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Well, the 1975 Nevada State Legislative Session is finally over after lasting a record duration and passing some much-needed legislation.

The patient and persistent lobbying efforts of members of the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization were rewarded by a 20 percent increase in Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) grants. Our lawmakers increased the governor's recommendation of a \$51 average grant and agreed upon a monthly grant of \$54 for ADC recipients.

This change will take effect July 1 and means a significant and substantial raise in the amount of income families dependent on welfare will have to live on. It will mean that more families will now be able to make ends meet for a change. More mothers will now be able to provide for their children's needs without worrying day and night about where the next meal is coming from, how they can pay the electric bill, or whether they will be able to pay the rent.

The raise in ADC grants was less than what we were asking for, but it is still a great victory. Nevada's legislators have proved that they are responsive to their constituents and that they do care about the needs of the people.

To all of you who wrote to our state senators and assemblymen asking them to increase the grants to ADC recipients, we extend our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all welfare mothers and children in Nevada. We commend you for taking the time and making the effort to express your opinion to those whose decisions affect all of our lives.

CCWRO and Operation Life hope that the citizens of Nevada will continue to support the struggle for bread and justice for every human being.

Air Force to have early openings

One thousand additional Air Force job openings are now available for high school and college graduates this summer, according to the commander of Air Force Recruiting in southern California and Nevada.

The additional vacancies will be filled between now and June 30.

"These will allow additional young men and women to join," said Maj. Robert M. Williams, detachment commander. "Most seniors who qualify will enter our delayed enlistment program during June, but won't report for actual training for several months."

Rehabilitation option

Alcoholics and drug addicts charged with criminal acts may elect treatment and rehabilitation rather than prosecution with judicial concurrence, under Assembly Bill 462, signed last week by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan.

The measure provides such treatment is elective only if the judge agrees and only if the crime is one which does not involve a crime against a person, sale of controlled substances,

The program allows a young man or woman to be sure he or she will receive the chosen career area. These can be reserved up to seven months in advance.

"Interested persons have to contact their local recruiters to find out just what career areas are available in what months," Williams added. "Just check in the telephone book the the white pages or call the Chamber of Commerce."

The additional 1000 jobs will bring the total of young men and women joining the Air Force this fiscal year to 75, 155.

or similar actions. The individual must also have a good record.

Criminal action is suspended during the course of treatment, and may be dropped when treatment is successfully completed. In the event treatment is not successful, criminal action may be pressed.

THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY May 1975

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In 1860: 4,441,830 Blacks in U.S., 12.7 percent of population. About four million were slaves.

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Countee Cullen, poet, born. 1903

SAT.

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Supreme Court issues second ruling on school desegregation calling for all deliberate speed. 1955

June 1975

SUN.

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Jupiter Hammon, New York slave, publishes first poems in 1760.

MON.

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99th Pursuit Squadron, Black Air Force unit, flies first combat mission in Mediterranean. 1943

TUES.

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Dr. Charles R. Drew, originator of blood plasma, born. 1904

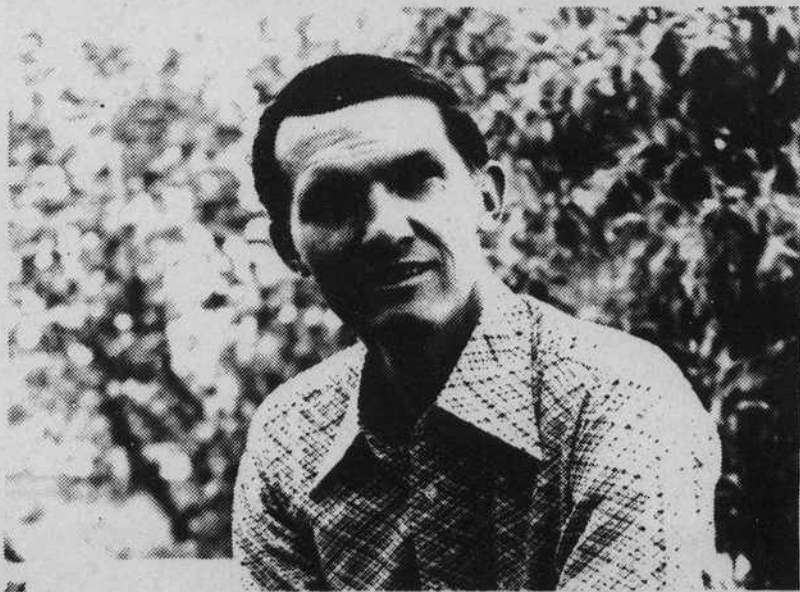
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Arna Bontemps, Black Renaissance author, dies. 1973

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