

# Holocaust survivor hits Nazis' Skokie plea

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Sol Goldstein, a survivor of the Jewish holocaust of World War II, testified Friday that Nazi uniforms call up images of "death in the most terrible form . . . death from torture."

Goldstein, 63, appeared at a hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Barnard M. Decker on a suit by Frank Collin, leader of the National Socialist Party of America, challenging three Skokie ordinances that prevented the group from demonstrating in the north suburb.

Opposing the challenge, Goldstein said swastikas and brown-shirt uniforms represent the ordeal of repression and death suffered by Jews in World War II.

The three ordinances were adopted May 2 in an effort to bar political demonstrations in military-type uniforms like those of Nazi storm troopers. At the same time, the village laws prohibit the distribution of materials calculated to incite hatred based on race, religion or nationality.

The ordinances also require groups of 50 or more persons

to post a \$350,000 insurance bond to cover potential damage to public property before any demonstration.

Goldstein, worker for a dental materials manufacturing company, told Decker that his Lithuanian city, Kaunas, was overrun by Nazi troops in 1941. All of Kaunas' 45,000 Jewish residents were required to live in a guarded ghetto he said, and many were executed.

Goldstein said he escaped with his wife from the ghetto

in 1942 and traveled to this country six years later.

Nazi leader Collin, who is part-Jewish, sniggered into his hands several times during

Goldstein's testimony.

Collin earlier told the judge that the Skokie insurance requirement was designed to keep him and his group "from

expressing my right to free expression."

"I believe it was aimed exclusively at me," he said.

Collin, under questioning by his lawyer, David Goldberger of the American Civil Liberties Union, said he would lead his group, in a demonstration in Skokie soon, "but only under the law . . . as soon as we are legally able."