

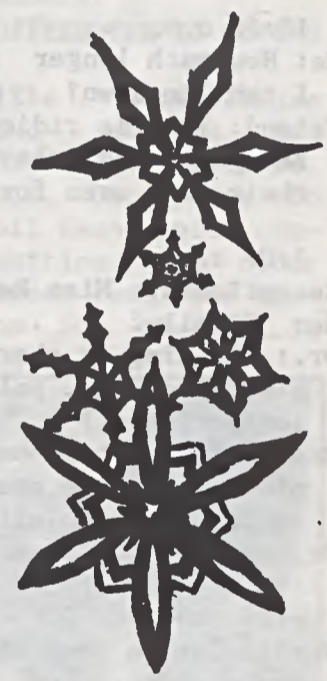


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EX-CONVICT SAYS PRISON REFORM NOT REALITY IN NEAR FUTURE

by Cheryl Thomas

On Tuesday of this week at 8:00 p.m., William (Bill) Geraway spoke about "Crime and Punishment in America." It was an intriguing "speech" in which the audience was introduced to the criminal mind, to the reality of prisons and reform, to the Mafia and its influence on the economic and political structures in the U.S. William Geraway became a deviant Ameri-

can at the age of nine when he committed his first crime: robbery. By the age of 13, he was a well equipped thief and found himself at the beginning of an 18 year bout with prison life. He found prison to be only a college where one could learn the "how to's" of any desired crime. He also believes that prison reform is a noble thought but he doesn't see it as a reality in the near future. He believes reform is only prob-

able if the prisoner is also interested in changing his life style and character, which Geraway seems to have accomplished. He believes that our main hope in the area of reform is with the nation's juvenile delinquents. Another subject area in which Geraway is sufficiently competent is in the knowledge of the Mafia. He has had dealings with the Mafia and the Irish gang on the east coast since the 60's.

He later testified against the assassins of 5 contract murders associated with these organizations. As a result, he is now faced with a contract on his own life. Mr. Geraway offered a solution to the abundant Mafia control by stating that the connections with the police departments and political institutions need to be severed. William Geraway concluded his lecture with a hearty supply of questions from the

audience. Several of the questions were of a personal nature. Geraway tried very hard to supply sufficient answers which helped to reveal his enlightening character.

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