

# STOP THE BRUTALITY AT BEDFORD HILLS PRISON

## DEMONSTRATE TO SUPPORT BEDFORD HILLS SISTERS

### From the cage of....

- We the sisters of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility feel that our list of demands and grievances are reasonable and just.
- We want "YOU" the public to be aware of the constant controversy going on in this institution between the sisters and the administration.
- The continuous raping of our minds must stop.
- The daily display of harassment must stop.
- The daily indescribable brutality must stop.
- We the sisters committed to serve sentences here want to be rehabilitated not dehumanized.
- We look to "YOU" the people for support.
- We do not want to become statistics.

*Janet Prosper, Alberta James, Sheila Liles, Carol Crooks and Prisoners United to Save Humanism*

### BEDFORD HILLS WOMEN DEMAND

- STOP THE USE OF PHYSICAL BRUTALITY AGAINST ALL WOMEN PRISONERS. The use of riot-equipped correctional officers must be halted.
- Richard Hongisto, Commissioner of the Dept. of Corrections; Stephen Chinlund, Chairman of the N.Y. State Commission on Corrections; and Phyllis Curry, Superintendent of Bedford Hills, must meet with the Inmate Committee immediately to resolve grievances.
- Superintendent Curry; Deputy Superintendents Reed and Gladwin AND WHITE Volunteer Services Director Mendez and Nurse Glazer must be removed for their callous disregard for human rights and well-being of the women at Bedford Hills.
- All Adjustment Clinic hearings and superintendent proceedings must be held within the legally required time periods. Keeplocking of entire housing units must stop. Presently there are 50 women in keeplock for one to three weeks without hearings.
- The recent system of locking and unlocking cells at set times must be ended, and women have access to their cells upon request.
- Harassment caused by constantly changing rules must be stopped. No new rules should be instituted without sufficient notice.
- Interference with outgoing mail, including grievance letters to official agencies, must stop. Incoming mail must be processed on the day it is received, and delivered.
- Telephone room must be open as required from 2:30 PM to 9:30 PM each day and each woman guaranteed the regular number of calls per month without interference.
- Commissary prices must be rolled back. Those items in constant demand must be stocked at all times.
- The wage-scale, presently ranging from 35¢ to \$1.15 per day must be substantially increased. Meanwhile, all women at Bedford Hills for at least one year must be paid the maximum wage.
- Gym and yard time must be extended, at least equal to that allowed at men's prisons. New and adequate equipment, of the women's choosing, must be purchased.

### DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 27 BEDFORD HILLS PRISON BEDFORD HILLS, NY BUSSES LEAVE

8:30 A.M. Union Square, 14th Street.

9:30 A.M. Harlem State Office Building, 125th Street and 7th Avenue.

Bring food, water and sun protection.

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EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AT BEDFORD HILLS

