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Racist groups may rally at library

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The Glendale Central Public Library, site of a violent confrontation between opposing political organizations a little more than a month ago, is scheduled as the meeting place tonight for a coalition of "white nationalist" political groups.

A group calling itself the Knights of the Green Mountains, a coalition of white nationalist groups composed of organizations like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi party, has scheduled an "Aryan Nationalists rally" for 6:30 p.m. outside the 222 E. Harvard St. library.

On June 25, a scheduled debate between the League of Pace Amendment Advocates, a group seeking the deportation of all non-whites, and the Glendale Human Relations Council was never held because a violent and vocal clash erupted between representatives of the Klan and the Nazi party and an International Committee Against Racism, or InCAR.

According to Joe Fields of the National Socialist America Workers Party — better known as the American Nazi Party — tonight's tonight rally is being held because he said the debate between Pace and the Human Relations Council has been rescheduled for the library auditorium.

"We were invited to be there," said Fields.

However, representatives from the Human Relations Council denied there is a debate scheduled for tonight.

"I've heard nothing of this," said Geri Brown, the newly elected chairwoman of the council.

In fact, the council held their monthly meeting last Thursday and the group voted not to invite Pace back for a debate.

Pace spokesman Arch Edwards

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would not confirm or deny that a new debate would be held tonight, saying, "I'm not at liberty to talk about that. ... My guess is we're to stand by Thursday to see if it's still on."

In addition, officials from the library and the Glendale Police Department said the library has not been reserved.

"There's nothing on the schedule Thursday night at the library," said head librarian Jack Ramsey, who admitted that he has heard the rumor about the meeting.

Police Department spokesman, Sgt. Dean Durand said the police fully expect the rally to occur and will have officers on the scene.

"There are no plans to bring off-duty people in," he said. "We will take appropriate action if necessary."

Literature from the Knights of the Green Mountains group says the "spontaneous rally" will be held to "protest the race-mixing policies of the Glendale mayor and City Hall officials" and "demonstrate against a communist front group called InCAR which physically attacked members of the Ku Klux Klan" at the June 25 confrontation.

In a flier promoting the rally,

Fields suggested to his "kinsmen and kinswomen" that they bring items like hard hats, motorcycle helmets, field boots, light gloves, two taped-up rolls of coins and white placards mounted on solid handles or poles with a pro-white or anti-race-mixing statement with them.

While there is no word whether InCAR — which calls itself a multi-racial group out to fight racism — is scheduled to show up, representatives of the Jewish Defense League are expected to appear at the library as they did last month.

"We're going to go down and say hello to Joe Fields and his friends," said Barry Kruegel of the JDL.

For his part, Fields said he and his group will be prepared if the demonstration turns violent.

"What happens, happens," he said. "We plan to bring our own people, we're hoping for a good response. ... It will be a show of support for white people."

At last week's Human Relations Council meeting, InCAR spokesman Roger Marheime announced that the group would hold a rally outside the Pace offices on Saturday, but a representative of the group said Wednesday evening that the rally has been postponed for a week.