

NEWSLETTER PROPOSAL

We are friends and family of political prisoners who are networking to produce a magazine/newsletter for and about political prisoners and state repression. Some of us have worked on newsletters such as the INSURGENT, The Seditious Committee Newsletter, and the Outside Agitator. With publication discontinued on the Insurgent and the Outside Agitator, and the Seditious Trial coming to conclusion, we are beginning discussions with others who support political prisoners about a larger, more comprehensive publication.

We are committed to the struggle for human rights, freedom and amnesty for all political prisoners and Prisoners of War. We want to continue the publication of news, analysis and information about political prisoners, and see this as a shared effort of people on the inside and people on the outside. One suggestion under consideration is for 4 issues a year, with each issue to be put together or edited by a group of prisoners, perhaps in one institution, and 2 or 3 people on the outside. Dividing the responsibility by issue would allow participation by those in different localities. We are serious about raising the money to support hands-on preparation of the issues, through visits and telephone calls. Production and distribution committees will support the editorial groups.

It has been proposed that each issue include reports of trials and repression in prison and in the streets as well as articles, poetry and drawings by prisoners. We thought perhaps each issue could concentrate on a particular subject, like isolation & control units, racism or health issues in prison. It is vital that this project serve to facilitate communication among political prisoners their families and friends and supporters. We also want this to be a resource to all prisoners who are struggling for their human rights from within US prisons.

All of us who work with prisoners struggle with the costs of visiting and helping families to visit, and the monthly telephone bill. We hope that this newsletter, with 24 to 36 pages and perhaps a color cover can be a resource for all of our support groups and movements. We understand that no movement can grow and strengthen its resistance without people getting arrested and becoming political prisoners. They are the conscience of a movement, reminding us all that struggle is courage and sacrifice. We must assure that those who become imprisoned are supported, protected and defended.

Mainly -
there are 2 purposes - informally being
used to talk to people about ideas, the other
the 2 are just different versions. the other
is useful + changes are welcomed

