

Promises bloodshed

JDL plans July 4th counter-march

BULLETIN

A request by the National Socialist (Nazi) party for a permit to demonstrate in Skokie at noon on Monday, July 4 was received by Village Manager John Matzer, Thursday, June 23.

The application indicated that the group will not be able to meet the village's \$350,000 insurance bond requirement, Matzer said.

He said that Skokie's legal department, headed by Gil Gordon in the absence of Corp. Counsel Harvey Schwartz is currently examining the application which asks permission for between 30 and 50 Nazis to assemble in Skokie.

BOTH MEIR Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, and Skokie Mayor Albert Smith agree that violence begets violence.

But their agreement ends there.

According to Kahane, thousands of angry counter-demonstrators will be in Skokie on July 4 to confront a group of Nazis who have announced plans to assemble in front of the Skokie village hall that day.

And Kahane guarantees that the confrontation will be a violent one.

"If they (Nazis) march, there will be violence and there will be bloodshed. It is Mr. Smith's job to cancel the march," Kahane told The LIFE in an exclusive telephone interview from the JDL headquarters in New York City on Thursday, June 23.

IN THE WAKE of a recent United States Supreme Court decision lifting an injunction which had previously prevented a Nazi march in Skokie, Chicago area Nazi leader Frank Collin an-

nounced plans to appear in Skokie at noon on July 4.

On June 15, Collin told The LIFE his group would be marching in Skokie "only to get our free speech back" and added that they would be joined by Nazis from across the country who will be in Chicago for the National Socialist (Nazi) Party's national convention.

Informed of Kahane's plans on Wednesday, June 22, Smith said, "Violence is not the answer to any thing. As an elected official, I have taken an oath to uphold the law and an-

yone who holds a demonstration, march, or parade in the village of Skokie in violation of local codes and ordinances will be breaking the law and I have the sworn obligation to see that he is arrested."

Smith later reiterated that "any group will be told they are in violation ... and if they don't desist, they will be arrested for breaking the laws."

ALTHOUGH THE injunction, issued April 29 in Cook county circuit court, is no longer in effect, Skokie's village board has subsequently passed a series

of three ordinances requiring a \$350,000 bond from groups of 50 or more people who wish to march or assemble in the village, and prohibiting both public demonstrations by members of political parties who wear military style uniforms and distribution of materials that incite group hatred.

Kahane said Thursday that the JDL office in New York has been "flooded with phone calls" and that buses from many different cities will be pulling into Chicago for the July 4 confrontation. In addition, his organization is

sending people from door-to-door in Skokie and other neighborhoods asking the residents to show up at the march.

"Thirty years after Auschwitz, we are not asking anyone for anything. We are telling Mr. Smith that he'd better cancel the march or there will be bloodshed and he will be responsible."

JDL spokesmen in Chicago have announced that a meeting concerning the July 4 march will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, at Congregation B'nai Emunah, 9131 Niles Center, Skokie. The meeting is open to the public.