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Behind the wall

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In the areas of crimes that are able to have restitution made on them, I feel that the suggestion I am now making would be a good one to consider, it is one that can be utilized in most types of crimes in our society today. One example follows: A person given five years in prison for theft of an object or objects of estimated value say of \$2,500 would be made to work and the court take his or her check and withhold say 25 per cent of it to be paid toward restitution and the incurred court costs. This amount could be held out no matter how the individual were paid, be it weekly, bi-monthly or monthly.

The idea behind this type of reform would be several fold, amounting to cost reductions in several areas.

1) Approximately \$8,000 to \$11,000 per year in tax monies paid to baby sit the individual while incarcerated in an institution.

2) Recovery of approximately the \$2,500 it takes to process a man in our present court systems. This figure represents the approximate sum it takes to bring a man to trial and prosecute him.

3) The total recovery to the victim of his loss, resulting in less claims toward his insurance company, making less pay-out by the very insurance company that would have had to make a payment or settlement to the customer. The result being that the individual would in the long run be able to receive lower premium rates from an insurance company. This would be due to the lesser amounts of claims filed.

4) A lower welfare roll, due to the fact a person would be working, and therefore supporting his own family, and not relying on the state having to pay his families support while he is incarcerated in one of our institutions for a few years. It should be noted that a man who is spending say five years in prison and has a wife and two children who are under the age of 18, costs the taxpayer a conservative \$14,000 per year to maintain them. These costs figures include shelter, food, food stamps, clothing, medical,

dental and eye care.

Take the approximately 400 to 700 people in our institutions who would fall into this category, multiply this figure by the conservative figure of \$14,000 per year and the sum becomes staggering.

Our total state-run institutions hold a total of less than 4,000 inmates, who are confined because of criminal acts against society. And knowing the state alone employs 4,000 or more people on temporary jobs, this would mean that 1,000 of these jobs could be set aside for rehabilitation jobs. These are the jobs that require no special skills to handle or do.

One of the other areas that could be considered, is where the state is considering a growth in its reforestation program a lot of the men who are presently incarcerated could be utilized to plan these trees as well as any other group of people. We as tax paying citizens should take note of some of the areas that are presently costing us so much money to have done. Besides getting the job done, we would also be getting some of the money back that we have been paying out for so long to take care of these people.

Sure, I know a lot of politicians would object and even balk at this type of suggestion, no matter who says it. But it is about time that we the taxpayers quit letting so much of the matters rest entirely in the hands of political incompetents and the legislature pass some laws to provide tax relief.

One other area we could also use in recycling waste products and garbage. It would be very easy and economical to set up a methane gas converting plant to transform these waste products into a useful gas product. The state could then utilize this gas in their cars on a ration of around 10 to 15 per cent with the amounts of regular gas consumed. This alone would result in a substantial savings.

It would seem that a pilot program in one or more of these areas would be a very reasonable way to rehabilitate our present inmates. Let's take one of our counties and try out a pilot project in it. Let's give our legislators the opportunity

to vote for a program that would save thousands of dollars each year. This type of project would be a darn sight less costly than building a new prison or doing away with the Parole Board, both of which would cost too damn much tax money.

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is to think
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on the yard.

Vernon Broadnax

NAACP task force asks US aid African freedom

UNITED NATIONS - NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks presented the NAACP Task Force on Africa Report and Recommendations to His Excellency Leslie O. Harriman, chairman of the Special Committee Against Apartheid and permanent representative of Nigeria to the United Nations at a formal ceremony last week.

During a news conference, Hooks noted that today's action was similar to the NAACP's presentation of *An Appeal to the World* in 1947. The *Appeal* documented the denial of human rights in the U.S. It was presented to the U.N. by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois just as the world body was debating the treatment of Black people in South Africa and South-West Africa, Hooks noted.

The NAACP leader said that it was the NAACP's "inestimable honor to continue, and reaffirm, this historical process." Also participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, Dr. W. Montague Cobb, NAACP president, Franklin H. Williams, vice chairman of the NAACP Task Force on Africa, and several members of the group.

The Task Force Report is composed of a series of 41 recommendations, excerpts from African leaders and American specialists on Africa. During the group's month-long tour in Africa in March and April 1977, members met with several heads of state, including Seretse Khama of Botswana, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and William R. Tolbert, Jr. of Liberia.

The recommendations call for the U.S. government to take stern action against South Africa to help bring down its system of apartheid. These actions include the withdrawal of U.S. corporate investments and diverting this capital to such countries as Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland to help spur their economic development and strengthen their independence.

The Report further calls for the development of support throughout the country for the concept of majority rule in southern Africa.

