

From Capitol Hill

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S. 557 Will Defeat Reagan Administration's Civil Rights Assaults

Proponents of civil rights and the Reagan Administration are gearing up for a major battle for the next several months over the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Because of actions of this Administration, it is now permissible for the federal government to subsidize discrimination against minorities, women, disabled persons and the aged.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act concerns four of our most effective civil rights laws, Title VI of the '64 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Age Discrimination Act. The Restoration Act prohibits federal funding of discrimination against these groups.

Both Republican and Democratic Presidents previous to the Reagan Administration strongly enforced the statutes, on an institution-wide basis, which meant that if any part of an institution received federal money, the entire institution was covered by the civil rights law.

Attorney General Edwin Meese and Assistant Attorney General Bradford Reynolds, in carrying out Reagan's efforts to eradicate all civil rights gains, argued that only specific department or programs receiving federal funds should be covered by the civil rights law. In the Grove City decision, the United States Supreme Court agreed with their argument. In just one week after the

NEW YORK — What do "Opera North," the "Legislative Coalition Caucus of Utah," "The Doll League" and "The Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society" have in common?

First produced in 1981, the new edition is the fourth Guide in this series. The Guide is provided free of charge to individuals and groups. The popularity of the books has been based on their usefulness as net-

"Black organizations have enriched every aspect of American life," wrote Hugh Cullman, Vice Chairman, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., in the introduction to the book.

He added that those

Stanley S. Scott, Vice President, Director of Corporate Relations and Assistant to the Chairman, Philip Morris Companies Inc., told the reception guests: "The Guide pays tribute to the dedication and



NEW YORK — Stanley S. Scott, fourth from right, Vice President, Director of Corporate Relations and Assistant to the Chairman of Philip Morris Companies, Inc., welcomes guests to Philip Morris headquarters for the special reception in honor of heads of organizations listed in the recently released "Guide To Black Organizations, 1987-1988 Edition." With Scott are, from left, Virgil E. Ecton, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, United Negro College Fund; George L. Knox, III, Staff Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies, Inc.; Dr. Lea E. Williams, President,

Association of Black Women in Higher Education, Inc.; Roy A. Hasticks, Sr., President, Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.; Howard Dodson, Chief, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; John F. Robinson, President, National Minority Business Council; Richard McKinney, President, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; Lynda Ireland, President, Association of Minority Enterprises of New York and Demetrius Parker, National program Director, National Black United Fund.

They are all among the 249 national, regional and local, not for profit groups in the recently issued "Guide to Black Organizations, 1987-88 Edition," published by Philip Morris Companies Inc.

working documents for Black and other Americans.

The unveiling of the Guide came during a reception hosted recently by Philip Morris at its Manhattan headquarters.

familiar with the Guide know "that this small booklet does two very big jobs. Not only is it a convenient directory; it also provides an encouraging overview of the organized Black community."

the hard work of the people who struggle to keep these groups going — people doing a lot with a little. This is a tribute to black leadership — they are carrying out the long time commitment to progress in the spirit of W.E.B. DuBois and of Booker T. Washington."

Each major, national, civil rights, religious, fraternal and economic group is listed. It also lists 31 Black state legislative caucuses.

Also appearing are many local organizations that provide such unique and positive services that they were listed to prompt the development of similar groups.

"Opera North," for instance, is a Philadelphia, Pa.-based opera company that provides additional opportunities for black performers and musicians in grand opera.

The "Legislative Coalition Caucus of Utah" is led by that state's only Black and Hispanic legislators, one of each, who have organized 60

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