FROM ATTICA TO ABOLITION

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Support the Black Liberation Struggle
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Free All Political Prisoners and P.O.W.’s

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FROM ATTICA TO ABOLITION is a collection of images to mark the legacy of the Attica prison uprising 49 years ago, and the contemporary movement to #FreeThemAll.

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ATTICA PRISON UPRISING OF 1971

“We are MEN! We are not beasts and do not intend to be beaten or driven as such. The entire prison populace has set forth to change forever the ruthless brutalization and disregard for the lives of the prisoners here and throughout the United States.”

1. **We Demand** the constitutional rights of legal representation at the time of all parole board hearings and the protection from the procedures of the parole authorities whereby they permit no procedural safeguards such as an attorney for cross-examination of witnesses, witnesses in behalf of the parolee, at parole revocation hearings.

2. **We Demand** a change in medical staff and medical policy and procedure.

3. **We Demand** adequate visiting conditions and facilities for the inmate and families of Attica prisoners.

4. **We Demand** an end to the segregation of prisoners from the mainline population because of their political beliefs.
5. **We Demand** an end to the persecution and punishment of prisoners who practice the Constitutional Right of peaceful dissent.

6. **We Demand** an end to political persecution, racial persecution, and the denial of prisoner’s rights to subscribe to political papers, books, or any other educational and current media chronicles that are forwarded through the U.S. Mail.

7. **We Demand** that industries be allowed to enter the institutions and employ inmates to work eight hours a day and fit into the category of workers for scale wages.

8. **We Demand** that inmates be granted the right to join or form labour unions.

9. **We Demand** that inmates be granted the right to support their own families; at present, thousands of welfare recipients have to divide their checks to support their imprisoned relatives, who without outside support, cannot even buy toilet articles or food.

10. **We Demand** that correctional officers be prosecuted as a matter of law for any act of cruel and unusual punishment where it is not a matter of life and death.

11. **We Demand** that all institutions using inmate labour be made to conform with the state and federal minimum wage laws.

12. **We Demand** an end to the escalating practice of physical brutality being perpetrated upon the inmates of New York State prisons.

13. **We Demand** the appointment of three lawyers from the New York State Bar Association to full-time positions for the provision of legal assistance to inmates seeking post-conviction relief, and to act as a liaison between the administration and inmates for bringing inmates’ complaints to the attention of the administration.

14. **We Demand** the updating of industry working conditions to the standards provided for under New York State law.

15. **We Demand** the establishment of inmate worker’s insurance plan to provide compensation for work-related accidents.

16. **We Demand** the establishment of unionized vocational training programs comparable to that of the Federal Prison System which provides for union instructions, union pay scales, and union membership upon completion of the vocational training course.
17. **We Demand** annual accounting of the inmates Recreational Fund and formulation of an inmate committee to give inmates a voice as to how such funds are used.

18. **We Demand** that the present Parole Board appointed by the Governor be eradicated and replaced by the parole board elected by popular vote of the people.

19. **We Demand** that the state legislature create a full-time salaried board of overseers for the State Prisons. The board would be responsible for evaluating allegations made by inmates, their families, friends and lawyers against employers charged with acting inhumanely, illegally or unreasonably.

20. **We Demand** an immediate end to the agitation of race relations by the prison administration of this State.

21. **We Demand** that the Dept. of Corrections furnish all prisoners with the services of ethnic counsellors for the needed special services of the Brown and Black population of this prison.

22. **We Demand** an end to the discrimination in the judgment and quota of parole for Black and Brown people.

23. **We Demand** that all prisoners be present at the time their cells and property are being searched by the correctional officers of state prisons.

24. **We Demand** an end to the discrimination against prisoners when they appear before the Parole Board.
25. **We Demand** that better food be served to the inmates. The food is a gastronomical disaster. We also demand that drinking water be put on each table and that each inmate be allowed to take as much food as he wants and as much bread as he wants, instead of the severely limited portions and limited (4) slices of bread. Inmates wishing a pork-free diet should have one, since 85% of our diet is pork meat or pork-saturated food.

26. **We Demand** an end to the unsanitary conditions that exist in the mess hall: i.e., dirty trays, dirty utensils, stained drinking cups and an end to the practice of putting food on the table’s hours before eating time without any protective covering over it.

27. **We Demand** that there be one set of rules governing all prisons in this state instead of the present system where each warden makes rules for his institution as he sees fit.

These demands are excerpted from the full manifesto and demands found at: https://libcom.org/blog/attica-prison-liberation-faction-manifesto-demands-1971-06012012

let them all go
Aaron Hughes

Everyone deserves dignity and justice. But in the United States, 2.3 million people are locked away in prisons, jails, and detention centers, where they are subject to civil and human rights violations and a lack of access to adequate health care.

With the pandemic, the dangers of imprisonment have multiplied exponentially, making every sentence a potential death sentence.
HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION:

• Consider donating to mutual aid efforts for students and community members inside Stateville Prison. Venmo: @P-NAP Paypal: contactpnap@gmail.com

• Support Illinois Senate Bill 3233 (SB3233), Earned Discretionary Release and help end death by incarceration. Go to paroleillinois.org for more info

• Support the construction of a public memorial honoring survivors of police torture. Go to chicagotorture.org for more info.

• The time is now to close the final 5 youth prisons in Illinois! Find out more at thefinal5campaign.com

• Follow afsc.org/FreeThemAll for resources, events, and ways to get involved!
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