



The Committee to End
the Marion Lockdown

Presents

STOP the Marion Lockdown!

A Conference for Education and Action on the Third
Anniversary of the Marion Prison Lockdown

Saturday, November 1
Wellington Avenue Church
615 W. Wellington
1:30 to 10:00 pm

Childcare will be provided A contribution of \$5 is requested

For more information, call 663-5046, or write the Committee to End the
Marion Lockdown, 343 S. Dearborn, Ste. 1607, Chicago, IL 60604



No More Marions

Marion Federal Prison in Illinois is the most maximum security prison in the United States. The entire prison is a Control Unit where the Bureau of Prisons experiments with behavior modification through isolation and sensory deprivation. Marion, which will be on lockdown for 3 three years as of October 27, with the men caged in small cells for 23 hours a day, is the brutal trendsetter in the U.S. Following the Control Unit model, the Bureau of Prisons has just opened its Marion for women in Lexington, Kentucky.

U.S. prisons hold a vast number of people of color. Black people are incarcerated at six times the rate for white people in this country and almost twice the rate for Black people in South Africa! This is the highest in the world. Such a large number of incarcerated people constitutes a well-defined system of population control. In fact, it is predicted that U.S. prisons will hold over 1,000,000 people by the year 2000, and that more than half will be people of color. In addition, U.S. prisons hold many political leaders; there are now over 100 Black and Puerto Rican political prisoners and prisoners of war, as well as a growing number of North American political prisoners. In the past couple of months, Oscar Lopez-Rivera, Kojo (s/n Grailing Brown), Tim Blunk, and Ray Levasseur have all been transferred to Marion, joining Sundiata Acoli, Sekou Odinga, and others. Marion is thus becoming the major political internment center in the United States.

Last year, the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown organized a one-day conference that was attended by over 300 people, co-sponsored demonstrations at Marion and Lexington Prisons, and held a forum in tribute to Malcolm X. Unfortunately, the lockdown has not yet ended and the Bureau of Prisons has not yet abandoned its devotion to Control Units. A great deal more work needs to be done in this area. And we intend to be part of the movement that's doing it. We urge you to join us.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

1:30-2:00 pm Literature distribution and coffee

2:00-3:30 pm Workshops

#1. *Today's Legal Repression*

Mary Ann Corley, National Sanctuary activist, AFSC

Michael Deutsch, Attorney, Peoples Law Office

Rachel Rosen deGolia, Director, Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

#2. *Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War*

Bob Bossie, Plowshares supporter, 8th Day Center

Jaime Delgado, National Coordinator, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War

Chokwe Lumumba, Chairman, New Afrikan People's Organization

#3. *The Changing Nature of the U.S. Prison System*

Jose Lopez, National Coordinator, Movimiento Liberacion Nacional - Puerto Rico

Joan McCarty, Prison activist

Steven Whitman, Committee to End the Marion Lockdown

3:30-5:00 pm Workshops Repeated

5:00-6:00 pm Video: "Breaking the Prison Walls: Puerto Rican Women Tell Their Story"

6:00-7:30 pm Dinner served on premises

7:30-8:00 pm Theater: Prison Workshop Players

8:00-10:00 pm Marion Prison - A Panel Discussion

Michael Deutsch, Attorney, Peoples Law Office

Nancy Horgan, Attorney for prisoners at Marion

Chokwe Lumumba, Chairman, New Afrikan People's Organization

Jan Susler, Attorney, Peoples Law Office