

No injunction for Nazis on Skokie laws

SKOKIE-A preliminary injunction against the three Skokie ordinances which now prevent a Nazi march in the village was denied by Judge Bernard Decker in federal district court Friday, Oct. 21.

In ruling in favor of the village, Decker said that the lawsuit brought against the ordinances by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of the National Socialist (Nazi) Party of America should be tried expeditiously, but agreed with Skokie attorneys that the injunction would have permitted a march and eliminated the need for a trial.

Decker also scheduled a pre-trial conference between Skokie and ACLU attorneys for Friday, Oct. 28.

The Skokie ordinances, approved by the village board on May 2, require a \$350,000 insurance bond from any group wishing to assemble in the village, prohibit demonstrations by people wearing military-style uniforms, and also prohibit the distribution of printed material designed to promote group hatred.

In another Nazi-related matter, the Illinois supreme court had not yet ruled early this week on the ACLU appeal to overturn a lower court decision which bans the Nazi uniform from the village of Skokie.