

# Court ruling may lead to Nazi permit request

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FRANK COLLIN, leader of the National Socialist (Nazi) Party of America, may apply early this week for a permit to march in Skokie.

He is free to do so because of a Thursday, April 6 decision by the U.S. court of appeals which lifts a 45-day ban on a Nazi march and sets a rapid briefing schedule for a hearing on three Skokie ordinances which have outlawed such a march for nearly a year. The ruling overturns a March 31 decision of a three-judge U.S. court of appeals panel which upheld the 45-day stay originally imposed by US. District Court Judge Bernard Decker on his own decision.

The federal appellate court will hold a hearing Friday, April 14, on the constitutionality of the three Skokie ordinances. The 45-day stay would have run until early May.

BUT COLLIN'S southwest Chicago group still will have to wait the 30 days required by Skokie law between apply-

ing for a permit and holding the march.

In his original ruling Feb. 23, Decker struck down as unconstitutional three Skokie ordinances which require demonstrators to post a \$350,000 insurance bond, forbid the wearing of military-style uniforms by members of political parties and prohibit the distribution of printed materials which incite group hatred.

On March 17, Decker stayed his own decision pending an appellate court hearing.

Thursday's decision apparently was issued because Skokie's 30-day waiting period and an accelerated hearing schedule made the stay unnecessary. If the appeals court upholds the unconstitutionality of the ordinances, it would not want to be engaged in further restraints of the Nazis' rights, according to David Hamlin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is providing legal counsel to the Nazis in their efforts to demonstrate in Skokie.