

Skokie to curb autos at Nazi rally

By Bob Olmstead

Skokie police said Wednesday that if the Nazis rally there Sunday, police will not allow spectators to drive within one square mile around the rally site and that all local autos in that area will be searched.

However, police said, onlookers would be allowed to come on foot within a "reasonable" distance of the Nazi rally.

Police would not define this distance, or even say whether spectators would be allowed close enough to hear and see the 30-minute rally scheduled to take place on the sidewalk in front of the Skokie Village Hall.

Frank Collin, the Nazi leader, has indicated he will call off the Skokie rally because of a favorable ruling Tuesday from U.S. District Court Judge George H. Leighton allowing the Nazis to demonstrate in Marquette Park without being required to take out insurance.

Collin said Wednesday he will call off the Skokie demonstration if the Chicago Park District does not try to upset Leighton's ruling.

Collin will announce his decision Thursday evening at a press conference in Nazi headquarters at 2519 W. 71st St.

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MEANWHILE, a spokesman for the Jewish United Fund, organizers of a huge counterdemonstration scheduled to take place in Skokie Sunday, said that mass meeting will be canceled if the Nazis definitely call off their rally within a reasonable time before Sunday.

At the same time, Bonnie Pechter, spokesman for the militant Jewish Defense League headquartered in New York, said 1,000 JDL members will come to Chicago to confront the Nazis at the Federal Building Saturday, even if the Skokie rally is called off.

"Why? Well, because we want to let them know we are there," she said.

"We want to give them a little preview, let them know what they could have gotten if they went to Skokie."

She said she had no plans to send large numbers of JDL members to confront the Nazis when the Nazis rally in Marquette Park. "You don't need more than one Jew to beat up one Nazi," she said.

IN SKOKIE, Mayor Albert J. Smith said, "Although recent developments hopefully

will result in the cancellation of the planned Nazi demonstration here on Sunday, ... the Village of Skokie must still go ahead with plans to deal with that event."

He said approximately 300 Skokie and other suburban police and a "sufficient" number of state police and Illinois National Guardsmen also would be on hand to keep the peace.

Police Sgt. Michael Burns said spectators who arrive on foot would not be searched and those wearing helmets would not be prevented from doing so. "We may have a large number of motorcycle riders that day," he said with a slight smile.

The mile-square area around the Village Hall from which outside vehicles will be kept is bounded by Main St. on the north, Howard on the south, Skokie Blvd. on the east and Edens Expressway on the west, Smith said.

IN A RELATED action, Circuit Court Judge Arthur L. Dunne Wednesday refused to issue a temporary restraining order to bar the march.

He ruled in a suit filed by Skokie resident Louis Black, who sought to bar the demonstration through technicalities of the Illinois

Assumed Name Act and a Skokie village ordinance.

Dunne said a restraining order would constitute illegal prior restraint and violate First Amendment rights.

Referring to the 14-month legal battle over the proposed demonstration, Dunne said, "I feel like the last substitute on the bench ... and the coach says, 'OK, Dunne, you go in now.'"