

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

BOX 7 OF 16

FOLDER 17

HOMOSEXUAL PRISONERS

HOMOSEXUALS IN COOK COUNTY JAIL

(An interview with an inmate housed in the Homosexual Tier)

1. Homosexuals are allowed in the yard only once a month (others, including misfits) go once or twice a week.
2. Homosexuals have no good TV, while other inmates get new ones. When others TV set is broken, then a replacement is taken from the Homosexual Tier.
(R: That there are just a few Homosexuals on the tier)
3. Homosexuals do not get any movies, while others go once a week.
4. Utensils to clean room:
 - a. mop---only one dirty old one---need one wet and one dry
 - b. broom---one---should have one straight and one push
 - c. No disinfectant, scouring powder
5. Go to chapel once a month--- If they let them (others, including "misfits", go once a week and go to the yard when they don't have chapel)
6. Misfits called "Double-locks"--- troublemakers, VD cases are in the same tier. homosexuals have to clean up the cells of the misfits when they leave jail.
(R: they have to keep the tier clean) .
7. Allow "double-locks" out between 1-3 p.m. to take showers & go to game room. At this time Homosexuals have to stay locked up in cells (The Homosexuals would like to be able to use the yard, etc.). Homosexuals take showers when others are locked up. Homosexuals are allowed out of cells from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.. Others are only locked up from 10:30 p.m. to 5 or 6 a.m. (R: given for being locked up from BK to 8 a.m. "They'll have sex" "No officers to guard them.")
NB: Homosexuals have own cells (others have cell partners)
8. Another tier (B-I) guard allows prisoners to sleep past 8 a.m. On Homosexuals' tier the guard wakes Homosexuals at 8 a.m. (R: to see if they're alive) while allowing misfits to sleep later.

SEGREGATION:

1. If Homosexuals go to chapel---they go with women. (NB---lesbians no segregated)
2. When Homosexuals go to court they wake them up at 6 a.m. for court at 10 a.m. Homosexuals have to wait in the laundry room---no seats. They have to stay there until 7:30 a.m. (why don't they allow them to stay upstairs for an hour and a half?) Others are allowed to wait in the schoolroom for the hour and a half where there are benches. NB---they call the others first (for the strip search) and they go to the big bull pen. Others and Homosexuals are stripped in the corridor and then placed together in the large bull pen.
NB---Here the Homosexuals have the right to preference; if Homosexuals want to be segregated, they can sit on the benches outside the bull pen. Homosexuals are in this bull pen with the others from approximately 7:30 to 9 a.m.. Then they are sent to the bull pen in court; here too Homosexuals have the right to separate from the others---goes to the room in between the bull pens (no toilet, etc.).

CHANGES:

Okay for segregation, but wants same privileges: movies, TV, utensils, yard and chapel. Put Homosexuals from Bridewell with Homosexuals in Cook County Jail so that there are enough Homosexuals to make up one tier and that they would not need to have misfits in the tier.