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Youth summit will seek racial harmony for future

■ Organizers say last year's disturbances make the city the perfect place for a meeting on multicultural communities.

By JIM DEBROSSE
Times Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — President Clinton's call for a yearlong dialogue on improving race relations in America failed to invite a key group to the table: the young people who must build tomorrow's racial harmony.

The oversight didn't escape civil rights leader Arnett Doctor, the driving force behind an all-day youth summit on building multicultural communities scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in St. Petersburg.

"These are the people who are going to be in charge of carrying on the traditions we have come to know, and actually make them better," said Doctor, 54, a former St. Petersburg resident who lives in Spring Hill. "We are attempting to create a forum where they can address the issues as they see them."

The summit is expected to draw as many as 250 Tampa Bay area high school juniors and seniors and college students for three panel discussions at the Enoch Davis Community Center, 1111 18th Ave. S.

Panel participants will include St. Petersburg police Chief Goliath Davis III, University of South Florida professor Katie Dunn Tenpas and economic development officials from Orlando and New York City. One of the moderators will be Bobby Doctor, regional director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. (He is no relation to Arnett Doctor.)

Another moderator will be Arnett Doctor, who heads Rosewood Justice Center, a group founded last year to encourage better racial understanding.

The group takes its name from the 1923 massacre in the Levy County town of Rosewood.



Arnett Doctor:
"I don't want anyone to perceive St. Petersburg as a city that has a history of insensitivity."

Doctor's grandmother was shot to death when angry whites attacked. At least eight people were killed, six of them black. Even so, Doctor thinks there is much to be learned from the circumstances that led to the confrontation.

"Until then, people in Rosewood had lived in a harmonious economic relationship with people of other ethnicities," he said. "What we must deal with is the fear factor, because that is what will keep people from living wholeheartedly together."

Doctor was a primary source for a book about Rosewood published last year, and was a consultant for the Warner Bros. movie released this year.

He and his mother moved to St. Petersburg in the late 1950s, and he became president of the youth council of the NAACP. As a student at the old Gibbs Junior College, he led pickets all over the city.

St. Petersburg was chosen as the site for the summit because of the polarization of last year's racial disturbances, he said.

"I don't want anyone to perceive St. Petersburg as a city that has a history of insensitivity," he said. "I, in fact, know the opposite to be true."

Other supporters of the forum include the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP, local chapters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Urban League, and the Multi-Cultural Clubs of the Pinellas County public schools.



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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Dear Bill:

Enclosed are a few copies of a draft program for the Rosewood Justice Center, Inc. ("RJC's") Multi-Cultural Youth Summit, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 1997 in St. Petersburg, Florida. As we discussed, my law firm provides pro bono legal counsel to the RJC with this and other matters and I would be happy to coordinate with you or anyone else at The White House who is interested.

With the exception of finding one or two more diverse panelists, possibly a youth group leader or two, the planning of the event is largely complete. Of course, the RJC would be very excited to make last minute changes to accommodate the presence of an appropriate representative of President Clinton. The first press release and program printing deadlines are both Monday, June 23, 1997.

Based on our work on SUPRA during law school, I am sure that you can appreciate how excited I am about the President's initiation of this dialogue on race relations in America. This youth summit has been in the planning process for a few months now, but the timing seems perfect for a very successful event. Please give me a call or send me an e-mail to discuss further.

Very truly yours,

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