

Recent Klan Violence Wasn't All Black And White

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The resurgent Ku Klux Klan, which has no monopoly on violence, is meeting militant resistance from leftist organizations in what one robed wizard calls the start of a "race war."

But skin color apparently was not the issue when several carloads of white men sprayed bullets into an anti-Klan rally staged by an avowed communist organization in Greensboro, N.C., on Saturday, killing five persons and wounding nine others. Four of those killed were white. One was black.

"It wasn't one white group against one black group," said H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, a black

who is the U.S. attorney in Greensboro. "It was one white group against another white group that was trying to elicit support from the black community."

In the aftermath, the White House announced Monday that the Justice Department has established a special unit to investigate the violence and has two dozen FBI agents on the scene.

"The resurgence of the Klan is a matter of concern to the president," said Jody Powell, President Carter's press secretary.

The group which drew about 100 demonstrators to the "Death to the Klan" rally was the Communist Workers Party, U.S.A., which until about a month ago was named the Workers

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Viewpoint Organization. Expounding the principles of Marx, Lenin and Mao Tse-tung, the organization has been active in trying to organize workers in North Carolina's textile mills.

Another left-leaning group attacking the Klan with more than rhetoric is the International Committee Against Racism, which was born in Brooklyn in the early 1970s and has staged demonstrations in Virginia and Mississippi and elsewhere in recent months.

About 20 INCAR protesters broke through police lines at a KKK rally in Virginia Beach, Va., on Oct. 5, grabbed the robes of two Klans-

men and knocked another to the ground. They burned the robes in the street.

It was two self-professed INCAR members, a man and a woman, who jumped up on a stage Monday and pelled New York Mayor Edward Koch with eggs as he was welcoming 3,000 persons to a meeting of the American Public Health Association.

"Koch is a fascist," the woman said.

In the meantime, the Communist Workers Party said Monday it will conduct a funeral march for its slain members in Greensboro on Sunday, despite a city ban on parade permits.

A branch of the organization in Pittsburgh scheduled its own "Death to the Klan" rally for

Nov. 26 at the federal building in downtown Pittsburgh and another group called the Liberation League is planning a "Smash the Klan" rally on Friday at Allegheny Community College.

Members of the United Auto Workers union at a Ford Motor Co. plant in Dearborn, Mich., are calling for a "Smash the Klan Terror" rally Saturday in downtown Detroit.

The Detroit rally plans grew out of a resolution passed by UAW Local 600 calling for the firing of two plant foremen who came to work in September wearing Ku Klux Klan-type garb. The foremen were transferred, but not fired.

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