

Carl Braden, Civil Rights Activist, 60

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 19 (AP)—Louisville civil rights activist Carl Braden, who was convicted for alleged radical activities under a sedition law later declared unconstitutional, is dead at 60.

Mr. Braden was found dead Tuesday after apparently suffering a heart attack.

He and his wife Ann formerly headed the activist Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), which the FBI reportedly tried to infiltrate.

Joseph A. Burton of Tampa, Fla., said Sunday he had made contacts within the SCEF at the FBI's request, but Mr. Braden said he had been warned of the alleged infiltration attempt.

Mr. Braden's sedition conviction came after a black family's house in a white area of suburban Shively was dynamited in 1954.

He and his wife had acted as agents to buy the house for the black family. Some Louisville authorities claimed the Bradens themselves had bombed it to promote a racial revolution to overthrow the governments of Kentucky and the United States.



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Mr. Braden was released after serving a few months of a 15-year sentence when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the state didn't have the right to prosecute.

Later, the state law he was charged with violating was declared unconstitutional.

In 1958, Mr. Braden was sentenced to a year for refusing to answer questions from the U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities. He served nine months of the sentence.

Mr. Braden, a journalist was born in New Albany, Ind. He worked for newspaper, including the now-defunct Louisville Herald Post, the Harlan, Ky., Enterprise, the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Courier Journal and Louisville Times.