

# Convict Proposals Accepted by the State

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ATTICA, N. Y., Sept. 12—  
Following are the proposals  
that State Correction Com-  
missioner Russell G. Oswald  
has said he will accept:

1. Provide adequate food, water and shelter for all inmates.
2. Inmates shall be permitted to return to their cells or to other suitable accommodations or shelter under their power. The observer committee shall monitor the implementation of this operation.
3. Grant complete administrative amnesty to all persons associated with this matter. By administrative amnesty the state agrees:
  - A. Not to take any adverse parole actions, administrative proceedings, physical punishment or other type of harassment, such as holding inmates incommunicado, segregating inmates, or keep them in isolation or in 24-hour lockup.
  - B. The state will grant legal amnesty in regard to all civil actions that could arise from this matter.
  - C. It is agreed that the State of New York and all its departments divisions and subdivisions, including the State Department of Corrections and the Attica Correctional Facility and its employes and agents, shall not file or initiate any criminal complaint or act as complainant in any criminal action of any kind or nature relating to property, property damage or property-related crimes arising out of the incidents at the Attica Correctional Facility during Sept. 9, 10 and 11, 1971.
4. Recommend the application of the New York State Minimum Wage Law standards to all work done by inmates. Every effort will be made to make the records of payments available to inmates.
5. Establish by Oct. 1, a permanent ombudsman service for the facility, staffed by appropriate persons from the neighboring communities.
6. Allow all New York

State prisoners to be politically active without intimidation or reprisal.

7. Allow true religious freedom.
8. End all censorship of newspaper, magazines and other publications from publishers, unless it is determined by qualified authority, which includes the ombudsman, that the literature in question presents a clear and present danger to the safety and security of the institution. Institution spot-censoring only of letters.
9. Allow all inmates at their own expense to communicate with anyone they please.
10. Institute realistic effect rehabilitation programs for all inmates according to their offense and personal needs.
11. Modernize the inmate education system, including the establishment of a Latin library.
12. Provide an effective narcotics treatment program for all prisoners requesting such treatment.
13. Provide or allow adequate legal assistance to all inmates requesting it, or permit them to use inmate legal assistance of their choice in any proceeding whatsoever. In all such proceedings inmates shall be entitled to appropriate due process of law.
14. Reduce cell time, increase recreation time and provide better recreation facilities and equipment, hopefully by Nov. 1, 1971.
15. Provide a healthy diet, reduce the number of pork dishes, increase fresh fruit daily.
16. Provide adequate medical treatment for every inmate. Engage either a Spanish-speaking doctor or interpreters who will accompany Spanish-speaking inmates to medical interviews.
17. Institute a program for the recruitment and employment of a significant number of black and Spanish-speaking officers.
18. Establish an inmate grievance commission, comprised of one elected inmate from each company, which is

authorized to speak to the administration concerning grievances and develop other procedures for inmate participation in the operation and decision-making processes of the institution.

19. Investigate the alleged expropriation of inmate funds and the use of profits from the metal and other shops.

20. The State Commissioner of Correctional Services will recommend that the penal law be changed to cease administrative resentencing of inmates returned for parole violation.

21. Recommend that Menenchino hearings be held promptly and fairly. (This concerns the right of prisoners to be represented legally on parole-violation changes).

22. Recommend necessary legislation and more adequate funds to expand work relief programs.

23. End approved lists for correspondents and visitors.

24. Remove visitation screens as soon as possible.

25. Institute a 30-day maximum for segregation arising out of any one offense. Every effort should be geared toward restoring the individual to regular housing as soon as possible, consistent with safety regulations.

26. Paroled inmates shall not be charged with parole violations for moving traffic violations or driving without a license unconnected with any other crimes.

27. Permit access to outside dentists and doctors at the inmates' own expense within the institution where possible and consistent with scheduling problems, medical diagnosis and health needs.

28. It is expressly understood that members of the observer committee will be permitted into the institution on a reasonable basis to determine whether all of the above provisions are being effectively carried out. If questions of adequacy are raised, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Correctional Services for clearance.

This was signed by Commissioner Oswald.