



LAS

VEGAS

Voice

PRICE

15c

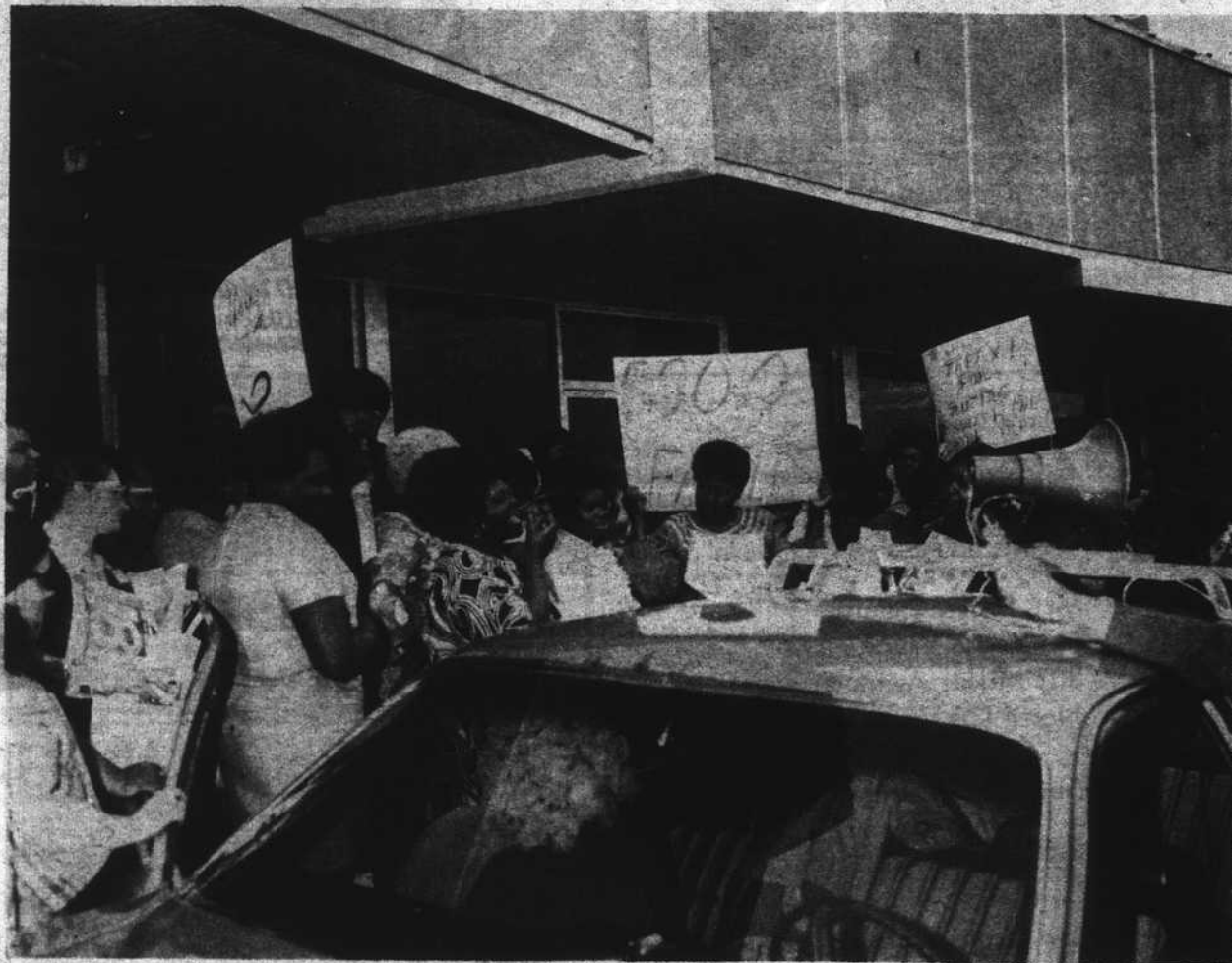
PER COPY

Vol. 8, No. No. 22

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Thursday, February 18, 1971

WELFARE RIGHTS MOTHERS MARCH ON WELFARE OFFICE



Following a mass meeting at the Zion Methodist Church, protesting Clark County Welfare Rights Organization members and aides loaded on four buses and went within three blocks of the Welfare Offices. Alighting from the buses they marched the rest of the way singing, "It's Not Like It Used To Be" and many take offs on old songs.

They packed into the waiting room and demanded to talk to Fallon. After several minutes delay, Fallon opened the door, flanked by scores of Policemen, he made several statements on why so many were cut off. Some Welfare Mothers came prepared to file applications for emergency assistance. These requests were not filled.

They filed out of the waiting room and held a press conference. Dr. Wiley of the National Office and Mrs. Ruby Duncan, President of the local chapter, repeated their demands of restored benefits, the removal of George Miller as head of the Nevada State Agency.

They stated that unless their demands were met they will be joined by several other Civil Rights Organizations in Protest on the Strip and downtown Casinos. They planned to disrupt gambling to bring attention to their plight.

Dr. Wiley stated that Nevada was the focal point of the National organizations drive for better treatment of the poor forced by circumstances whatever, to apply for aid. They threaten a long hot summer for Las Vegas and Reno.

Every local news media plus CBS and ABC covered the march and demonstration. Mrs. Duncan and Dr. Wiley stated that the timing of events would be announced as soon as plans were set.

The group marched back to their buses for transportation back to the starting point of the march.

NCCJ Offer Brotherhood Essay Scholarships

Seniors at Las Vegas, Rancho, Western, Clark and Valley High Schools have until the end of February to submit three to five page essays on "Commitment to Brotherhood" in the second annual Brotherhood Essay Writing Contest being sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Human Relations Committees of the five high schools.

The winner is each high school will receive a \$75 scholarship, with an additional \$75 going to the countrywide winner.

The essay contest will be an annual feature of Brotherhood Month, celebrated every February, according to Dr. Lloyd D. McNeil, Jr., Executive Director of the local NCCJ chapter, and Claude Perkins, Director of the Department of Intergroup Education for the Clark County School District.

Winning students are free to use their scholarship awards toward any kind of training beyond the high school level.



Scenes from the Welfare Rights Organization Demonstration.