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tering economic development in the African-American community. The struggle for economic equity is one of the last rungs on the ladder of the civil rights struggle," Dr. Hooks said.

"The relationship will also allow me to pursue my other post-NAACP interests which include more time spent in my ministry, the assumption of a chair named in my honor at Fisk University, the writing of a book and perhaps some articles, and a whole host of other activities," he added.

No stranger to the business world, Dr. Hooks was a co-founder and Vice President of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis for 15 years.

He was also one of the first only African Americans to enter franchising when he joined in a partnership with the late gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson, in a chicken franchising business.

Unanimously selected in 1977 as the Executive Director of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, Dr. Hooks is retiring from that post after compiling an outstanding record in civil and human rights.

In his position with the Chapman Company, Dr. Hooks' national expansion will include assistance in the coordination of the national expansion of the firm in each of its different business areas, including public investment management, and mutual fund management.

In addition to his national responsibilities, Dr. Hooks will coordinate the establishment of Chapman's Memphis, Tennessee branch office.

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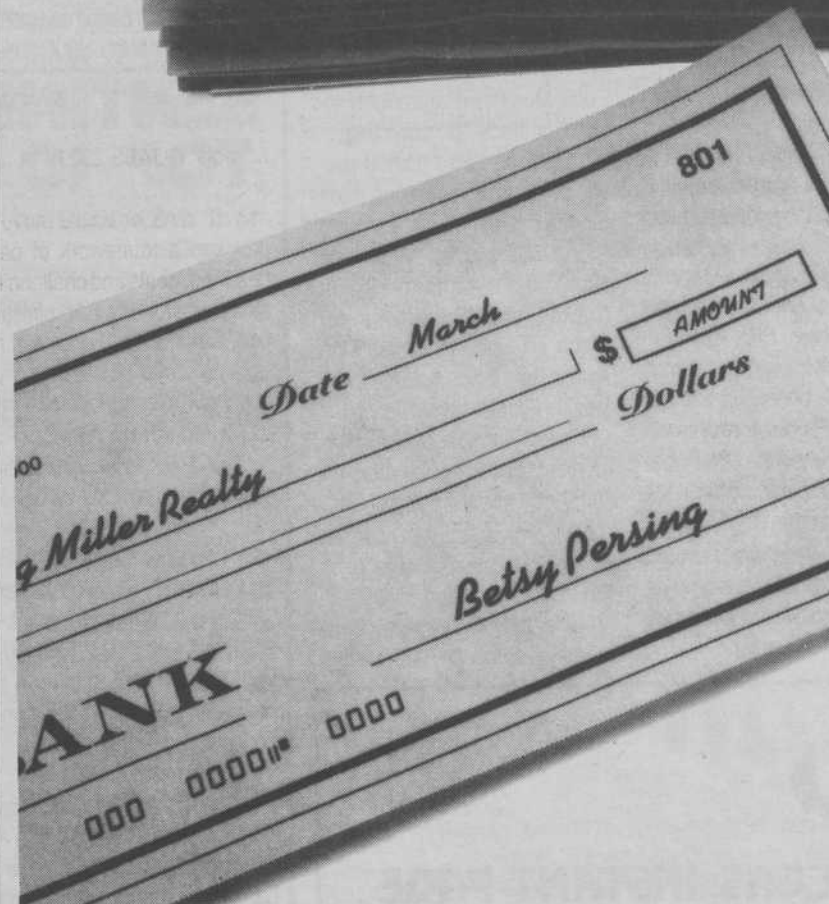
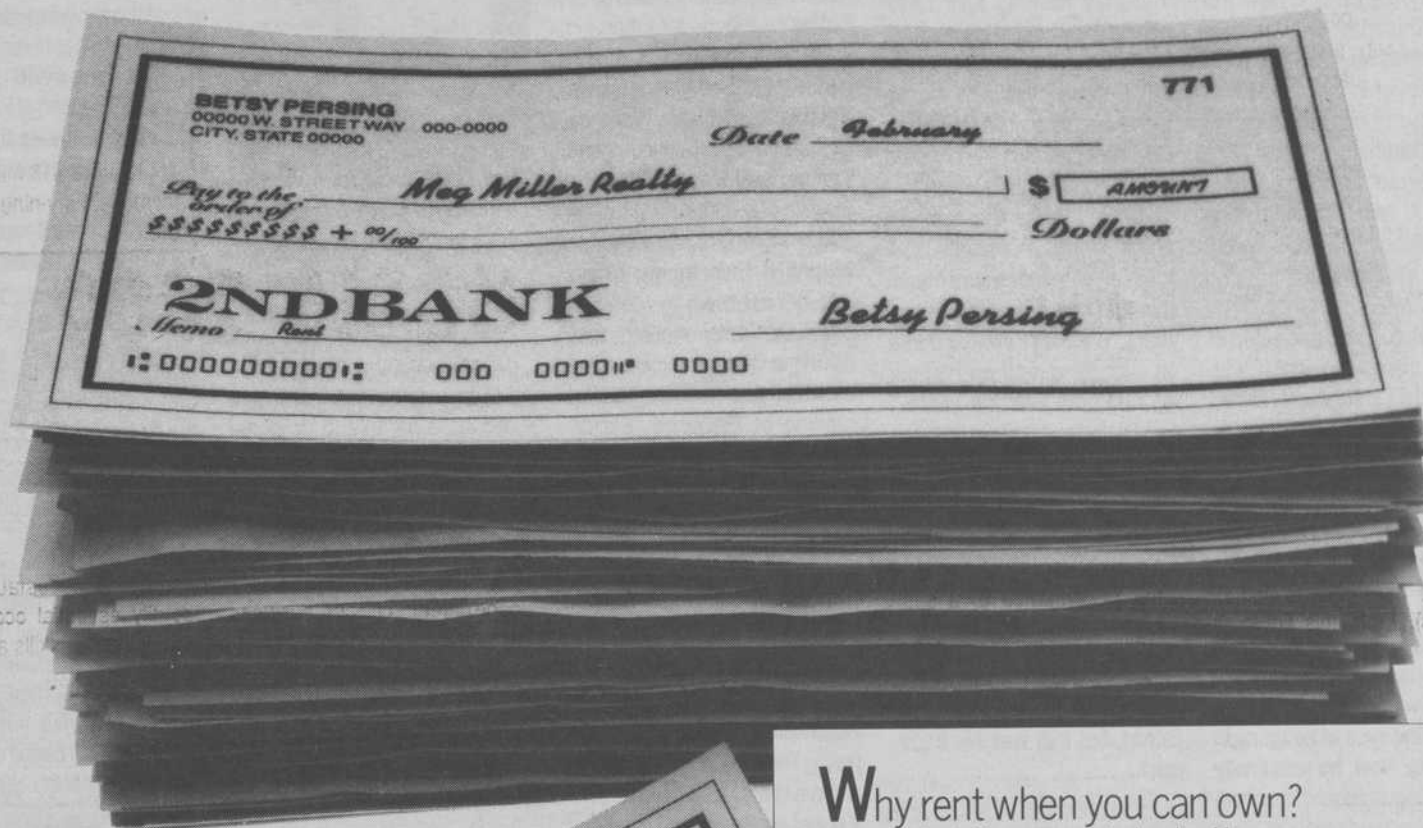
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Black organizations in the South Indian capital cities of Madras, Tamil Nadu and Bangalore, Karnataka.

Rashidi researched early Kemit and Ancient Egypt with Dr. Yosef A.A. BenJochannan (Dr. Ben) in east Africa in 1992. His current book Introduction to Studies of African Classic Civilizations, and the will lecture on "Black Seeds: The African Presence in Civilization."

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