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THE EXPERIENCE OF AUSTRALIAN CORRECTIONS AND ITS APPLYING IN UKRAINE

The research is devoted to some matters of the penal service of Australia and the possibility to apply their experience in Ukraine. We are going to observe such items as:

- 1) The history of Australian Penal Service;
- 2) The Penal Service of Australia in modern times;
- 3) Applying the experience of Australia for Ukraine.

To get started, the history of Australia's penal service dates back to the XVIII century when the first prisoners arrived to the continent. By the way, "prison continent" is the second name of Australia in the XVIII-XIX century. A lot of jails have been included on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Here are the most famous of them, namely, "the Devine's Hill and Finch's Line sections of the Old Great North Road were UNESCO World Heritage Listed in July 2010" [1]. Australia has also released the collection of gold coins devoted to domestic prison system.

Initially, the idea to establish a colony for convicts exiled in the Southern Ocean (or Terra Australis [*Latin*]) was offered by John Callander who said: "This world must present us with many things entirely new, as hitherto we have had little more knowledge of it, than if it had lain in another planet" [2].

So, the first prisoners' camp on the southern coast of Australia, which later became known as the State of South Wales, also as a coalmine, has been immortalized on a coin as well. Three coins dedicated to the governmental institution "Hyde Park Barracks" depict the prison at Port Arthur and Women's Prison. One of the series is devoted to "Fremantle Prison" built for holding dangerous criminals. In the early twentieth century, when the number of serious crimes dramatically increased due to the "gold rush", the main citadel was built which housed the sentenced for death row followed by execution. In 1964, the serial killer Eric Edgar Cooke was hung up there.

The interesting thing in the penal service of Australia is baobab-jails. The most famous is baobab prison, Wyndham, a large hollow tree, 9 m height and 15 m in its diameter, was known as "Prison Hillgrove" evidenced an appropriate inscription carved on the trunk. The English reformer Jeremy Bentham has compared penitentiary to a car "grinding rogues honest and idle men industrious" (1838-43, IV, 342) [3].

The Australian penitentiary experience is well-known in the world.

Let's take a closer look at the matter. Each colony plays its own specific role. The colonies of Australia have developed to ensure high level security. Besides, there is the system of requests for prisoners. For example, they may send an inquiry letter to the chief staff of their prison. The decision affects a number of factors: behavior, comfortable being at prison, etc.

The patterns of Australian prisons let us make a conclusion that prisoners actually deserve human attitude and have a real chance of coming back to the society, or *resocialization*, as well as they need proper accommodation and medical treatment. The penal system of Ukraine has the excellent opportunity to learn the experience of such well-developed countries as Australia and apply it taking into account the specific features of the Ukrainian penitentiary.

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