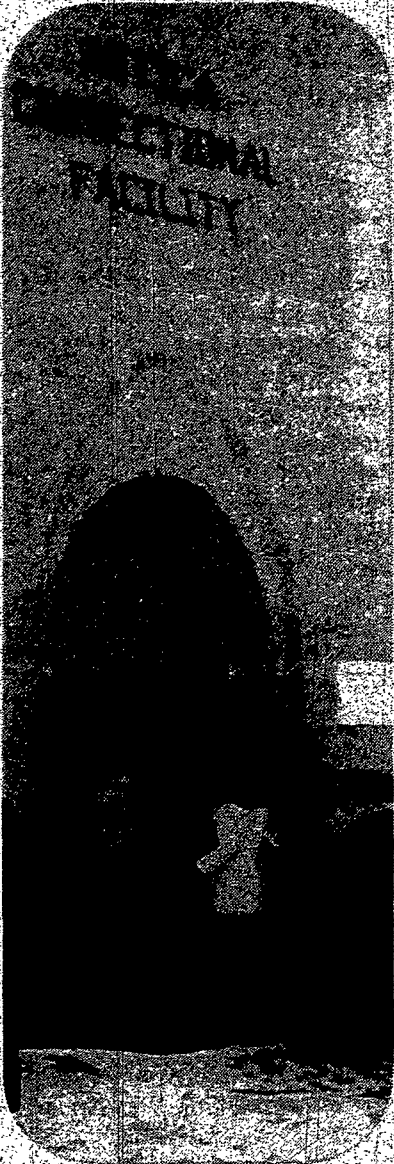


Are Things Better Inside Attica?

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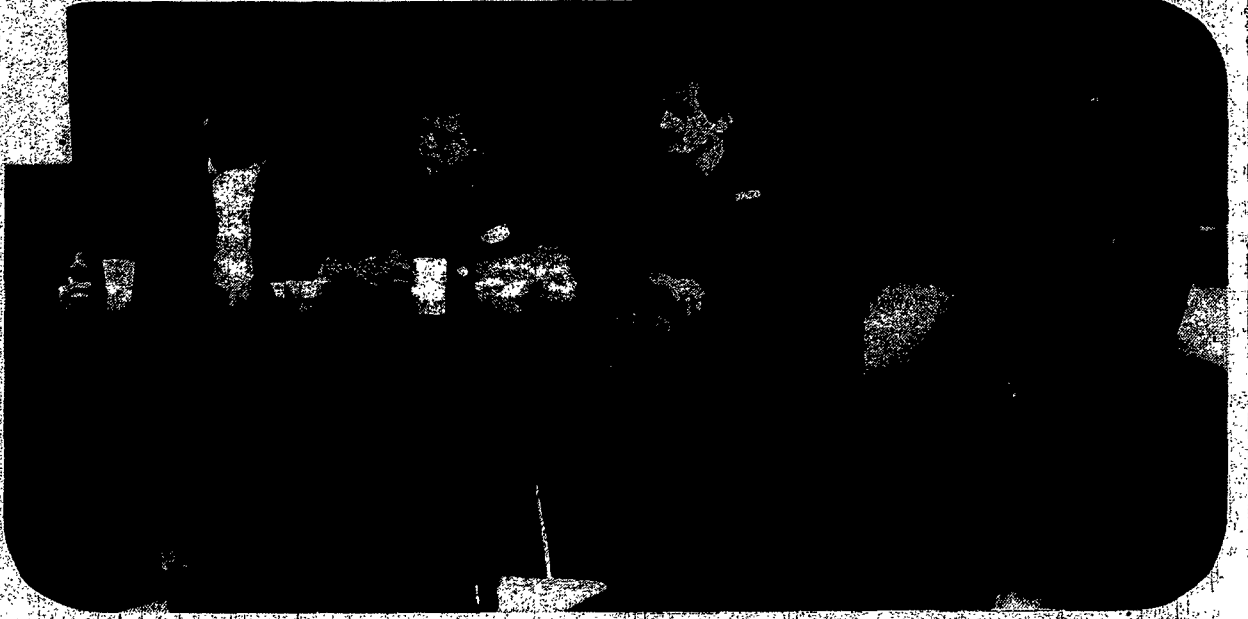


prison population is drawn from minority groups "represents society's refusal to give equality. You can't expect the prison system to integrate them into the world when the schools and society can't do it," Sugarman reflected.

