Matron to Ask DeGaulle for Aid In Battle for Welfare Clothing

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"It was an emotional day for me," said Mrs. Marion McCullough, a 45-year-old, as she described the moment when she received a telegram from the Philadelphia Welfare Rights Organization. The telegram was informing her that her family had been awarded welfare for the first time in their lives.

"I never imagined that this would happen," said Mrs. McCullough, who lives in a small apartment with her husband and two children. "I always thought that welfare was for people who were truly in need, but my family is not."

"But I was wrong," she continued. "The situation has changed, and now I need help." She described how her husband, who works as a janitor, had been laid off during the current economic downturn. "We have no money to buy food or pay our rent," she said. "Please help us, Mr. DeGaulle."
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