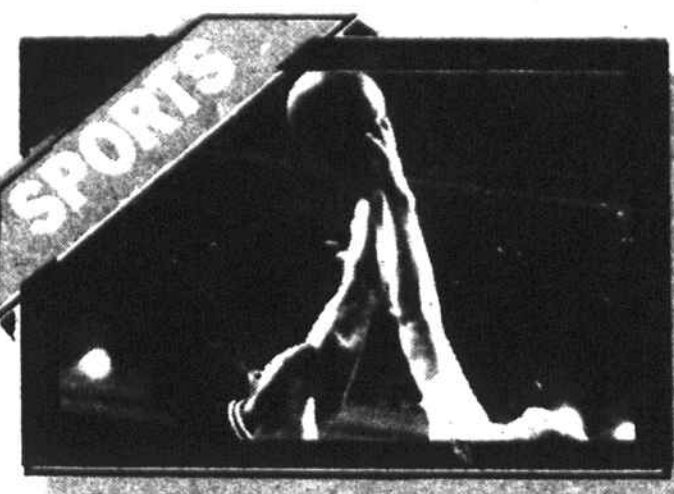
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Jane Penn's C.U.E. volunteers work to end miseducation.

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Black college hoops take center stage tomorrow in Greensboro.

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**Country Club disclosure urged**

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Country clubs in Indiana would have to disclose how many black and Hispanic golfers apply for membership and how many are accepted, under a bill a Gary legislator is drafting.

The bill would put teeth into a new law that in July will deny liquor licenses to clubs, fraternal groups or labor organizations that exclude minority applicants from membership.

"There is currently no tracking mechanism," said state Rep. Charlie Brown, D-Gary. "At this point it's hit or miss."

**Attack on children investigated**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police today investigated reports that white men with whips attacked a group of black children on a Sunday school trip who tried to use a public park.

Meanwhile, police and news reports today said 19 people were killed in clashes in various parts of the country over the weekend. Most of them died in fighting between rival black groups. A police statement gave few details.

Among the incidents, the state-run South African Broadcasting Corp. reported on Monday that nine blacks were killed late Friday.

**District is issue in South Carolina**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Creating a black-majority district probably will be the hottest issue for the South Carolina Legislature when it redraws congressional district lines in 1991.

The process of drawing the boundaries got the General Assembly so tied up last time that it took a three-judge panel in 1982 to do the job.

"Frankly, there were too many individuals in the Legislature looking to create a congressional district that would be suited to their individual interests," said Rep. Robin Tallon, D-S.C.

**Blacks winning in Shreveport**

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Twelve years ago it might have been considered unthinkable.

But today, black candidates are running for local office without the blessing of the minority community's powerful political base — and they're winning.

Shreveport City Council members-elect Roy Cary and Cedric Glover and incumbent Councilman Joe Shyne are among the 1990 group of winners who are considered unbehind to the powers-that-be.

**Search for mother in Liberia**

NORCROSS, Ga. (AP) — Tina has spent months trying to find her mother, who was left behind in Liberia — a country ravaged by 11 months of civil war.

Tina, 22, who declined to give her last name for fear of reprisal, and Hawa Trinity, 33, both left Liberia years ago and are now trying to get their families out of Liberia.

Tina said she has no way of finding out whether her mother made it to neighboring Sierra Leone — where U.S. Marines used helicopters to transport evacuees.

**Legend seeks hostage release**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Boxing legend Muhammad Ali, on a visit to Baghdad on Sunday, pressed for the release of some of the hundreds of Americans held in Iraq.

The visit came as more than 100 freed German captives arrived home after nearly four months of captivity and Iraqi officials said about 70 Italians were to be released Tuesday.

## Urban League board split over firing

### League in violation of charter

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Winston-Salem Urban League may be violating its terms of affiliation with the National Urban League and may be jeopardizing its association with its major funding source, the United Way, because of the way it is structured. The *Chronicle* has learned that under the national terms of affiliation the Urban League board is violating the league's charter.

That revelation comes on the heels of the board's firing last Wednesday of Delores Smith as the league's executive director, and calls into question the board's legal authority to act.

