

U.S. to watch out for civil rights violations at Nazi march

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U.S. Atty. Thomas P. Sullivan said Wednesday he will send observers to the planned June 25 march by neo-Nazis in the heavily Jewish suburb of Skokie.

An undetermined number of assistant U.S. attorneys, under the direction of first assistant Gregory C. Jones, will be watching for civil rights violations which can be prosecuted under federal laws, Sullivan said.

It was not clear whether Federal Bureau of Investigation agents also would be part of what Sullivan called "a federal presence" during the march and counter-demonstration.

After months of fruitless attempts through ordinances and the courts to block the

planned 3 p.m. march, the Village of Skokie on May 26 issued permits for the march and for a counter-demonstration by a Jewish umbrella group.

Sullivan also released the contents of a letter he sent to Rep. Abner J. Mikva (D-Ill.), who had asked if Sullivan could stop the neo-Nazis' march with an injunction under the federal Voorhis Act.

PROVISIONS OF the act require organizations "subject to foreign control" or engaged "both in civilian-military activity and political activity" to register with the attorney general.

In his reply to Mikva, Sullivan wrote that the Voorhis Act had been rendered useless night to support the proposed counter-demonstration to the

by court decisions and an order by former President Richard M. Nixon revoking the attorney general's list of organizations required to register.

Also, he wrote, Congress has refused funding for the Loyalty Review Board, an oversight agency, and he noted that the Voorhis Act is not scheduled to be made part of the proposed new federal criminal code now before Congress.

"Accordingly," Sullivan told Mikva, "I do not believe the Voorhis Act can be used by this office to move against Mr. (Frank) Collin's group or to interdict the proposed march."

IN A RELATED development, the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Industrial Union Council voted Tuesday

march.

Delegates representing 450,000 AFL-CIO members passed a resolution encouraging "the members of organized labor to join with all other defenders of democracy, freedom and equality in peaceful assembly in Skokie

on June 25 as a demonstration of our abhorrence of programs and policies of those who are attempting to keep alive the, vicious racial and anti-trade union philosophy of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party of Germany."

A counter-demonstration

which might include violence was promised Wednesday by Rabbi Meir Kahane, who vowed here Wednesday to employ whatever violence is necessary to ensure that the neo-Nazis do not march. He is founder of the militant Jewish Defense League.