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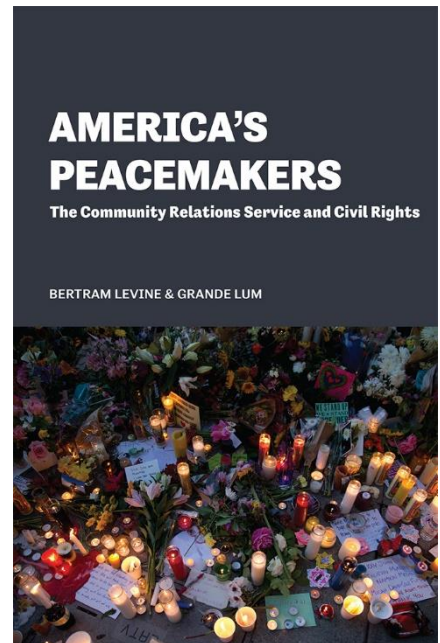
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## A History of the COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE: A Small Federal Agency That Made a Big Difference in Civil Rights

COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 2, 2020 – *America's Peacemakers: The Community Relations Service and Civil Rights* tells the behind-the-scenes story of a small federal agency that made a big difference in civil rights conflicts over the last half century. That the Trump administration has sought to eliminate CRS gives this book increased urgency and relevance.

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