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New Center Planned to Further Civil Rights

By WALTER H. WAGGONER

Plans to establish a nonprofit research and advocacy organization to support the civil-rights movement have been announced by two former officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

To be known as the Research and Advocacy Center for Equality — RACE — the organization will function as a research organization, drawing on the ideas of young scholars of all races to improve the status and help secure the rights of minority-group members and poor people, according to its founders.

The organizers of RACE are Charles H. Smith, former deputy executive di-

rector of the N.A.A.C.P., and Michael Meyers, former assistant director of the N.A.A.C.P. and director of its office of research, policy and planning. Mr. Smith is now president of Smith Computer Institute in Manhattan. Mr. Meyers is currently writing a book about integration in higher education.

"Our organization will be interracial," Mr. Meyers said, "because RACE's purpose is to reorder an agenda for racial cooperation which has been disintegrating under the pressures of racial separatism and confrontation."

The founders said RACE would "examine the policies of civil-rights organ-

izations just as critically as it will analyze trends in government and other institutions, in order to support or recommend alternative new policies."

They said the organization would try to influence public policy, relying on research, fact-finding, policy analysis and information systems.

National Network

They said associate scholars around the country would conduct their own studies and seminars that would provide the basis for "sound conclusions and recommendations for action." They added that RACE would not engage in litigation.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Meyers said they would direct the organization until a governing board was established. Their policy board is being formed, consisting of public-policy analysts, lawyers, social and political scientists and scholars of many disciplines who will work with the nationwide network of associate scholars, the founders said.

The temporary offices of RACE are at the Smith Computer Institute, Suite 500, 157 West 57th Street, New York, N.Y.

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Thirteen Slain in Holdup

SEATTLE (AP) — Thirteen people died in a mass shooting during an apparent robbery at a private club in the city's Chinatown district, police said today.

Twelve bodies were found inside the club and two wounded victims were taken to Harborview Medical Center where one later

died, said police spokesman Gary Flynn.

The condition of the second wounded person was not immediately known, but police said the victim was a man who had been shot in the head.

"The bodies are just strewn around the floor," said Flynn, who was at the scene. "The motive ap-

pears to be robbery" but police aren't certain, he said.

Flynn said there were "gaming tables" inside the club, which is located down an alley in the city's International District, an area of mainly Oriental businesses, restaurants and residences located on the southern fringe of

downtown near the Kingdome.

Police were called to the scene shortly after midnight by a report of a man found collapsed in the alley.

The man told them of the shootings and police forced open the door to the club.

Officials at Harborview Medical Center referred all calls to Seattle police. There was no immediate word on whether the dead were men or women.

Police had the area cordoned off and at least six homicide detectives were checking the evidence inside the club.

"Police have known for years that this is a private club," said Flynn, who described it as a "lockout club" and said the alley entrance would have swung shut after anyone left the building.

NAACP Chief Warns Hate Groups on Rise

By CAROLYN MASCHKE
Herald Staff Writer

The deputy executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People says that racist groups such as the Ku Klux

Klan "are creating Plato's devil" — and that devil is black.

The Rev. Charles H. Smith, in Albany Friday and today to participate in a prayer breakfast sponsored by the First Albany Deliverance Cathedral, explained that Plato said that when you "want to get a group of people together, you create a devil" for them to band against.

"To them (racist groups), black folks are the devil," he said.

He said "hate groups" are flourishing during the administration of President Ronald Reagan in part because "many of the statements made in his campaign appeared to give license to these groups to come out of the closet again."

"During time of economic repression, brother turns on brother and sister turns on sister. It is in situations like these that these hate groups survive the best."

Further, warned Smith, the recent rise of "fundamentalist religious fervor" has contributed to an increase in racism. "It's a kind of tunnel vision," he said. "It's usually reflective of persons who use religion as a scapegoat" — like the KKK.

Through "Klanwatch," the NAACP is able to monitor activities of the KKK, he said.

"We've infiltrated the Klan, so we know what they're doing."

The greatest danger presented by the KKK, he said, is the hatred they teach children.



REV. CHARLES SMITH
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"They feel threatened," he said. "The Klan is made up mostly of the white underclass. They are abused by the middle-class whites, who use them to keep their own weak status sustained. It is the fringe of the middle-class, whose status is not stable, who are the most dangerous. That's because they support (Klan objectives) but don't participate."

The KKK is also attractive to persons "suffering from a kind of helplessness of ever improving their position because it gives them visibility" to air grievances, he said. "And they're very sincere, too."

Smith said the revival of racism "is all over the country. It's right there in New York City, where I work."

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Commissioner John A. Svahn says "it keeps us in the ballpark" of the Social Commission on Social Security

edges the long-term deficit from 2.0 percent of the nation's payrolls to 2.09

people concerned that when the deficit is cut out, the deficit would be in fact, it's not," Svahn said in a new figures to Congress.

