

the staff. Intellectual attack will provoke an equally violent defence, and if this subject is not approached with warmth and understanding, then outside pressure groups cannot really blame the Prison Service for ignoring them.

Recommendations from the Royal Commission may have considerable impact, but in the last analysis it is the prison staffs who have to implement them. Unless they are to achieve a truly empa-

thetic appreciation of their future roles, then the enormous amount of valuable work undertaken by "outsiders" will continue to be as dust before the wind. Unpleasant whilst it is blowing; Nasty if a grain gets in one's eye; but soon over and all is as before.

Defeatist? Cynical? A depressing historical fact!

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