

# Skokie ordinances face court challenge from Nazis

By Mike Anderson

Chicago's Nazi Party leaders said Thursday they plan further legal action in preparation for a July 4 march into the heavily Jewish suburb of Skokie.

The announcement followed a U.S. Supreme Court decision Wednesday striking down a court injunction that blocked a scheduled May 1 march.

A Nazi spokesman said the group intends to challenge the constitutionality of three ordinances passed by the Skokie village board to halt the march.

Those ordinances forbid demonstrators to appear in Nazi-style uniforms and the dissemination of literature "that promotes or incites group hatred" and require a protesting group to post a \$350,000 bond.

The Supreme Court ruling came after two Circuit Court judges had enjoined the Nazis from marching into Skokie. The Illinois Appellate Court and the state Supreme Court refused to lift the ban temporarily while its legality was being decided in the courts.

The high court ruled that the Illinois courts erred in not lifting the injunction. The Su-

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preme Court decision did not touch on the Constitutionality of the Skokie ordinances.

Skokie's village attorney, Harvey Schwartz, said he expects the ordinances will halt the march and believes their constitutionality will be upheld.

Nazi leader Frank Collin said he plans to have the Skokie march touch off a meeting of the National Socialist Congress here in July. The congress is a confederation of white-power groups from across the country.

David Hamlin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Illinois, which represented the Nazis, said his group is debating whether the ordinances should be challenged in court before or after the scheduled march.

Michael Kelly, Nazi chief duty officer, said the Nazis plan to march to Skokie because "that is where white power is most opposed."

Some 40,000 of Skokie's 70,000 residents are Jewish and some 7,000 of them are survivors of Nazi concentration camps.