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# FIGHT, DON'T STARVE!

Welfare recipients, unemployed and poor people are down here today fighting against the policies of Mayor Koch and his hatchet woman, Blanche Bernstein, towards welfare recipients. From too low monies, to harrassement, physical brutality, and forced work programs that are nothing but union busting slave labor, we're saying we've had enough.

Our cause is just. The news media, the politicians spread the lie that welfare recipients are cheats, too lazy to get jobs, that we don't care about our families or our homes. The fact of the matter is, most welfare recipients are women who are heads of households, women who are forced to stay home because daycare is almost non-existent and even if there was daycare, jobs are few and far between. The vast majority of welfare recipients are forced into this situation by the rich man's system. If it weren't for the fact that unemployed and poor people stand up and fight against starvation and the inhuman way we're treated, the rich would surely let us starve to death. As it is, that's what they're trying to do to us now - little by little.

Look at what's going on. Since the beginning of the year 24,000 people have been cut off welfare and Commissioner Bernstein, a died in the wool racist, has boasted of a 19 1/2 million dollar savings, yet most of these people had to reapply for welfare, because the owners of industry who complain about welfare are not hiring. Unemployment statistics are still higher than in decades.

Most welfare recipients in NYC are minorities who are the last hired and the first fired. Yet we are always blamed for the problems in the city, for every money crisis or whatever crisis. The rich say blame those lazy welfare cheats, when it is they themselves - the fatcats, the bankers, the politicians who have bankrupted the city and our purses.

What we're fighting for and demanding is:

1. Clothing allowance for our children. School will be opening in a few days, if our children don't have any decent clothing, they can't go to school. This is a basic necessity for all. Yet welfare tells us we've got enough. Torn, raggedy old clothing is not enough!
2. Food stamp costs decrease and coverage increased to include essentials like soap, detergent, toilet paper, etc.
3. Cost of Living Allowance to meet the rising cost of purchasing necessities.
4. Utilities for welfare recipients to be supplemented or families below the poverty level be exempted from rising con Ed costs. (Utility prices are jacked way up in the ghetto).
5. Public Works Project workers should be given union jobs at union pay instead of the current slave labor, union busting program where we work for one dollar a day plus carfare. We want the available CETA jobs and training posted in our centers.

The WELFARE ACTION COALITION (WAC) is fighting for these demands and against all abuses and harassment that affect us. We are welfare mothers and other recipients who are down for organizing and fighting for what we need. In order to build and broaden the fight against increased poverty and degradation we need unity, organization and numbers. JOIN IN. JOIN WAC. SUPPORT OUR FIGHT.

WELFARE ACTION COALITION phone 564-5390. Write c/o P.W.P., 1571 Undercliff Ave., Bronx, New York 10453

PLEASE FILL OUT COUPON AND MAIL TO THE WELFARE ACTION COALITION (WAC)  
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# **¡¡Luche Por \$\$ Para Ropa Para Nuestros Niños!!**

Si usted teme al comienzo de un nuevo año escolar porque le preocupa el mandar a sus niños todos trapozos, la preocupación de el crudo invierno sin ropas calientes y adecuadas para sus niños, Marche Septiembre 7, 1978.

Si usted está cansado de ser arrastrado por el sistema del Bienestar Público (WELFARE), Marche Septiembre 7, 1978.

Si está hastiado de luchar tan solo para lograr pagar las deudas de sus necesidades, Marche Septiembre 7, 1978.

Si está harto de reducciones, cierres, muy pocos beneficios, fastidio, papeleo, calumnias en el periodico... Marche Septiembre 7, 1978.

Si se encuentra hastiado de ser siempre último porque es Negro o latino, viviendo como un perro en la pudredumbre, y luego se nos dice que es nuestra culpa, viendo a nuestros niños abusados y cediendo, Marche Sept. 7, 1978.

Si ha tenido bastante, es hora ya de organizarse. Empezaremos luchando por nuestros niños. Unanse a la Coalición Acción Bienestar Público. MARCHE Septiembre 7, 1978.

El 11 de septiembre comienzan las clases. También empieza un nuevo año, mandando a nuestros niños a la escuela sin una pieza de ropa decente. Muchas veces los niños ni quieren ir. Le hacen la vida imposible a nuestros niños; también a nosotros y a nuestras familias. Solo para sobrevivir. ¿Cuántas familias han sido destruidas por el tremendo fastidio que causa la escasez de dinero?

Madres del Bienestar Público (WELFARE), hemos vivido este infierno por mucho tiempo. Por eso debemos estar en las calles haciendo demostraciones el 7 de septiembre, por eso debemos organizarnos y unirnos.

Es tiempo ya que levantemos protestas contra el sistema y defender nuestros derechos por lo que están haciendo con nuestras familias. No estamos pidiendo abrigo de pieles ni carros lujosos. Estamos pidiendo lo básico, ropa y comida. Los capitalistas hacen lo suficiente para que ni siquiera tengamos lo básico. Desde arriba hasta abajo nos tienen atados y cada vez es peor.  
ES TIEMPO YA DE ORGANIZARNOS Y LUCHAR.

## **Demuestra Septiembre 7, 1978**

jueves, 7 de septiembre- a las 12:00 de la tarde; en el 250 de Church Street. Cuarteles del Bienestar Público, Oficina del Comisionado de Recursos Humanos / Departamento de Servicios Sociales. Comisionado Blanche Bernstein ha hecho su carrera en reducir lo que necesitamos.

Traigan sus niños a la demostración

W.A.C. es para quienes reciben Bienestar PÚBLICO, madres y otros que quieren luchar por cambiar las deprimentes condiciones del bienestar Público (WELFARE).

¡UNANSE A NOSOTROS! Teléfono-564-5180 2pm -- 7pm