber.

Another unique factor, said the Commissioner, is that most federal funds and all State funds for education are administered through school districts. "Up until now," Commissioner MacDougall said, "there were no funds allocated to the schools in the Department of Correction. We are extremely grateful to the U.S. Department of Education for this \$200,000 grant."



NEW OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE MOVING OF BOARD OF PAROLE OFFICES

As of April 12, 1969, the telephone number for the Board of Parole Offices has been changed to 566-4229. In addition, the Board of Parole Offices will be moved from 75 Elm Street, Hartford, to 340 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, on or about April 28, 1969.

All men expecting relatives, friends or attorneys to contact the Board of Parole should notify them of the new Telephone Number and the Pending Change Of Address.

J. Bernard Gates  
Chairman - State Board of Parole

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..... COMMISSARY CLOSING .....

The Commissary stores both at Somers and Enfield will be closed during the week of April 27 - May 3, 1969, in order that we may take a complete inventory and prepare individual statements of the account of each inmate.

ONLY EMERGENCY money withdrawals will be permitted during this period.

B. W. Deane  
Business Manager

FROM THE WATERBURY AMERICAN 4-10-69

Submitted by  
RICHARD BUXTON

A proposal which was viewed as a possible solution to the states blood bank shortages now appears doomed to die at the foot of the calender of the house of representatives.

The bill would have given prison and jail inmates 10 days credit on their sentences for the donation of a pint of blood. Rep. John Prete, D-New Haven, sponsor of the bill, said Wednesday, however, two Yale University doctors had notified him that a similar bill enacted by the Rhode Island legislature did not work out as well as was hoped for.

Convicts, the doctors reported, are too anxious to earn the time off and are less than frank about whether they have suffered with diseases such as hepatitis which makes them ineligible as donors.

The bill had worked its way up to the top of the calendar of the House of Rep. and was set for action. The Corrections Committee of the General Assembly had given it a Joint favorable report, Wednesday, however, the measure was dropped to the foot of the calendar, a move that was generally seen as spelling its doom.

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AN OPINION

In last week's Scene, there was an order printed forbidding the hanging of pictures on the cell walls. What prompted this order is beyond my scope of reasoning. We must live in these cells for quite some time and I cannot see how a few decent pictures to cheer them up can hurt. If they are worried about scotch tape marks or glue, I can offer a suggestion. The Commissary could sell adhesive backed picture hangers. These hangers would come off easily and the clean-up problem would be solved.

This is a modern institution, so why clutter it up with archaic rules. I hope this suggestion will be taken into consideration and put into effect.

Roger Bolieau



The movies we see here every weekend do much to break up the monotony by entertaining us, but, if we really think about them, they also do something more: they inform us. Such was the case with two of the movies we saw during the recent three-day weekend.

Both "Charlie Bubbles" and "Boom" were poorly received, "Boom" actually being booed by us upon completion. Why? Because they failed to entertain us. Not enough funny or sexy scenes. Didn't hold our interest, didn't make us laugh and feel good. Instead they did something we couldn't quite understand: They told us, like, where it's at, Man.

"Charlie Bubbles" adequately demonstrated that when you get what you want, often you don't want it anymore. That fame and fortune aren't enough - there's more to life. Without a proper appreciation of things, they are unappreciated and often unwanted. This from "Charlie Bubbles".

A woman who had everything she could possibly want and still wasn't happy - that was Mrs. Goforth in "Boom". She had good looks, money, power and position, yet reality was too difficult for her to face. Why? because she was living a lie, deceiving herself. She originally married for money and for the pleasures it could bring her, not for love and the pleasures it could give. She had a perverted sense of values; she was self-centered and arrogant, demanding and possessive, all take and no give - except on her own terms. Mrs Goforth's only true, loyal and comforting servant was Death. He alone served her well.

Although I too did not enjoy these movies when viewing them, in retrospect I now enjoy them and wish I could see them again to be further informed. For this reason I would suggest that henceforth we stop going to the movies solely with the idea of being entertained but remind ourselves that we are going to be informed. And if, while viewing a movie, it appears we are not at all being entertained, then maybe we should try to make the best of a bad situation by choosing merely to be informed.

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### " GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY "

Approximately six years ago I was privileged to be the editor of a very fine inmate published newspaper; " THE BULLETIN ". It was published weekly and contained a minimum of ten articles per week. Articles on; Sports according to season, Weekly crosswords, Scramble word games, Announcements of interest, Short stories, Comic strips, Inmate theorys on success with parole, Talent show coverage, All created and continued by inmates.

The paper had a minimum of TEN regular writers, submitting articles each week. They received their proper credit by having their articles denoted in an index on the inside front cover. Their articles were read by more influential people than they realized at first, for I was sending the paper to every Federal Institution in existence at that time; plus people in our Nations' Capitol. You would be surprised to know how many of these people sent their appreciation and congratulations to the respected writers. I was only too happy to print them in the paper too.

