

NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
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MEMO

July 4, 1970

TO: ALL FRIENDS OF WELFARE RIGHTS

FROM: GEORGE WILEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NWRO's 1970 CONFERENCE

NWRO is holding its fourth national meeting this month in Pittsburgh, Pa. on July 22-26. The theme of the conference, "Getting it together in the 70's" suggests the importance of this conference. It comes at a curcial time for the Welfare Rights Movement--a time when there is increased repression of welfare rights organizing; when state after state is cutting welfare funds and; when congress is considering ammendments more repressive than President Nixons original welfare reform proposals. But the conference also comes at a time when the welfare recipient leadership from every state are more equiped and better able to plan the future of their organization; when our grass-roots strength continues to grow and; when our basic program is being expanded.

And this is a time when your support is needed more than ever. Attending the conference costs money that welfare recipients do not have. The Pittsburgh conference will not happen unless delegates are able to raise funds to travel to and attend the conference. You can help by getting in touch with the local Welfare Rights Organization in your area and contributing to their conference expenses.

But I want to invite you to do more than contribute to the expenses of recipients attending the conference. I want to invite you to attend the conference. You are an important link in the welfare rights chain and we are planning a series of workshops and sessions for "friends" so that together we can strengthen the movement for adequate income for all people.

Enclosed is information about the conference. I hope we will see you in Pittsburgh and I hope, because of you, representatives from you local Welfare Rights Organization will also be there.

"GETTING IT TOGETHER IN THE 70's"

HWRO's 1970 CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

JULY 22-26

Here are some facts you should know--

1. Registration for the conference will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 22. The address for registration and the conference is:

University of Pittsburgh
4000 5th Ave. (at Bigelow Blvd.)
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Phone: (412) 687-5512

2. The conference is for everyone--HWRO members, staff, lawyers and friends. Your WRO may send as many representatives as they want to Pittsburgh. (Only delegates and alternates, however, may participate in the business meetings.)

3. Workshops and other sessions are being planned for everyone. There will be special sessions for friends, staff, lawyers and recipient leaders.

4. Because of fire and safety regulations the University of Pittsburgh will not allow any children to attend the conference. Please cooperate by making arrangements for your children to be taken care of. We have no accommodations for children.

5. Participants at the conference will have use of the University of Pittsburgh's olympic sized swimming pool during certain hours. Bring your bathing suit!

6. The date for preregistering (and saving \$5 per person) was July 1. So that we will have accommodations for you, we still need to know your plans for attending. Mail us the enclosed card today telling us how many people your WRO is planning on sending.

7. The cost of the conference is:

\$40 for delegates, alternates and other

~~WRO member observers~~

\$45 for staff, friends and lawyers

This registration fee includes:

- a room for four nights
- eleven meals (supper on the 22nd and brunch on the 26th with three meals on the 23th, 24th and 25th.
- a conference package
- a free ticket to a special NPRO entertainment night
- transportation to and from Pittsburgh airport and bus terminal.

8. A key deposit of \$2.00 will be required of everyone. The \$2.00 will be refunded after you check out of your room and return your key.

It is important that NPRO know in advance of any special health problems that people planning on attending have. Also, medicaid cards from all states will be honored in Pittsburgh while you are at the conference-be sure to bring yours.

10. The conference will end promptly at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th so that you can have time to travel home on Sunday.

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partial workshop list

The list below is not intended to be complete--it is only partial. This list is here to give an idea of the type of workshops that are being planned for the Pittsburgh conference.

WAGE SUPPLIMENT ORGANIZING

THE NIXON FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN VS. THE NWRO ADEQUATE INCOME PLAN

BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGNS - ORGANIZING ISSUES

BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGNS - LEGAL ISSUES

HEALTH RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS - ORGANIZING ISSUES

HEALTH RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS - LEGAL ISSUES

POOR PEOPLES MOVEMENTS OF THE PAST

ETHNIC ISSUES

ORGANIZING IN THE SOUTH

THE LAWYERS ROLE IN NWRO

HOW TO START A WRO

HOW TO START A FRIENDS GROUP

BUILDING COALITIONS

FUND-RAISING

HOW, WHEN AND WHY TO USE BENEFIT CAMPAIGNS

HOW TO MAKE FORMS AND LEAFLETS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

HOW TO USE THE MEDIA

HOW TO ORGANIZE A SCHOOL LUNCH CAMPAIGN

THE HISTORY OF WELFARE

and many more.....

