

Smith, officials lauded at Temple Judea rally

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SKOKIE-A crowd of about 400 persons at a rally in the parking lot of Temple Judea, Sunday, May 1, paid tribute to Mayor Albert Smith and other village authorities for keeping the Nazis out of Skokie the day before. The Nazis had been thwarted in their effort to march in Skokie over the weekend when the village twice won injunctions to keep them out. The march had originally been scheduled for Sunday, but was switched to Saturday after the first court order banning any demonstration. The Nazis tried to come on Saturday, but village officials obtained a second court order.

Organized as a prelude to the Nazis original plan to come to Skokie, Sunday afternoon, the rally became as much a victory celebration as "a reaffirmation of trust in the legal system, respect for human rights, and non-violence," as it was billed.

SOL GOLDSTEIN, LEADER of the Jewish survivors of the Nazi holocaust, praised village authorities "for doing the maximum of what human beings can do in such a situation and being successful."

The Nazis were served with an injunction banning their planned rally in front of Skokie village hall, as they attempted to enter the village.

Smith, in particular was cited by Goldstein, "as a man of greatness, who has warned the Nazis they will never succeed in marching here."

Smith in turn lauded Jack Matzer village manager and his assistant William Brady for guiding the village response to the Nazi threat "under most extreme circumstances."

Smith gave a little background about his personal determination to keep the Nazis out.

He told the crowd when the holocaust was going on during World War II, he was a young man. "But my government leaders," he said, "didn't think enough of

my ability to judge things for myself, to inform me what was going on in Europe."

"For that I feel a responsibility for the Jewish people," he said.

DR. VICTOR ROSENBLUM, a professor of constitutional law at Northwestern University, spoke about why Nazi marches are not protected by the same rights as are marches in behalf of civil rights groups, "as the American Civil Liberties Union would have us believe."

"The reason," he said, "is, the Nazis, in their parphenalia, identify with a movement in world history that stood for the wiping out of constitutional rights. That destructive message is not protected by our Bill of Rights," he insisted.

Rosenblum pledged to make every effort to see the law understands this difference.

"THIS IS A TIME OF great pride and great solidarity," Rabbi David Polish of Evanston said. "We told the survivors of the holocaust they are not alone. We are there beside them."

Rev. Warren Thummel, pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Skokie, added: "Right now I've got one of the most secure feelings I've ever had. Here I am one of many in a large gathering of neighbors, who care about each other."

"We can no longer be silent to such threats," Rabbi Milton Kanter of Skokie Valley Traditional Synagogue, said. "The nightmare won't go away by inaction,"