

A World of Socialism By Carlton Wallace #320136

A World of Socialism is really what most humans, whether they know it or not, want and need. The most money-hungry capitalist desire an accommodating economy of Socialism, because they have only sought wealth out of fear of poverty and the therapeutic need for material fulfillment. The rich are in constant competition, promoting and marketing production with fear of replacement and economic ruin in mind. But in the world of Socialism, where everyone shares the wealth, there's no competition in economic enterprise, and there's no exploitation and abuse of the employee within the confines of the workplace. The workplace, which is not as we know it now, would be government-owned, with a ranking system predicated on credentials and qualifications.

In respect to prisoners within the dungeons of the Department of Corrections, until their nightmare of incarceration is fully abolished, they should be given a lot more money for their slave-like labor in the so-called correctional institutions of America. One of their obstacles is a less-than-democratic penal and control system: prisoners are not allowed to vote for their counselors, unit managers, lieutenants, deputy wardens, wardens, deputy commissioners, commissioners, etc. Envision a democratic system such as this, where prison officials would be more inclined to humane treatment towards incarcerated individuals from a desire to be

elected to positions of more authority, privilege, and monetary acquisition.

My vision of prison is not a utopian work of intellectual art. It belongs to a realistic and reasonable should-be notion of what prison should be at this present time. As a man who's been in prison for over fifteen years, knowing how the prison structure has broken up so many minds, hearts, family ties, social ties, sexual ties, and worldly opportunities, I'd love for the imperistic penal colonies of the United States to be thrown in the abyss of non-existence. But being a pragmatic socialist compels me to sow the seeds of something not that difficult to fathom and obtain.

For prisoners, this aforementioned dream of institutional democracy, will most likely still be a long time from now, in spite of its ingenuity and reasonableness. What activists, prisoners and civil rights ~~judges~~ ^{judges} are doing now, just like in the recent past, is endeavoring to overturn the prison institution of solitary confinement. The state of New York has just ended their long-term solitary confinement. Bravo! If New York can demolish the inhumane reality of long-term or indefinite isolation, so can states like Connecticut and California.

In Connecticut, the so-called Constitution State, the infamous Northern Correctional Institution is preparing to

close itself down completely. In fact, Connecticut's Department of Corrections have already succeeded in transferring most of NCI's inmates to Granger Correctional Institution and the Mac-Dougall-Walker Complex. Hope Metcalf, Supervisor Attorney at Allard K. Lewenstein, the ACLU and other law firms are litigating a suit against DOC commissioner Angel Quiras for the inhumane crime of keeping mentally impaired prisoners in solitary for way too long. The building of Northern CT is only closing down on the account of monetary issues for the Department, not out sincere concern for the prisoner's psyche.

A woman named Barbara Fair has founded the Stop Solitary in CT movement. Barbara is a wonderful soul, a clinical social worker who aspires to bring forth humane elements to the prison industrial complex. Her inspiration stems from her son's own experience with the solitary confinement machine. And then we have Abolition Unruh, a women-led Muslim organization that helps Muslim prisoners and non-muslim prisoners with correspondence, financial aid, and reading material. They are prison abolitionists that believe in socialism. Barbs Fair and Hope Metcalf believe in socialism, even if they're not members of the Democratic Socialists of America or any other left-wing apparatus.

Truly we are not living in a world so far from pervasive socialism. Almost everyone, around the world, has a socialistic bone in their body. Who doesn't want peace on an international level? Who out of the majority of human beings enjoy capitalism as a mechanism for the poor's inconvenience? And who in the entire world thinks that global warming is a heavenly reality?

Politicizing my mind and spirit has been such an amazing thing, because my eyes have been opened to a global struggle against evil. I implore everyone to delve into the various ideologies of non-fatalitarian socialism, that unoppressive and human political ethic that doesn't require a college degree, wealth, prestige, physical beauty, religious denomination, or a particular sexual orientation.

Socially,
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