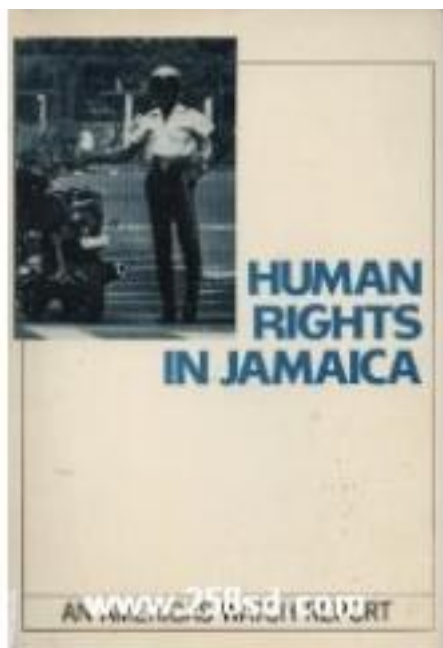


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PREFACE
This report examines the human rights situation in Jamaica. It is based on information gathered in the course of two trips to Jamaica in 1986. The principal delegation included William Chevigny, Professor of Law at the New York University City School of Law and author of Police Power; Lois Whitman, former General Counsel of the New York City Commission on Human Rights and a member of the Americas Watch Committee; and William Chevigny, Professor of Literature at SUNY-Purchase. The mission took place from June 26 through July 4. Lois Whitman made a preliminary visit from February 24 through March 6. The Americas Watch investigation came about at the request of the Jamaica Council for Human Rights, a small independent organization set up by a group of Jamaican lawyers in 1981 which had uncovered over the years a disturbing pattern of police abuses -- civilians killed

by police at an alarmingly
rate¼Œ unlawful detentions and beatings by police -- as we
appalling conditions in the island s lock-ups and prisons.
 While in Jamaica¼Œ Americas Watch met with human ri
activists and lawyers¼Œ including Florizelle O Connor¼Œ
Coordinator of the Jamaica Council for Human Rights; De
Daly¼Œ Roy Fairclough¼Œ Richard Small¼Œ tlarold Murray
Andrew Rattray. We also met with individuals who had
members of their families shot and killed by police or who
themselves been unlawfully detained and/or beaten by police.

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