

Dear Al - 9-6-77  
Please be sure to  
read my circled  
articles. Would appreciate  
your considered  
opinion. <sup>your friend</sup> Dave Singer

## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

They came from New York and California and many of the states inbetween to ride the publicity trains to Skokie promising to "break heads if the Nazis march" in the village.

Smelling blood and action the TV cameras were on the ready. Photographers cleaned their lenses. Reporters received their assignments.

There promised to be meat on the table and all the organization wanted in on this festive occasion. Halls were crowded to standing room only. Speakers had their full say about freedom of speech. Lawyers reread the constitutional rights.

Sitting in their Rockwell Hall on the South Side of Chicago the Nazi splinter group, unrecognized by the national organization, gave out press releases, eagerly printed by all publications from coast to coast.

During all this time one organization - the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, the militant voice of America Jewry, the Skokie Post Jewish War Veterans with a membership of 500, the largest post in the middle-west were observers and cooled it.

Why give publicity and recognition to a group of stragglers numbering about 20, some of them paid hirlings.

Every day brings the Nazis in the news. They have gathered reams of publicity. They appear on TV. The Nazis have proved that violence gets headlines.

The Illinois Jewish War Veterans will have an Action Committee. The membership will be kept posted.

Louis Kutner represented the Jewish War Veterans. Rockwell served as his own counsel.

Less than a year later, August 25, 1967 George Lincoln Rockwell the leader of the American Nazi party, the man that spread hatred and violence and threatened to exterminate Jews was shot and killed in Arlington, V.A. by one of his own men.



Editor's Column  
David J. Singer

The headline read, "Court Forbids Nazi Marches." Yesterdays paper? No. Last week? No. Last month or a few months ago. No! This caption appeared in the Chicago Tribune in September 1966. That's right, eleven years ago.

Rabbis at all the suburban houses of prayer made the announcements at their pulpits. The American Nazi party has sent notice to the press that they would march in front of synagogues on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kipur and pass out literature.

One could picture the consequences, bloodshed and broken heads, but the Rabbis advised: Should they appear wearing their uniforms and with their hated swastikas ignore them, go into your houses of worship, and pray.

But the Jewish War Veterans of Illinois took action. They brought a suit before Judge Joseph Sam Perry in the Federal District court banning marching and demonstrations by the American Nazis in Jewish neighborhoods in 26 northern counties. George Lincoln Rockwell was stopped!

Rockwell went to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to provide legal counsel for an appeal. Perry said, "The constitution protects the right to worship as we choose." Further, he said, "The evidence clearly indicates that these proposed marches are deliberately planned to incite riot and for the purpose of revenge." He said, "The demonstrations proposed exceed free speech and amount to an abuse of free speech."

This writer would like to see a federal law passed that would make it criminal for an organization to march and demonstrate wearing uniforms of a country we were at war with.

The village officers, administrators, and the police force deserve credit for handling a situation with clear heads which otherwise could have been a most volitole meeting.

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Strangest accident we ever heard of - Bernice and Irv Stoller, coming back from a day in Milwaukee, had a horse without a rider come on the road around Lincolnshire, and ran onto the front of their car! Fortunately, only the car was damaged...Sorry to report the passing of Frank Rosen's sister. Our sincerest sympathies to the families...Once again Morry Ripes has donated cartons of bags of peanuts to be distributed to vets...Dave Finkel has past 30 years of continous service on the department level...Harold Grossman just back from London with his Sandra, was appointed Department Inspector by new Department Commander Sol Schatz. Grossman's job will be to attend the various posts meetings, check their planned programs, see if they are active, keep a record of their programs and make recommendations..... Phyllis and Morrie Bishof became grandparents and so did Harry and Esther Poholsky. Our past Senior Vice-Commander, William London was installed as Sr. Vice Commander of the 6th District Council of the American Legion September 3rd...Watch for more and varied refreshments to appear following end of meetings. See ya...

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