

PROOFREADING A PAPER

Check the following student paper carefully for the use of capitals and special marks. (1) Where you can, insert missing hyphens or apostrophes. (2) If a word needs to be capitalized, or if it needs to be rewritten with an apostrophe, cross out the word. Then write the corrected word above the line.

Prison Reform

Prison reform uses many different approaches. Countries like Canada, Germany, Israel, Spain, Denmark, and the United States have many different ways of rehabilitating prisoners. People in Canada would like to see more inmates working in the community. Alberta, Canada, is opening offices instead of jails, steering convicts into community work rather than prison.

Beside sending convicts to work in the community, Canada also sends convicts to work camps in parks and forests. At a forest camp at Shulie Lake, Nova Scotia, Scott Paper employs convicts on jobs free men would not take. In Ontario, Canada, on a typical day groups of twenty five inmates or more are out cleaning parks, shoveling snow, or caring for handicapped children.

Germany has tried a different approach to rehabilitation. Seven inmates of a prison in Hamburg participated in an experiment letting these hardcore offenders be part of a crew aboard the Greek schooner Yachara. They performed all duties of a crew for a week long voyage on the Baltic Sea. Officials believed that the trip might add a new dimension to the familiar prison precept: "We're all in the same boat." Before the start of the trip, the prisoners who had been selected practiced tying knots, identifying buoys, and reading compasses.

Spain has a loosely structured prison for women. A women's prison in Madrid lets the prisoners run the cultural and recreational programs by themselves. Inmates may receive visitors every morning and have the right of unrestricted communication with their families. They may receive food from the outside and a staff member may buy things for a prisoner's needs.

Prisons in the United States have tried many different reforms. One solution is identical with one of Israel's experiments. Morgantown, West Virginia, divides offenders into four behavioral categories. Most prisons in the United States are partly self-supporting through the federal prison industries, inc. This organization provides vocational training for inmates.

I believe the United States should make more of an all-out effort to improve the current system. This point was strongly made in an off-Broadway play about prison life written by an ex-convict. Publications like the New Republic and Harper's have long shown a strong interest in prison reform. We must think more about what prison means for the convict's future life and the prisoner's family.