

Frank Collin makes White People's Party see red

THE SKOKIE village board has been accused of creating more publicity for the Nazis.

But the party of George Lincoln Rockwell believes just the opposite. The National Socialist's White People party, in Cicero, thinks the Jewish community reaped massive propaganda rewards from Frank Collin's protracted battle to march in Skokie.

"It created undue sympathy for the Jews whereas up to now the Jewish community was falling apart in this country. This is not the kind of publicity we're looking for," said Eric Johanson, director of Midwest public relations for the Cicero Nazi organization. The Cicero group, founded originally by Rockwell in 1959, considers Collin's campaign to march in Skokie as "cheap Jew baiting of the lowest sort." Collin's National Socialist Party of America is a tiny splinter organization formed by him after he was expelled from the Rockwell group for allegedly being half-Jewish.

Collin had joined the White People's party one year after Rockwell was assassinated in 1968 and he soon ad-

vanced in the Nazi hierarchy to the job of Chicago unit leader.

BUT AFTER an altercation, where police interceded, the Nazis obtained information that reported Collin had a Jewish parent. And Collin immediately received the boot from the White People's party.

"We couldn't have someone head of our Chicago unit who was Jewish!" said Johanson.

Collin continued to operate from his original headquarters in Marquette Park. And according to Johanson, the membership consisted of outcasts of the larger party.

Meanwhile, the White People's party opened offices at 2442 S. Central, Cicero and operates what it calls a "well-organized political party."

Johanson describes Collin as having a "thirties mentality" with a need to wear jackboots, swastikas and other Nazi accessories.

"We don't see the need to do that. We have storm troopers that are a broad-based defense arm of the organization but we don't wear uniforms," he said.

"THIS MARCH was very comical. When we say we will march, we do it. We don't back down. This Skokie business was nonsense."

The White People's party views Collin and his tiny band on the southwest side as a continuing thorn in its side. Commander Matt Koehl of the White People's group denounced Collin and his march into Skokie last March.

And he refused any support whatever to Collin that he might need to carry on the planned demonstration in the village.

"Collin is small potatoes," Johanson says. "He's a pain in the butt to us. The use of the parks were denied us because of him and he's been using the Skokie situation to regain use of the parks."

According to Johanson, the White People's party has just raised \$89,000 for special projects while Collin's party of "kooks and misfits" couldn't even pay their phone bill.

"...if people just knew the disarray of that stupid organization organization, he said.