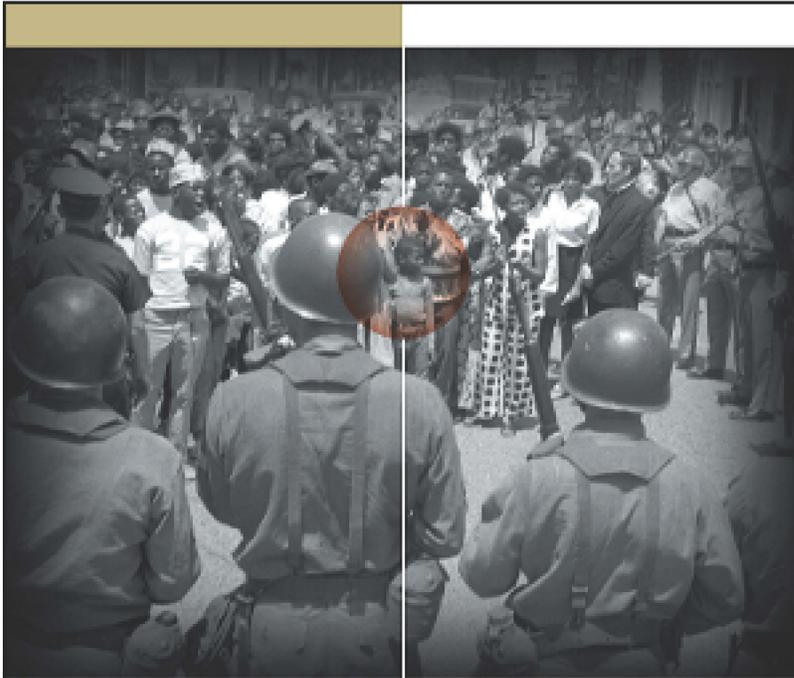


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In the spring and summer of 1969 more than 400 black women working at the Medical College and Charleston County hospitals went on strike. Charleston became a destination not for tourists but for union and civil rights activists, state troopers, riot police, and the National Guard – 1,200 soldiers sent by Gov. Robert E. McNair Sr. – standing on armed personnel carriers, wearing gas masks, carrying rifles with fixed bayonets. Said Charleston leader Mary Moultrie, "You thought we'd just die out after a day or two of marching. You thought we'd say, 'Sorry, boss,' and put those handkerchiefs back on our heads." That's not what the women did.

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