

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
COLORED WOMEN INC.
DEPARTMENT OF PRISON AND PAROLE
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The Department of Correctional Institutions give out this information: At the present time, the Department of Correction and the Youth Authority are trying to accomodate 6,628 prisoners in institutions designed for 5,050. Hundreds of Juvenile delinquents who should be in State Institutions are being kept indefinitely in Detention Homes or in County Jails which were never equipped or intended for such a purpose.

War has a way of breeding vice, degeneracy and violence and the crime wave that has swept the country is an aftermath of that period.

Since, as the old proverb says, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," the main objective of this Department is: To use every means of saving men, women and young people from committing those deeds that might mean a prison term.

The program to be carried on this year is as follows:

1. To aid those who have been sentenced to prison and are eligible for parole.
2. To help in the rehabilitation of those who need to be blended into the economic and social strata of life by striving to find jobs and other needed morale building aids.
3. Visit and become acquainted with conditions in the jails of your city, the prisons of the State. Learn the laws, governing these institutions. Work with the Youth Authority for new facilities to cope with the crime problem adequately. Protest any condition in our juvenile institutions that does not make, of the ones in them, better boys and girls.
4. Each Club is asked to appoint a chairman of the Department to work with the Superintendent or Section Chairman. Report immediately any case that is brought to your attention to your Superintendent or Chairman.

Yours for deeds and not words,

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