

Block Nazi march until plea: Skokie

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The Village of Skokie Wednesday asked the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals to block a planned Nazi march in the suburb on June 25 while the village appeals the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Village Atty. Harvey Schwartz said in a brief filed with the appeals court here that there was no urgency to conduct the Nazi demonstration.

Schwartz said it does not make sense to go to extensive preparations for the Nazi demonstration before the case's merits have been decided by the Supreme Court.

He said he plans to file a lengthy appeal by mail with the Supreme Court next weekend. He will ask the high court to overturn a ruling by the federal appeals court here last week that cleared the way for the march.

Skokie officials Friday reluctantly issued a permit for a march to Nazi leader Frank Collin and then issued a permit to a Jewish umbrella

group for a counterdemonstration in the north suburb on the same day.

Village officials said they had little choice but to issue Collin a permit, or face possible contempt charges in federal courts here.

Collin's permit allows 50 to 100 neo-Nazis to march in front of the village hall at 3 p.m. on June 25. The demonstration, originally scheduled for noon, was delayed so it would not interfere with Sunday church traffic, village officials said.

Sol Goldstein, a survivor of World War II Nazi concentration camps, told the village board Tuesday night that he expects 50,000 persons to take part in what he pledged would be a peaceful counter-demonstration.