

Georgia Klan Chief Quits to Help Build 'A United America'

ATLANTA, April 28 (UPI)—Calvin Craig, Grand Dragon of the Georgia United Klans of America, Inc., announced today his resignation from the Klan to help build a nation where "black men and white men can stand shoulder to shoulder in a United America."

Craig, who at age 39 had been Klan Grand Dragon, said that he planned to devote his energies to voter registration work in Atlanta. A group headed by Craig has registered between 500 and 700 voters weekly since January, he said.

"Time alone can tell my future," he said at a news conference in his home.

His resignation is effective May 1. He said that he might run for public office, "either State Senator, State Representative or Sheriff of Fulton County."

He said that during racial disturbances in Georgia in the eight years he served as Grand Dragon, "I ordered the Klan in action not to create trouble, but to help keep the peace."

"In each case, law and order had been broken down by civil rights groups," he said.

Craig said that his decision to leave the Klan represented "no change in attitudes" but would allow him time to "accomplish more of my beliefs."