Even when one happens to be in the prison, he can find many Golden Opportunities if he so chooses. We have such an avenue of opportunity available here, in Somers, which is our paper, "THE SCENE".

I'm quite sure that if more individuals were to approach the door which leads to this opportunity and knock; Mr. James Duffy would be happy to open it.

Since I've been here in Somers, I've noticed a small amount of effort displayed by residents in submitting articles for the Scene; But, WATCH OUT when it comes time to gather material for the Bridge!!

I believe the Scene could become just as important and influential as the Bridge; but, this may take up too much Bridge writing time, wouldn't it???.

In closing, I wish to make known that the highest recorded population at the Institution where I was the editor of their paper was NINETY-FOUR (94).

P.S. TO: RON GABRIELE, You've got the idea. Keep up the fine work.



# SHOWTIME

AIR CONDITIONED

INDIVIDUAL RECLINING SEATS

4-19-69

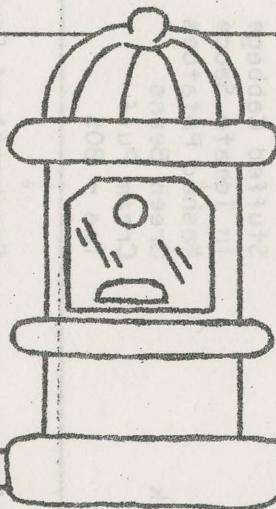
## " IN ENEMY COUNTRY "

... French underground during W.W.II  
Franciosa forces the woman he loves Anjanette Comer to marry a German officer and to secure information about a German torpedo that has a homing device.  
RATED AS GOOD

Starring:

TONY FRANCIOSA  
ANJANETTE COMER  
107 Minutes

COMING  
SOON



4-20-69

## " DUFFY "

... James Coburn plays "Duffy" who becomes involved in a scheme by two son's to rob their tycoon father. Abetted by Susannah York, who distributes her sexual favors among them.  
RATED AS EXCELLENT  
Starring:

JAMES COBURN  
JAMES MASON  
SUSANNAH YORK  
101 Minutes

NOW  
PLAYING

1 Short  
J&Q Blocks  
First

1 Short  
D-H-B-E  
Blocks  
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## WEEKLY MENU

For the Weeks of: 3/23, 4/20, &amp; 5/18/69

	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
SUNDAY	Blended Juice Farina Muffins Coffee - Milk BOS	Smoked Ham w/ Raisin Sauce Candied Sweet Potatoes Blackeye Peas Apple Pie Coffee - BOS	Split Pea Soup Crackers Chili Con Carne Boiled Rice - Corn Bread Marble Cake Coffee - BOS
MONDAY	Stewed Prunes Puffed Wheat Fried Eggs - Toast Coffee - Milk BOS	Veal Cutlet Parm. Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Cherry Cobbler Tea - BOS	Fried Bologna Macaroni & Cheese Lettuce Salad Cup Cakes Coffee - BOS
TUESDAY	Grapefruit Sections Special K Hot Cakes - Syrup Coffee - Milk BOS	Grilled Franks Hash Brown Potatoes Green Peas - Mustard Butterscoth Pudding Tea - BOS	Sliced Turkey Dressing & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Molasses Cookies Coffee - BOS
WEDNESDAY	Fresh Fruit Oatmeal Sweet Rolls Coffee - Milk BOS	Stuffed Cabbage In Tomato Sauce Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cream Puff Tea - BOS	Liverwurst Potato Salad Scalloped Corn Hermit Cookies Rye Bread Coffee - OS
THURSDAY	Pineapple Juice Puffed Rice Scrambled Eggs Toast - Coffee Milk - BOS	Spaghetti w/ Sausage Grated Cheese Beet & Onion Salad Cake Cocoa - BO	Club Sandwich w/ Bacon, Cheese, Lettuce & Tom. Potato Chips Cole Slaw Chilled Peaches Coffee - BOS
FRIDAY	Orange Juice Frosted Flakes French Toast Hot Syrup Coffee - Milk BOS	Baked Haddock Lyonnaise Potatoes Tartar Sauce Wax Beans Ice Cream Coffee - BOS	Fish Chowder - Crackers Sardines Lima Beans Home Fried Potatoes Jello Coffee - BOS
SATURDAY	Apple Juice Maypo Oats Coffee Cake Coffee - Milk BOS	Grilled Beef Patties Parsley Potatoes Spinach Canned Figs Coffee - BOS	Western Omelet Baked Potato Mexican Corn Lettuce Salad Cake - Coffee - BOS

B - Bread    O - Oleo    S - Sugar

(THIS MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)