Extradition

(AP) — Ginny Foat, until five years ago a voice in California's women's movement, awaits extradition to Louisiana with using a tire iron to kill a man in 1965.

state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, now on paid leave, Ms. Foat was freed Friday by Gov. George

request from Richard Hirsch, a special gubernatorial hearing on the order would be appealed.

attorney defended the extradition request which noted that the attorney general, John Van de Grift, had denied the extradition request from the state in order.

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County, Mr. Geer was a graduate of North Georgia College and served in the Army for 22 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Survivors include two sons, Victor Geer and Robert Geer, both of Dawson; a daughter, Miss Julie Geer of Dawson; his mother, Mrs. Bob Durance of Pabokee, Fla.; his stepmother, Mrs. Bill Geer of Marietta; two sisters, Miss Becky Geer of Smyrna and Miss Amy Geer of Marietta and two brothers, Ross Geer of Pawley's Island, S.C., and Dr. M.E. Geer of Brunswick.

Mishap Victim 'Stable'

By Herald Staff Writer

An Albany man who police say was drunk when he walked into the path of an oncoming motorcycle is in "stable" condition today at a local hospital. According to Albany Police Department traffic division reports, Melvin Teemer, 25, of 2508 S. Jackson St., was intoxicated when he walked into the path of a motorcycle traveling south on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The accident happened about five minutes after midnight today. According to the accident report, the motorcycle was traveling about 30 mph when Teemer was struck. No charges were filed against the driver of the motorcycle. Teemer is being treated at Phoebe Putney Hospital.

Hate Groups on Rise

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And, he said, flatly, it will get worse. "We are in a depression," he said. "Things are not going to get better for poor people for the next five years." Since Reagan moved into the Oval Office, "all our energy has been directed to just holding on to what we had," Smith said. "And it will take the NAACP 20 years to regain what we've lost" as a result of Reagan's policies. Yet, ironically, it is government leaders who are best equipped to combat racism, he said. "Communities must work together to flush out racists. "You can't educate prejudice. You've got to scare them to death, put the fear of God into them. That's all they understand." Smith said government leaders should "beyond a shadow of a doubt take very strong measures and set into place mechanisms to make it impossible for (racist groups) to survive."

"Fifty-five percent of the total black population falls within the category of poverty-stricken. The perception that some persons have that black folks are making lots of money is foolish." Fair Share is a national NAACP-sponsored program designed to encourage corporations and industries to provide jobs and contracts to blacks and black-owned businesses, he said. "We came to the conclusion during this period of non-economic growth that one of the things we are going to have to say to large corporations and businesses is that you'll just have to give us our fair share. It is a program of extracting. If we provide 30 percent of their business, for instance, in proportion, we should take back 30 percent of the benefits," Smith said. The program, which uses techniques such as boycotting businesses that do not participate, "has been very successful," he said. "It is operating on a regional and national basis. Locally, we're encouraging our chapters to take a look at banks."

segregation is education, said Smith. "We are going to target a whole new wave of blacks, to become not only lawyers and teachers, but scientists," he said. Smith, who spoke at a 6:30 a.m. prayer breakfast at the Downtowner Motor Inn today, said "the greatest strength of the black race is the black church. "It is the dominant institution, with the most persuasion and the most power. "It is part of our heritage and our culture. And the black preacher is the king." Smith recently returned from Great Britain, where he studied racial violence in England and the United States with members of Parliament and the House of Lords. He is in Albany this weekend to participate in the 17th National Holy Ghost Ordination Assembly of the First Albany Deliverance Cathedral Feb. 14 - 27, under the direction of Apostle Isaiah Revills.

Economics, he said, is one of two areas in which the NAACP will concentrate in the future.

"Until we deal with the economic situation, we're never going to move up."

He said that he will discuss focusing on the program here with local NAACP officials during his visit.

Another long-term goal the NAACP will emphasize is desegregation.

"History has taught us that as long as we are segregated, we can be manipulated. We are not going to relinquish our goal of desegregation."

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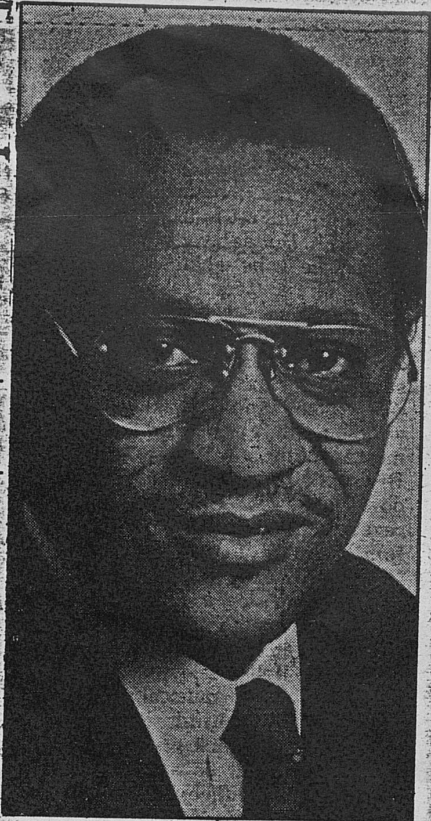
Charles H. Smith has been named advisor on economic development to the Black United Fund as part of an ongoing effort to expand support services, particularly in the area of economic development. These services along with grants, are offered to minority organizations and agencies supported by BUFNY.