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preliminary schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00 - 12:00 AM	National Coordinating Committee Meeting
2:00 - 6:00 PM	Registration for Conference
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Supper
7:30 PM	Opening General Session -Welcome - Mrs. Frankie Jeeter, Chrm. Conference Planning Committee Chrm. Welfare Rights Org. of Allegheny County
	-Keynote Addresses - Mrs. Johnnie Tillmon, Chairman, NWRO - George Wiley, Executive Director, NWRO
10:00 PM	Party

THURSDAY, JULY 23

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 - 12:00 AM	Opening Business Meeting for Delegates and Alternates
9:30 - 10:30 AM	General Session for staff, lawyers, friends and observers
10:45 - 11:30	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends and observers
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 5:00 PM	Committee meetings for delegates
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends, observers and alternates
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends, observers and alternates
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Supper
8:00 PM	General Session (Speakers to be announced)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 - 10:30 AM	General Session - "Ethnic Identity & NWRO"
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Committee Meetings for Delegates
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends, alternates and observers
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 PM	General Session - "Church Action for Welfare Rights"
2:45 - 4:45 PM	Committee Meetings for Delegates
2:45 - 3:30 PM	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends, alternates and observers
4:00 - 4:45 PM	
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Supper
7:00 - 8:00 PM	General Session - "History of NWRO - How NWRO Works" - NWRO Executive Committee
8:00 PM	Movies

SATURDAY, JULY 25

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 - 11:45 AM	Business Meeting for Delegates and Alternates
9:30 - 10:15 AM	Workshops for staff, lawyers, friends, alternates and observers
10:45 - 11:30 AM	
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 5:00 PM	Business Meeting (Cont. from morning)
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Supper
8:30 PM	Special Entertainment Program

SUNDAY, JULY 26

10:30 - 12:00 AM	Brunch and check out of rooms
12:30 - 1:45 PM	General Closing Session
2:00 PM	Charter Busses and transportation to airport leaves

DEAR NWRO,

☐ I am planning on attending the NWRO conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 22-26.

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

I am a :

☐ Friend of NWRO
☐ Staff organizer
☐ Lawyer
☐ Other _____

I plan to travel by:

☐ charter bus
☐ car
☐ airplane
☐ bus (Trailways, Greyhound)
☐ train

☐ Our WRO is planning on sending _____ representatives to the NWRO conference in Pittsburgh July 22-26.

_____ WRO
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

signed _____
position in group _____
date _____

We plan to travel by:

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RETURN TO:

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NWBO 1970 CONFERENCE

TRAVEL INFORMATION

PLANE:

Free transportation will be provided between 2 & 6 p.m. on July 22 from the airport. Look for the NWBO table in the main lobby of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. If you arrive earlier or later you can take the airport limousine to the Webster Hall Hotel. The limousine leaves from the lower level of the airport on the hour and the cost is \$2.50 per person. Webster Hall is adjacent to the University of Pittsburgh.

TRAIN or BUS:

Take a cab to the University of Pittsburgh
Schanley Hall
Fifth Ave. and Bigelow Blvd.

Approximate cost: \$2.50. Or, phone 687-5512 for a ride.

CAR or CHARTERED BUS:

If you approach Pittsburgh on INTERSTATE 79 NORTH:

Interstate 79 North will be used by anyone travelling East on Interstate 70 (from Wheeling, Columbus, etc.). I-70 and I-79 junction in Washington, Pa., south of Pittsburgh. At this junction take I-79 North. (Caution: I-79 is not fully built into Pittsburgh. It ends at the "Kirwan Heights" exit some 6 miles from town; from this exit follow Pa. Rt. 50 North for about 4 miles and look for a sign "Parkway West - Pittsburgh". Follow these signs and you will get back onto I-79 North.) After going through the Fort Pitt Tunnel and over a bridge, I-79 ends; from here, take INTERSTATE 76 EAST (sign reads "76 East-Monroeville"). Get off I-76 at Exit 5 (marked "Forbes Ave. - Oakland"). At the end of the exit ramp go straight; you will be on Forbes Ave. At the first light go left onto Crafts St. At the first light on Crafts St. (also the end of the street), go right onto Fifth Ave. Follow Fifth Ave. for about half a mile. Turn right onto Bigelow Blvd. Registration will be at the Student Union-Schanley Hall. After turning right onto Bigelow Blvd., cars may turn into the first driveway on the right to unload. Busses should unload passengers and luggage at the foot of the driveway.

If you approach Pittsburgh on the PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE:

Whether travelling east or west on the Turnpike, get off at Exit 6 (marked "Pittsburgh - Monroeville"). Follow INTERSTATE 76 WEST. Get off I-76 at Exit 7-W (exit sign reads "Rt. 885 North - Oakland"). At the end of the exit ramp go straight on Bates St. Turn left at the first light onto the Boulevard of the Allies and stay in the right lane. At the first light there is a fork in the road (look for a Howard Johnson's on the right). Bear right at this fork onto Halket St. and follow Halket St. to its end. At the end of Halket St. turn right onto Fifth Ave. Go down Fifth Ave. for 4/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Bigelow Blvd. Registration will be at the Student Union-Schanley Hall. After turning right onto Bigelow Blvd., cars may turn into the first driveway on the right to unload. Busses should unload passengers and luggage at the foot of the driveway.

MAP IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

MAP to NWRO 1970 CONFERENCE

