

# Nazis, Skokie in court again

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A JEWISH survivor of World War II holocaust, three Skokie officials, and Chicago Nazi leader Frank Collin presented evidence Friday, Dec. 2 in a hearing on Collin's suit against the village.

The lawsuit filed in August challenges the constitutionality of three Skokie ordinances which require groups wishing to march in the village to post a \$350,000 insurance bond, prohibit the wearing of military style uniforms by marchers, and forbid the distribution of printed material which incites group hatred.

Testifying in the Chicago courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Bernard Decker, were Sol Goldstein, a Skokie resident who escaped from a Lithuanian ghetto, John Matzer, village manager, Kenneth Chamberlain, chief of police, Marvin Bailey, director of housing development, and Collin, leader of the National Socialist (Nazi) party of America. A written statement from Skokie Mayor Albert Smith, recuperating from surgery, was also submitted.

Goldstein claimed that the sight of Nazi uniforms and swastikas on the streets of Skokie would inflict great emotional damage on those who survived the World War II Nazi atrocities.

Collin, who is being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) testified that he still wants to lead a march in Skokie to exercise his right to free speech but indicated he would not demonstrate in the village until legally allowed to do so.

The three ordinances challenged in the lawsuit were approved by the Skokie village board on May 2, only days after two Nazi marches were averted by court injunction. All evidence relating to this case must be submitted to Decker by Dec. 12 according to Harvey Schwartz, Skokie corporation counsel.

The Illinois supreme court is expected to rule soon on the Swastika ban throughout Skokie which was upheld by a threejudge panel of the Illinois appellate court in July.

ACLU attorneys, Aug. 9, appealed to the high court, asking that the ban be lifted because it constitutes a violation of the Nazi's first amendment rights.