Will Riots Happen In 1983?

Now that the predicted riots for 1982 have failed to materialize, attention has been focused on next summer. A Morehouse College professor has found a formula for tracing periods of Black unrest. On the television series "Tony Brown's Journal," Dr. Robert Brisbane indicates that a black revolt will hit the country by 1983.

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In his book, "Black Activism" (Judson Press, Valley Forge), Dr. Brisbane outlines the periods of Black revolts in America. He says there have been five major Black protest movements in the United States. "Protest movements have been the way Blacks have made gains in this country since 1865, but even beyond that, since the Revolutionary period," says Dr. Brisbane on the television program, "Black Revolt In the 80's."

Sociologists and economists have predicted that the harsh effects of Reaganomics and the growing ranks of the impoverished and unemployed would provide the spark that would ignite rioting in the nation's urban areas. Although one out of three Black Americans is living in poverty, a strong sentiment seems to be prevalent in the Black community: riots would be counterproductive and use-less.

Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, tells host Tony Brown that urban violence is a very real possibility, but contends that whites would also be involved because they too are victims of high unemployment and inflation. "I'm not preaching violence, I don't believe in it," explains the NAACP executive. "I think it may be self-defeating, but the possibility is there."

The program filmically highlights the fifth Black protest period in America, known as the Civil Rights Movement or the Black Revolution, featuring clips of Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and President Kennedy.

Super Saturday

The second session of Super Saturday at McCrorey YMCA is set to start November 6 and end December 4th.

On Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. supervised organized activities are provided for boys and girls ages five through 12 years old. Register by October 29 to guarantee a space in the program for your child.

McCrorey YMCA members pay \$15 and non-members \$20. Transportation provided from a centralized neighborhood pickup and drop-off point for 10 or more youth from the same general area at \$5 additional cost per person.

"Tony Brown's Journal" is the nation's longest running Black-Affairs television series and has been sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for seven consecutive years. Televised nationally on public television, the program will be seen in this area on Channel 58 at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31.

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