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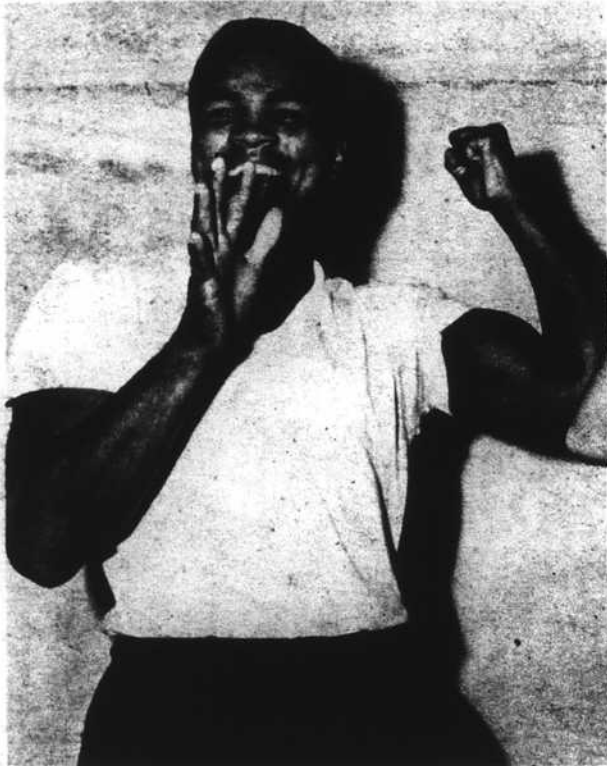
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# STATE WELFARE DEPT. BIAS AGAINST THE POOR

## Muhammad Ali TKO Quarry In 3



MUHAMMAD ALI

Muhammad Ali proved that the three year lay off did not dull his speed. As he soundly thrashed Jerry Quarry in a scheduled fifteen round bout at Atlanta, Georgia. Quarry who was unable to come out for the fourth round, was bleeding profusely from a cut over his eyes, that required eleven stitches to close.

Muhammad was finally able to get back into the ring to defend his right to earn a living, in his profession. The fight was more than just a test of his ring ability, it was a fight to show the world that he still had the courage of his convictions. That he could pass up millions for a principle and still maintain the physical condition that made him heavyweight champion of the world.

## WATCH THE VOICE FOR SPECIAL FEATURE



JOHN HENRY JONES

Beginning with the November 5th issue the LAS VEGAS VOICE will present a four part series feature by John Henry Jones, News Editor of the American Cancer Society. This exciting feature on problems and achievements of Cancer Control should be of Great interest to our community.

### OPEN DOOR POLICY

What you think the VOICE can do to help make the Las Vegas community a better place to work and live is what we want to know.

Let's talk about your thing.

Thursdays - 9 AM to 12 Noon

Your VOICE Editor invites you to come in, sit down, and express yourself on any subject you feel will be of benefit to the community.

The Nevada State Welfare Department, by approval of state law, applies restrictions to children from the ages of 16 to 21, which directly serves to both prevent these children from pursuing college educations as well as to encourage children to quit High School.

1. One policy of the Welfare Department is stated in the official Welfare Division Manuel (Section 202.23) as follows: "A child 16 to 21 years of age is eligible for ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) only if he is regularly attending school and obtaining passing grades..."

As with all students, many of our children have difficulties with school work. But this welfare policy places a very unfair burden on ADC children because if they fail, the Welfare Department will cut their grant and cause a desperate family situation and a threat to the family health and existence in many cases. This is an educational disadvantage imposed upon ADC children by the Welfare Department. No other child has to carry the worry of such drastic results as well as the immediate worry of school problems which are often difficult enough for some children to handle.

If any other child fails academically in school, the School District will provide ways in which he can try again until he can do better and graduate. But very often the ADC child is forced to quit school as an immediate result of the reduced amount of money which is vital to the family, and he cannot take advantage of the choice to remain in school. Instead he will have to quit and take a menial job so as not to endanger the existence of the family.

This is one of the many ways in which the present policies and administration of the Welfare Department in Nevada serves to keep people in poverty and on welfare, now, and in the future generations. Such practices cost the state of Nevada many tax dollars by keeping people in the poverty cycle. The child who quits school to find a menial job will be forced to hold such insecure employment for the rest of his life (if he can even find such jobs.) Because of Welfare Division policy many children will be denied the benefits and credential of an education which should be an equal right for all members of society. But the Welfare Department and state legislators take the prerogative to deny poor children this right. Although the means they take to do this may seem indirect to someone who reads the policy, the actual result of the applied policy serves to specifically and directly deprive the poor of their rights as well as to keep the poor down in poverty.

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NAACP-MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT SUNDAY, NOV. 1- 8.30 P.M. AT HACIENDA HOTEL