Terry Messinger, who is leaving the prison on Feb. 27, has "no qualms about the place." "I've had few problems as an inmate, I get along. It's important to have respect for the other inmates," Messinger, who is editor of the prison newspaper and chairman of the Alcoholics Anonymous program, asserts that he has gotten "the best rehabilitation."

"Boots" Young, who has spent many of his 14 prison years in the metal shop, feels that rehabilitation "begins with me. I try to tell the boys who come in here to learn something. I don't care how many programs you have if people don't use them," he said.

A statement made by "the people that run the programs" shows that 70 to 80 per cent of the people in prison do not belong there, said Sugarman, who repeatedly referred to the reading he had done. In response to a request from a fifth grade teacher in the audience who wanted a message to take back to her school, Sugarman told her to "plant a seed."



Photos by Pat Petraske

Edward "Boots" Young [far right] describes the conditions inside the Attica prison which panelists believe have improved since the 1971 rebellion. Some other inmates on the Community Awareness panel are [left to right] Terry Messinger, Jack Melody and Alfred Santiago.

"Tell them that prisoners are not what they seem to be. They are always referred to as though all prisoners are rapists or murderers. Of all major crimes, murder and rape make up only 13 per cent," he said.

Sugarman then criticized the parole system and suggested that parole boards be changed to include people other than "WASPs." He also believes that prisoners should be eligible for parole after one year.

"Most prisoners could go out and be law-abiding citizens the

next day after they commit a crime," Sugarman noted.

Despite the criticism of the parole system, Young stated that before the passage of the new drug law "there was not a man in Attica who did not know when he was going home. The drug law will put 3000 men into the system who are never going to go home," he said.

The trip to Attica was followed by a "debriefing session." Staley, who had been there before, noted a big difference between the two panels he has talked with.

"Before there were more inmates, no chaplain, more blacks. I was appalled at the number of whites," he said. "Before, we also got a much worse picture of the prison," he added, and he questioned the method of selecting panelists.

Michael Morse, director of volunteer services which was set up after the Attica rebellion, said that speakers volunteer and then are selected by him to appear on a panel. "There is no briefing session beforehand," he maintained. The program is conducted weekly and is booked up until June.

Farah Priest To Speak Here

Father Jesse Munoz, parish priest for many of the striking Farah workers in El Paso, Tex., will speak at the Mercy High School auditorium Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. Folksinger Tom Paxton will perform at the event which is free and open to the public.

Father Munoz will confer with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on Thursday morning and will address a luncheon for the Rochester clergy at noon at the 111 East Avenue Hotel. Reservations may be made through 328-6400.

Women in Prison Institute Topic

"Women in Prison" is the topic for the 14th Annual Legislative Institute sponsored by Church Women United, to be held Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Driving Park.

The Rev. Merrill Bittner, director of the Women's Jail Project, will describe conditions and problems and a panel of women will speak on county probation, state parole, and the organization CHOICE. During a sandwich luncheon, County Manager Lucien A. Morin will present "Practicalities and Projections." Mrs. James Ruoff is chairman for the day. The program is open to the public. A one-dollar registration fee will cover dessert and beverage at noon, and child care.

In 1968 the 28-year-old priest was named pastor of Our Lady of the Light, the largest parish in the diocese, encompassing 25,000 residents, 5,000 Catholic families and a large section of south central El Paso.

The AFL-CIO labor magazine describes Father Munoz as "the spark" behind the 19-month-old strike against the Farah Manufacturing Co. "The altar is removed each Tuesday for a rally his parish hall is where the \$30 weekly strike benefits and relief checks are passed out," according to the magazine.

MAGRITTE RETURNS

After Magritte, Tom Stoppard's comedy about three people's interpretation of what they saw at an art gallery, is playing again at GeVa's Lunch Hour Theater through Jan. 25. Showtime is 12:15 p.m. in the old Rochester Business Institute Building, 168 S. Clinton.



Photo by Dave Witbeck

Bishop Visits Webster Parish

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan concelebrates Mass at St. Rita's with the pastor, Father Francis A. Kleehammer, left, and Father Michael Conboy. The Mass Jan. 19 was followed by an open Parish Council meeting.



Sister Eileen Conheady, SSJ, makes a point in a discussion group of priests and sisters at the Clergy Conference. The theme was the present and future ministries of priests and sisters working together in the church and the community.

The Clergy Confer



Photos by Susan McKinney

Mothers General Agnes Cecilia Troy, SSJ, [right] and Mary Judith Heberle, RSM, confer with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at the Clergy Conference Jan. 16 at Becket Hall. The Conference was sponsored by the Diocesan Sisters Council [DSC].