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Smith



Dickson



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Bass

**Directors:**  
9 in favor,  
5 against,  
3 abstain

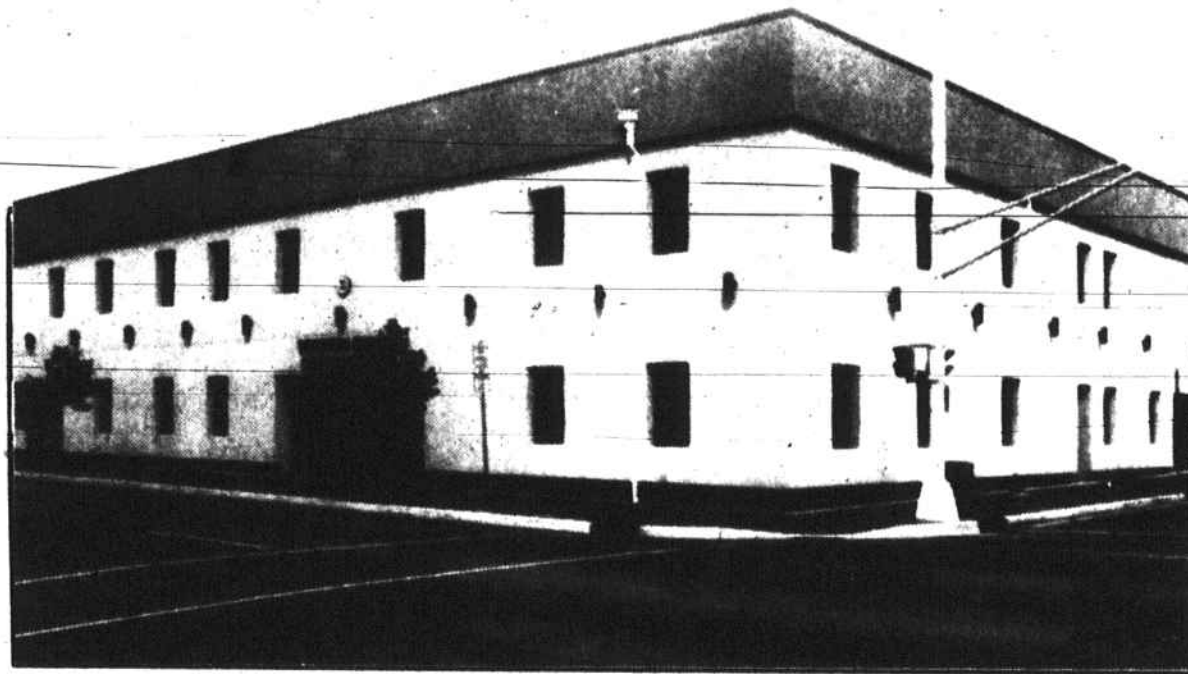
By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

Last week's firing of former Urban League executive director Delores Smith has split the board and sparked major in-fighting between board members who favored and opposed her dismissal.

The *Chronicle* has learned that nine board members voted for her dismissal, five opposed it, and three members abstained from voting. Two other board members did not attend the meeting.

Those who voted Smith out

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## Smith trying to pull it together

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

Delores Smith, who until last Wednesday was the Urban League's executive director, is spending her time these days trying to cope with the sobering fact that she is without a job. "This has never happened to me before. I've never been without job, and I'm still trying to understand why I lost this one," she said.

Smith was fired by the Urban League's board of directors during its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, Nov. 21. Though no official word has come from any board member about the action, Smith says she was told that reasons given her were irreconcilable differences between her and the board and that her directorship was no longer satisfactory.

Smith said she wanted the public

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Smith caught in a whirlwind

## Group asks to meet with board

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

A group calling itself the Forsyth County Voters Coalition has written to Urban League Board chair Joseph Dickson requesting a meeting with the full Urban League board concerning its activities.

The request comes as the latest development in what has been a ground swell of controversy over the board's firing of Delores Smith, who until Nov. 21 had been the league's executive director.

"We want some straight answers from these people about what has been going on at the Urban League,"

said coalition chair Marie Roseboro. She said the coalition wants the board to attend a public forum Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue.

The letter to Dickson notes in part that the recent firing of the executive director, the composition of the

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## League begun to stave off racial unrest

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Winston-Salem Urban League was born out of a race relations study commissioned by city leaders following a strike by African-American factory workers against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for better working conditions and benefits.

The details of the strike, the successful organization of local 22 of the United Tobacco Workers Union, and how that union successfully negotiated contracts with Reynolds management are chronicled in a book by Akosua Barthwell called *Trade Unionism in North Carolina, the Strike Against Reynolds Tobacco Company*. It was first published in 1977. Library officials say one copy of that book remains in the library system, the others have mysteriously disappeared.

Velma Hopkins, who for years ran the Reynolds Health Center Cafeteria, was one of the

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## NAACP committee won't make nominations

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The committee designated to select a slate of candidates for the upcoming election of officers for the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP tossed a bombshell into the laps of its members with the announcement that the committee could not agree on a slate. The committee proposed that the nomination process be open to the general membership.

Some of the problem may have had to do with bomb threats that the committee had received as recently as the night of the Tuesday, Nov. 27, meeting held at the Winston Lake YMCA. At least one member of the nominating committee expressed grave concern over the threats, as well as a potential slate of candidates that had heavy overtones of "cronyism" but was blocked during committee deliberations.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Howard Ward, chairman of the nominating committee and also a member of the local chapter's Executive Board, read the list of those who had returned signed consent forms to the committee, indicating their interest in being nominated for board and chapter offices. The list included multiple candidates for the offices of president and second vice president. When

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Paul Stoney is achievers driving force.

## Black Achievers get \$35,000 grant Winston-Salem foundation awards start-up funding

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
Chronicle Staff Writer

A local program designed to help African-American youth learn to succeed in school and in careers has just received notice it has been awarded a grant which will fund its first year.

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## Mack to protest board decision

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

A former employee of the Winston-Salem Urban League is leading an effort to picket the businesses of key members of the league's board of directors over the firing of executive director, Delores Smith.

Minister Lee Faye Mack, who resigned from the Urban League two weeks ago because of what she called a lack of support for the league's Black Family Focus program and attempts to silence Ms. Smith, says she'll lead a group of Ms. Smith's supporters to the picket lines Monday at the North Carolina School of the Arts and Wachovia Bank.

The Urban League's chairman of the board, Joseph Dickson, was recently named vice chancellor of finance at the arts school. Sterling Spainhour is a corporate vice president for Wachovia. Both men were among nine members of the Urban League board to vote in favor of Smith's dismissal last Wednesday.

The Concerned Citizens for Dee Smith say if she can't eat, then the big boys these corporations put on these boards can't eat either," Mack said. "If these businesses and corporations don't want to see our faces

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