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Re: THE TETE-A-TETE OF LYNN MARTIN
WITH THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE Washington
Times, on Sept. 18.

I FOUND THIS KISSY-MOUTH DISPLAY
BETWEEN THE FAR-OUT RIGHT WING
Times AND THE SEMI-INCOMPETENT
MARTIN (WHO GOT TO BE Secy of Labor
by being defeated for re-election) TO
BE FAIRLY DISGUSTING -- AND WORSE
THAN A WASTE OF C-SPAN'S TIME.

MARTIN WILL SPEAK TO THE NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB ON SEPT. 19TH. LET US
HOPE THAT C-SPAN SPARES US ANOTHER
DOSE OF THE HARSH MS. MARTIN -- OR
THE LOONY-MOONY-TUNES AT THE Times.

cc: [REDACTED] ✓

SINCERELY,

DR. [REDACTED]
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New Prison a Sealed Tomb for Oklahoma's Inmates?

Rep. Walt Roberts, in a large white cowboy hat, gave an opening speech before the open house at the new earth-covered prison in McAlester on July 26.

He said the new prison is a landmark that the people of Oklahoma had the foresight to build.

The families of prisoners and all visitors pass a craft shop as they enter the prison. One gets the impression that the prisoners are having fun and games inside their cells.

As I stood in the small cement cells, I felt such doom and loneliness for the prisoners. The solid steel door with a tiny window will cement them in. The rooms are so sealed, prisoners won't be able to talk or pass notes to each other or hang their mirrors out to see. Each cell's so sealed, no sound can get in or out. Each cell is a sealed tomb, each with its own, behind the tomb, water and electric turn off and turn on.

Nearly 400 prisoners will fill this \$10 million prison. One-fourth will be all the death row prisoners and three-fourths will be regular prisoners. The gray cement beds give an appearance of a casket under the two-inch mattress. When each gray steel door slams shut, it will be a living death for every prisoner. As they begin screaming, the staff can flip off the intercom that goes into each tomb-cell.

If a prisoner ever makes it out of this prison and his tomb than I pray there is a team of doctors and nurses on hand for him. And a ton of clergy to take his hand to hold.

We must stop this new prison from becoming the "prison of the future" in this country. I had a hard time sleeping upon returning to my home. What I saw and heard has left a cloud over me. What vengeful and abusive Oklahomans have built and designed is scarier than what most prisoners have ever done to us.

Judy Chancellor
Yukon

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State Prisons Need to Treat Mentally Ill Inmates

Gov. Bellmon signed a bill on May 21 to allow personnel from the Carl Albert Mental Health facility to enter Oklahoma State Penitentiary to treat mentally ill prisoners. Funds are needed to get this bill enforced. It is a giant step toward prison reform and public safety.

Prison officials do not understand mentally ill prisoners. They view them as having bad attitudes and being problem prisoners.

For example, there is a mentally ill Oklahoma City man serving a 7-year sentence for a bogus check. He was 19 years old at the time. For the past 6½ years he has lived in a cell in this prison. Periodically he will slash and slice his body, split his head and face open while screaming and banging it on his steel commode. Prison staff will sew his cuts and gashes up. He rips the stitches out, so they strap him to his steel bunk alone for days and nights at a time.

In just six months he will be released into society. His parents are distraught as he's had no proper treatment, only punishment. Treatment and medication would have saved him and his family from years of untold grief and horrors.

So you can see this was an important bill that was passed May 21. Not only will we save tax dollars on long incarcerations but it will help make our streets safe.

Thank you, to all the humanitarians who worked on this progressive bill.

Judy Chancellor
Yukon

CURE HISTORY

In the early 1970's, Charlie Sullivan (a former priest) went on hunger strikes outside Texas jails and prisons to draw attention to the conditions of the prisons. Family members and friends of prisoners and concerned citizens soon gathered to form CURE. They went on to lobbying for prisoners at the capital of Texas under the name of CURE.

In 1985 Charles & Pauline Sullivan set up National Headquarters of CURE in Washington D.C., with some 31 states forming chapters of CURE. In 1990 Oklahoma joined in with these states and the national effort to reduce crime through the awareness of the criminal justice system.

Public officials on the state and national level have become sponsors and supporters of CURE. Organizations such as the ACLU Prison Project, the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty, and the Criminal Justice Ministries, Amnesty International, are among the many affiliates of CURE.



A National and State effort
to reduce crime
through criminal justice reform

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this brochure to pass along to
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Invitation to Oklahoma & Washington
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in Oklahoma and Nationally.

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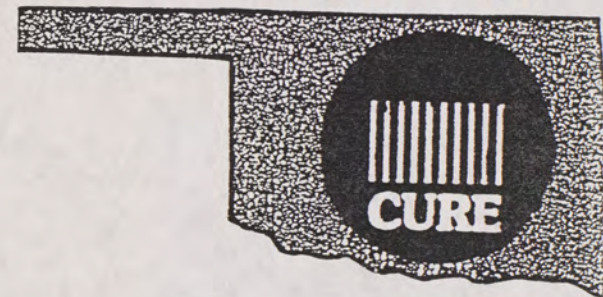
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THE OKLAHOMA



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WHAT IS CURE?

CURE is a national multi-issue organization, which works to reduce crime through reform of the criminal justice system. CURE advocates for legislation to ensure just treatment for prisoners, victims, and their families.

CURE'S PHILOSOPHY

CURE believes systemic changes must be made in the Department of Corrections throughout the United States. Advocating for reform and creating a voting block are the most effective ways to achieve this end.

GOALS OF CURE

To insure that:

- 1) Prisons are used for those who absolutely must be incarcerated, and are designed to function solely for the purpose of education and rehabilitation.
- 2) Public officials and interested organizations are educated and advised with regard to the most beneficial options available in all issues that have an impact on the criminal and penal system.

WHO SUPPORTS CURE?

CURE is supported by family and friends of prisoners and concerned citizens who realize that locking up millions of people is not a solution.

Dedicated citizens from all walks of life comprise its membership.



CURE'S STAND ON CRIME

CURE does not condone criminal activity. CURE'S primary goal is to reduce crime. CURE supports programs and treatment that enable prisoners to lead a life free of crime once they are released.

Treatment programs and self-esteem courses are absolutely necessary, because today's inmates are tomorrow's neighbors. CURE advocates public safety through prison reforms. Treatment programs will save tax dollars.

"I know not whether LAWS be right,
or where Laws be wrong;

All that we know who lie in jail
Is that the wall is strong;
And that each day is like a year,
A year whos days are long."

OSCAR WILDE 1898

OKLAHOMA CURE'S GENERAL ISSUES

- * Reform of sentencing laws and parole guidelines
- * Access in prisons to treatment medical/psychological problems
- * Treatment centers instead of prisons for substance abuse offenders.
- * Enhancement of prisoner/family relationships
- * Quality legal aid for indigent prisoners
- * Study of the effects of solitary confinement
- * Issues relating to women, veterans in prisons, senior citizens, and handicapped.
- * Provide former offenders a chance to live a law abiding life, through employment, with the help of the business community.
- * Voting privileges for former offenders and for prisoners inside prisons (i.e. example: A law in Massachusetts allows all prisoners in prison the right of vote).
- * Prisoners with AIDS
- * The exclusion of the mentally ill from the criminal justice system
- * Abolition of the death penalty