CHARLES SMITH

"Mr. Smith's business credentials and his dedication and commitment to building a stronger economic base in our communities will be an important asset in assisting the Fund to meet its goal of building a Black economic infrastructure," said Kermit Eady, executive director & founder of BUFNY.

Smith was the first treasurer of the National Service Agency, and with the support of Kermit Eady, its former chairman, placed a multi-million dollar account in New York's Freedom National Bank. As a member of the national board of directors of the NAACP, he assisted in establishing its first Economic Development Committee which he chaired until 1980 when he became deputy executive director of the NAACP's national office.

Mr. Smith co-ordinated two national marches: the 20th anniversary of the 1954 Desegregation Decision in Boston and the Haitian March on Washinton in 1982. He also lead a Blue Ribbon Task



Force to respond to Reagan's 1981 budget proposal. He holds Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Masters in Divinity both from Virginia Union University.

The Black United Fund of New York, an affiliate of the National Black United Fund, was established in 1979 as a self-help, non-profit philanthropic organization offering grants and services to projects and programs in Black and minority communities.

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Second Front

NAACP Leader Calls On Blacks To Unite

By CYNTHIA HARDY
Star Staff Writer

The deputy executive director of the national NAACP said Friday blacks must "unite as black people, organize, and use strategy in order to become an effective force in the Meridian community."

Speaking to a full house of Meridianites at the charter banquet of the Central Civic Club Friday night, the Rev. Charles

H. Smith said, "it's easy to fight among yourselves. But, you have to understand that division won't get you anywhere. It's going to take people that are willing to sit down, select a leader and then follow."

"Blacks must get together," the New York resident said.

Citing the newly-organized club as an "opportunity for black business and professional men to meet and consider the

problems facing the community," Meridian resident, the Rev. J.C. Chandler outlined the organization's goals for the future.

"We hope to become a voice that will affect the welfare of citizens in Lauderdale County. And while we will give support to the local NAACP unit, we also seek to promote a spirit of goodwill in every aspect of the community."

Chandler said the group fully intends to support the Crimestoppers program that rewards callers for tips that solve crimes, and aid in the neighborhood watch program.

As guest speaker, Smith challenged club members to implement the three elements of leadership, discipline, and commitment in order to achieve success.

"If you don't have the capaci-

ty to develop perspective, then your smallness will keep you from being true leaders," he said.

Smith advised the group to "give yourself seven and a half years. Look at everything you have, set your goals, and you can achieve your goals."

The deputy executive director told the approximately 250 people gathered at the Council of Organizations building that if

blacks are going to advance and have power, they must become not only the followers, but also thinkers.

"For far too long we have been doers and not conceivers — not thinkers and not intellectuals. The time has come to start at the seat of planning," he said.

"You have to understand that the destiny of Meridian might depend a great deal on you and what you do."

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Smith fears Justice Dept. actions

NAACP leader blames Reagan policies for blacks' woes

By SUE KAUFMAN
Tribune City Editor

Black Americans are in very serious trouble.

That's the analysis of a national black leader in Terre Haute Saturday to address the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Freedom Fund Banquet, sponsored by the civil rights organization's Terre Haute branch.

The speaker, Rev. Charles H. Smith, deputy director of the national organization, blames the fiscally and socially conservative Reagan administration for the problems facing

blacks.

With the jobless rate for blacks rising (17.3 per cent for adults and 42.3 percent for teenagers, by the latest figures), blacks are being relegated to an "underclass position" in society, Smith charged.

And, he said, the situation is by design, not accidentally.

Smith leveled even sharper criticism at the current administration's judicial arm — specifically the U.S. Justice Department.

America's "largest law firm — the U.S. Justice Department — has

turned its back on minorities," Smith said, citing numerous recent decisions in areas of education, desegregation and employment that have either negated or reversed gains made by minorities in the past decade.

"Both blacks and whites will suffer for the next generation to come," Smith said, as a result of the Justice Department's actions.

The only hope for minorities comes with the Supreme Court and Federal District Courts, the long-time civil rights leader said.

But, Smith warned, U.S. Atty. General William French Smith has made public, political overtures toward the nation's highest court, causing great concern among minority leaders.

The civil rights leader backed his charge with an excerpt from a recent New York Times report in which the attorney general was quoted as saying, "Courts should heed the groundswell of conservatism" that swept the Reagan administration into power during the country's last general election.

The attorney general's comment "was clearly a political overture,"

Smith said, and one which he believes feels the constitutionally guaranteed separation of the three arms of the government — executive, judicial and legislative.

Smith characterized the NAACP as an organization that has consistently based its efforts on a belief in the democratic system established by the nation's founders. Strategies may change, Smith explained, but the nation's longest standing civil rights organization leadership still believes that gains for minorities will come best by way of "work through the process."