By Harvey Baker

Occasionally, the American public is faced with the kind of scandal that the news media as a whole largely ignores, or simply buries in the form of a casually wrapped-up, underlining, soothing, soothing, and suicide that has characterized the Presidio Stockade in San Francisco.

On October 14, 1968, as roll call was being taken, 27 prisoners located acres, set down, and began to sing "We Shall Overcome." They stated their wish to speak to the captain as they had a list of grievances to read. Soon after, Captain Lamont, accompanied by forty-five MPs and a group of photographers arrived on the scene. The photographers took pictures of all the men after which the captain read aloud the Mutiny Law, Article 94, which the men stated they could not hear, due to a loudspeaker playing in the background.

At the conclusion of the reading, the MP's broke up the group, carrying away bodily those who did not go voluntarily. The men were charged with mutiny and the three who have been sentenced have been given terms of fourteen, fifteen, and seventeen years. In addition, the MPs stated that they have been granted access to only four toilets, all of which suffers from:

The most startling fact about the Presidio Stockade, however, is the inexcusable and high incidence of suicide attempts. In the last six months, there have been 33 suicide attempts with varying degrees of success by twentieth-two different prisoners, whose methods have taken some of the following bizarre forms: a large number have tried hanging themselves, many have slit their wrists, one has cut his arm and drank lye, another too drunk to even stagger to another cell. There have been three suicide attempts with the use of alcohol, another stabbing in the hand, and one Private Gentile drove a spike into his vein in an act of desperation.

The stockade has five "boxes," two of which are used solely for disciplinary cases, such as that of Private Gentile. These two are painted black, and measure 4'1/2 by 5'1/2 by 8 feet. The period of internment ranges from one to several weeks, during which the prisoner is granted only marginal food allowances. The only light within the box is artificial. The federal court petition regarding this cells state, "None of the cells contain a commode and, in order to clean them, prison matrons must pound on the door of the cells and shout until they are able to attract the guard's attention. Frequently, the guards are otherwise occupied or unwilling to enter the prison cells. Prisoners are frequently forced to defecate on the floor of their cells, and their excrement or urine is allowed to remain on the cell floor for considerable periods of time. Prisoners, in the segregation cells has been refused permission to brush their teeth, bath, or even obtain medical care for an extended period of time. The heating in these cells is inadequate, and to prevent recalcitrant prisoners, guards take the prisoner's clothes and blankets from him and throw cold water on his naked body. At times, the opposite is substituted for the water.

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Racist guards discriminate against black prisoners. One of the guards claimed that their chief pushed LSD, and that one day all the guards were "armed." A speed addict was sent to the stockade and later died in a medical hospital. He was left in the overall situation is one of concentration camp atmosphere, with a substantial majority of the prisoners driven to suicide attempts without some degree of isolation. Few of the prisoners in the stockades have been attempted by any charge more serious than AWOL. Documents on the demonstration of the day of the demonstration, there were 104 people, including three cooks and two guards. Since August 22, 1968, more than 900 people have been arrested and convicted for AWOL. The military court will admit whether the Presidio Stockade is characterized by the Presidio Stockade.

The three cent price includes free admission for up to three people, with additional numbers for telephone stations within the Institute. A copy of the change in codes is necessitated by the need for more codes for such lines. Additional information may be obtained by phoning 868-2715.

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