

Plan solidarity freedom march

Erna Gans, president of the Dr. Janusz Korczak lodge of the B'nai B'rith organization, Skokie, announced plans at a Tuesday press conference for a "solidarity freedom march" in Skokie this spring in response to the planned Nazi rally this April.

Mrs. Gans said the lodge "will answer hate with love and march in support of human rights. The march will be sponsored by the survivors ourselves, along with a broadly-based committee of organizers."

The Korczak lodge is also planning to draft a resolution "supporting the

American Constitution and expressing sympathy for the citizens of Skokie, particularly the death camp survivors."

Mrs. Gans said that "millions of signatures subscribing to the resolution" will be sought, via members of youth groups, civic associations, churches and general publicity.

Both courses of action were recommended by State Senator John Nimrod (R-4th) according to Mrs. Gans.

Nimrod, who introduced Mrs. Gans at the press conference, said that he "thought it is important that the response to the situation be not only in good taste, but also

of greatest comfort to the survivors and approved by them."

Mrs. Gans noted that plans for the march were submitted to the survivors association for approval Tuesday night.

Nimrod granted that though "numerous actions have been taken by the Skokie government to block the proposed march, court suits have resulted in a twisting of the First Amendment right to freedom of speech permitting Nazis to march, and wear swastika armbands in the midst of those who survived attempted genocide by the wearers of the swastika 35 years ago."

He added that in his talks with persons

from the north suburban area, "I have found an unease about the court decisions; that perhaps the courts have undermined the right of all of us to enjoy security in our own homes and be free from harrassment."

Nimrod said the 'solidarity freedom march' is being planned because of a concern "about the appropriate channeling of emotions and tension being generated by their seeming helplessness to protect themselves against haters who are favored by idealistic courts, far removed from the situation itself."