

Shades of HK Governor Sir Richard Greaves Macdonnell



He was a hard man. In 1866 when facing a mainland crime wave he thought the only policy will work was Roman style deterrents! Reduced the diet of prisoners and ordered the use of cat-o-nine-tails and solitary confinement. Catch 'em and thrash 'em boys! The HK Harbour Master's public flogging post.



Another Hard Man



Inmates in Arizona's Maricopa County jail system already have it harder than most other prisoners. By decree of Sheriff Joe Arpaio, they are only given two meals a day, which they have to pay for out of their own pocket. All inmates, even the mentally ill, are made to wear pink underwear, sometimes by force (the subject of recent litigation). Those 'residing' in Tent City prison, a self described

"concentration camp," must brave summer temperatures as high as 117 F Degrees. Tent City has been criticized by groups contending these are violations of human and constitutional rights,

Now the prisoners – roughly 2,160 in number – must suffer one further hardship: they will no longer be able to eat meat to save money!



Pink Underwear

One of Arpaio's most visible public relations actions was the introduction of pink underwear, which the Maricopa County Sheriff's website cites as being "world famous." Arpaio subsequently started to sell customized pink boxers (with the Maricopa County Sheriff's logo and "Go Joe") as a fund-raiser for Sheriff's Posse Association. Despite allegations of misuse of funds received from these sales, Arpaio declined to provide an accounting for the money. Arpaio's success in gaining press coverage with the pink underwear resulted in him extending the use of the color. He introduced pink handcuffs, using the event to promote his book, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, America's Toughest Sheriff.

Australian Bikies



Authorities in Queensland, Australia are cracking down on criminal motorcycle gangs with a vengeance. Following a couple of large, public brawls between two rival gangs, Queensland Premier Campbell Newman has introduced new legislation targeting members of illegal "bikies," modeling some of his controversial policies on those of "America's Toughest Sheriff."

Australian Legislation

Under the Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Bill, which was passed by parliament last week, members of about two dozen motorcycle clubs are outlawed from gathering in groups of three or more (including riding together), going to their clubhouses, and promoting and recruiting for their groups. The penalty for engaging in these activities would be a mandatory six-month jail term. Other approved laws bar members of outlawed motorcycle clubs from owning, operating, or working in tattoo parlors, as well as ensure that they serve a minimum of 15 more years in prison than nonmembers who commit the same crimes. In response, the Australian Motorcycle Council is raising funds to mount a court challenge to the laws.



Officials are also planning to convert a 52-bed wing of the Woodford Correctional Center into a high-security, biker-only jail partially modeled after Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio's famously draconian vision of incarceration. The bikies would be confined to their cells for 23 hours a day, and denied television, gym facilities, and rehabilitation for the duration of their sentence. Civil liberties groups have likened the proposed biker jail to terrorist detention facilities. By contrast, Arpaio's approach seems more humane: He houses inmates in desert tents, and has banned cigarettes, coffee, pornographic magazines, and unrestricted television in his jails - but inmates are, at least, allowed to watch pre-approved classics like Old Yeller.

Australia wants to expand on another of Arpaio's more controversial policies: requiring inmates to wear pink underwear. Though Arpaio claims that his pink underwear policy is a deterrent against underwear theft, A District Court ruled in March that the practice constituted punishment without justification because it symbolized the stripping of prisoners' masculinity. Australian authorities by contrast, would force incarcerated bikers into pink uniforms, The Premier is unabashed about his desire to punish through feminization. "They like to wear scary looking gear, leather jackets, they have tattoos, they have their colours," Newman told reporters. "Telling them to wear pink is going to be embarrassing for them."

The notion that pink is inherently emasculating, and that emasculation is an appropriate way of policing misbehaving males, is a pervasive one. Whether it's effective is another matter?

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Should Hong Kong convicted imprisoned Triads and Freemasons be forced to wear pink Hello Kitty Jockey Shorts and T Shirts?



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