The Report also called for the NAACP to -

- Press the U.S. to take far-reaching steps to ensure the political and economic liberation of the continent and the promotion of close working relations between Black Americans and Africans.

- Seek an increase in fellowship programs to help African students study at United Negro College Fund and other predominantly Black institutions.

- Encourage Black Americans to enter the foreign service and to work toward developing more meaningful U.S. policies

toward Africa.

- To bring unity among the several Black liberation groups in Zimbabwe and not "presume to pass judgement on the correct strategy" to achieve majority rule there.

- Urge Congress and the Secretary of State to revise U.S. policy on providing foreign assistance through the Agency for International Development to increase funding and make programs more flexible.

- Encourage Black investments in Africa and encourage U.S. corporations to send Black American managers to Africa.

The chairman of the twelve-member group of mostly non-NAACP people was Dr. Broadus Butler, a member of the NAACP Board of Directors and now president of the Robert R. Moton Institute in Washington.

Other members of the Task Force were: Mr. Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., Vice

President for Youth Development and Training, North Carolina NAACP; Miss Faith Berry, Staff Writer, WETA-TV; Dr. Broadus N. Butler, President, Robert R. Moton Memorial Institute, Inc.; Dr. Cyril L. Croxter, Professor and Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Howard University Hospital; Dr. John R. Ervin, Vice President, Danforth Foundation.

Also, Ms. Candora Flipper, Legal Counsel, U.S. Supreme Court, Levi Strauss and Company; Mr. Robert T. Freeman, Jr., President, Consumer United Insurance Company; Dr. Frederick C. Greene, Associate Director, Children's Hospital; Dr. Karl D. Gregory, Management and Economics Consultant and Professor of Economics and Management; Mrs. Maida Springer-Kemp, Consultant to African-American Labor Center; Dr. George L. Lythcott, Administrator, Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service Administration.

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Prince Hall Masons meet

Grand Master Thomas R. Vickers announced that the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will hold its 18th Annual Communication on Monday, June 26th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton, Lloyd Center.

The annual Grand Promenade will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at the Sheraton. The Thanksgiving Service will be at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on

Sunday at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Masonic Family Picnic. A bowling tournament will be held at Cascade Lanes beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Shriners Hospitality will be on Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

The Banquet will be held at the Sheraton on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Grand Master's reception.

Masonic leaders complete annual visitations

Thomas R. Vickers, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon and Its Jurisdiction, made his official visit to Sabre Lodge #7 in Mountain Home A.F.B., Idaho. Other Grand Lodge officers in attendance were the Deputy Grand Master Joseph Henderson, Grand Senior Warden Joseph Harvey, Grand Secretary Robert Isaacs, Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence and Past Grand Master William B. Odom, Jr., Chairman of the Executive Board and Past Grand Master Robert H. Dillard, District Deputy, Grand Masters

Past Grand Associate Conductress Charles Person, Sister Frances Odom of Adah Chapter, and Past Grand Matron Dorothy E. Vickers. Also visiting the chapter in her official capacity was Grand Lecturer Helen Riley.

This concludes the official visitations by Grand Master Vickers and Grand Matron Isaacs to their respective constituent lodges and chapters prior to the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter commencing June 24th through 27th at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

Joseph B. McNeal of the District of Idaho and James Gist of the District of Montana, Grand Junior Steward Robert Earvins.

Margaret J. Isaacs, Grand Worthy Matron of Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Oregon and Its Jurisdiction made her official visit to Alfred E. David Chapter #8 in Mountain Home, Idaho. She was accompanied by the Grand Associate Matron Layola Brown, Grand Associate Conductress Prestina Gist, Grand Secretary James Gist, Grand Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Mable B. Neal,

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The business community has recently acknowledged four specific facts about alcoholism:

1. Alcoholism is an illness, not a moral problem.
2. It can be treated successfully.
3. Many alcoholics are worth treating.
4. Persons afflicted with the disease of alcoholism are often the last to recognize or to accept their problem.

Five to ten percent (5% - 10%) of the employed population are in trouble with alcohol. In a large proportion of these cases, the problem has existed for five to seven years before becoming so obvious that action is required. Alcoholism has been identified by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare as the number one public health problem in the U.S.A. Only three percent (3%) of these alcoholics are on skid row, the other ninety-seven percent (97%) are found in homes, offices and factories.

Alcoholism turns out to be the billion dollar headache. Alcoholism costs industries \$15,000,000,000.00 (fifteen billion dollars), not to mention human suffering to the alcoholic himself, his family and his employer. Much of the inferior workmanship in many of our domestic products and services may be due directly or indirectly to the disease of alcoholism.

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