

Niles township disbands public safety committee

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THE NILES Township board has disbanded the public safety committee formed by the group earlier this month to look for ways to stop the June 25 Nazi march in Skokie.

Announcing the action after a lengthy executive session, Monday, June 26 meeting, Niles Township Supervisor Edward Warman said "the committee is no longer needed because there is no longer a planned Nazi march in Skokie."

The June 25 march was called off by the Nazis and the village then revoked the permit for the march.

Following the meeting, Jack Berg of Rosemont, who later identified himself as an officer of the Jewish Defense League, told the board that Niles Township Clerk Louis Black was to be commended for his legal attempts to stop the march.

He also said—the board should be chastised "for its unseemly haste in disassociating itself from Black."

BLACK BROUGHT a lawsuit asking the court to grant a temporary injunction against the parade permit issued to the Nazis for June 25 by Skokie. He alleged the permit was illegal because the Nazis violated the Assumed Business Names Act, which prohibits anyone from doing business in Illinois under an assumed name unless registered with the county clerk's office.

Circuit Court Judge Arthur Dunne ruled against Black's request on June 21.

Replying to Berg's charge, Warman said he had not been critical of Black's actions taken in his own name, "only those in the name of the board."

BLACK HAD SENT a letter to Skokie Village Manager Jack Matzer demanding the permit be rescinded, and signed the letter in the name of the public safety committee of Niles township, of which Black is chairman.

Warman said the board had not authorized the letter and that "it was not right for Black to make it seem as if he was doing this for the township."

The supervisor cut short discussion by decreeing, "This matter is dead now."

Berg attempted to disagree by bringing up a decision of the Chicago park district to appeal the permit granted the Nazi's to demonstrate July 9 in Chicago's Marquette park.

Black told The LIFE he was sorry the committee was disbanded because, "I don't think this problem is over with." He noted the Nazis said if they aren't al-

lowed in Marquette park they will be coming back to Skokie.

BLACK ADDED he was "very disappointed" with board members other than Warman and Trustee Tim Doron, because they wouldn't listen to his side of things.

He said a great deal of political pressure was put on him because of this matter but wouldn't reveal who was applying the pressure.