

Fear: Collin's chief weapon

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SKOKIE MAY not have heard the end of Frank Collin.

Now apparently assured of free speech in both the village and in Chicago, Collin seems unwilling to relinquish the power he has had over the lives and emotions of many Skokie residents for over a year.

He is reluctant to part with his ace-in-the-hole—fear.

So on Tuesday, June 20, after U.S. District Court Judge George Leighton restored Collin's right to demonstrate in Chicago parks, he told a group of reporters that there could be other issues which could bring him to Skokie.

"If all our rights (to free speech) are given back, it won't be a free speech demonstration, but there could be others," he said. Collin suggested a possible protest over "Jewish leadership of the black revolution."

ONLY HOURS before Leighton's ruling, Collin threatened that if his rights were not restored unequivocally, he and his neo-Nazi group would embark on an accelerated schedule of activities—demonstrations, assemblies, and distribution of literature.

"If we are not given our rights, things are only starting," he said, mentioning northwest suburban Buffalo Grove as a likely target for free speech atten-

tion due to its increasing Jewish population.

Collin predicted that trouble would be "inevitable" if a June 25 march in Skokie takes place. He said he also expects trouble at a public forum scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Dirksen federal building in downtown Chicago. Speeches by Collin and two others are planned for Saturday, but "it probably won't last more than 30 seconds," said Collin who expects agitation from "leftist and Jewish militant organizations."

COLLIN SAID he has turned down an arrangement by the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations service which would have permitted a July 9 Nazi march in Marquette park instead of the June 25 Skokie demonstration.

In the light of Leighton's decision, the Justice department offer has little significance, but Collin originally turned it down because it applied only to one day and limited to 75 the number of participants he could bring.

"I am not willing to trade one demonstration or rally for the right to speak freely everywhere," he said.

Collin, who carried a large cane to both court sessions Tuesday, told reporters he is not afraid to march in Skokie.

"I am more afraid of losing my country and my rights," he said. He called reports of a split between members of his National Socialist Party of America "jitters on the part of the news media...enemy propaganda."