

Behind high walls and in isolated areas of this country, prisoners are subjected to inhuman conditions. In the Lexington, Ky. Control Unit, three women political prisoners live in conditions whose goal the American Civil Liberties Union has stated is to "destroy them (the prisoners), preferably by making them desperate enough to destroy themselves." In Marion, Il., six hours south of Chicago, 350 prisoners have been on total lockdown since 1983, despite the condemnation by Amnesty International of the prisoners' conditions. It's no exaggeration to say that these conditions constitute psychological torture. We refuse to let human beings be treated this way. We urge you to join us in protesting these inhuman conditions.

END THE MARION LOCKDOWN !

Marion Prison is the most maximum security prison in the federal prison system. Lockdown means that the prisoners have no contact with other prisoners; visits with family and friends are by phone and through a glass partition. Prisoners are shackled for hospital and court visits. No work or educational programs or group religious services exist. In addition, Marion's water supply is drawn from a toxic waste dump - the guards and personnel refuse to drink or wash with it.

SHUT DOWN THE LEXINGTON CONTROL UNIT - NO MORE CONTROL UNITS !

Since October 1986, five women, including Alejandrina Torres, a Puerto Rican POW, Susan Rosenberg, a North American political prisoner and Silvia Baraldini, an Italian political prisoner, have been entombed in a control unit at Lexington Federal Prison. They are videotaped 24 hours a day; every action they take, every word they say is noted in a log book kept by the guards. There is no fresh air and little natural light in the unit. The women can never see or talk to other prisoners. They are allowed no more than five books at any one time.

An intense campaign has forced the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to announce that they will shut down the Lexington Control Unit. However, the BOP plans to open a similar unit in Mariana, Florida for over "100 terrorist women" in May, 1986, including women who belong to organizations which advocate illegal actions.

PUT OSCAR AND KOJO IN GENERAL POPULATION !

Oscar Lopez Rivera, a Puerto Rican POW and Kojo Bomani, New Afrikan (Black) political prisoner are currently on trial in Chicago on charges of "conspiracy to escape". Citing security, the Metropolitan Correctional Center keeps them shut in a tiny cell at least 23 hours a day. In the last year, they have been outside five times. Kojo has been physically attacked by guards several times.

Marion and Lexington have become models of repression for the U.S. prison system. This repression is directed at specific segments of the population. Prisons serve as a warning to potentially rebellious Black and Latin people: this is where you will end up if you dare resist. Black people are incarcerated at six times the rate of white people in this country and almost twice the rate of Black people in South Africa. U.S. prisons hold many political prisoners. There are now over 100 Black and Puerto Rican political prisoners and POWs and a growing number of North American political prisoners. The goal of Control Units is to break the will to resist of these political prisoners - and to intimidate political activists so that we won't protest.

JOIN US AS WE MARCH THROUGH THE LOOP TO BRING THESE CONDITIONS TO AN END

For more information contact: The National Campaign to Abolish the Lexington Women's Control Unit, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, or the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown— Box 295, 2520 N. Lincoln, Chicago, Ill. 60614 312-278-6706



**END THE MARION LOCKDOWN
SHUT DOWN THE LEXINGTON CONTROL UNIT**

DEMONSTRATE

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

NOON, DALEY PLAZA