

Rabbi vows to stop Nazi march

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CHICAGO — Rabbi Meir Kahane has vowed here to employ whatever violence is necessary to ensure that Chicago's neo-Nazis do not march in the heavily Jewish suburb of Skokie on June 25.

"I've come from Israel for the express purpose of making sure that the Nazis will not march in Skokie," the rabbi, founder of the militant Jewish Defense League, told a press conference in the Park Synagog in the Radisson-Chicago Hotel yesterday.

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.

And it has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals which cleared the way for the march.

"I'm not interested in any court orders," said the rabbi,

who now lives in Jerusalem and heads a new group called the U.S. Conference of Jewish Activists.

"The Nazis will not be impressed by nonviolence," the soft-spoken rabbi asserted. "I pledge that if necessary there will be violence."

Asked to define what kind of violence might occur, he replied that it would be whatever is needed "to make sure that Frank Collin and his scum will be picked up with strainers."

The Jewish Defense League previously had forecast violence if the march by Collin's National Socialist Party of America is allowed to take place.

Earlier yesterday U.S. Atty. Thomas P. Sullivan said he will send observers to the planned June 25 march and counter-demonstration.

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

It was unclear whether agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also would be part of what Sullivan called "a federal presence" in Skokie on June 25.

Sullivan also yesterday released the contents of a letter he sent to Rep. Abner J. Mikva (D-Ill.), who had asked if Sullivan could stop the march

with an injunction under the federal Voorhis Act.

Mikva had asked whether provisions of the act required 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 said the Voorhis Act had been rendered toothless by court decisions and an order by former President Nixon revoking the attorney general's list of organizations required to register.

Also, he said, 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. Collin's group or to interdict the proposed march."

In a related development, the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Industrial Union Council have voted to support the proposed counter-demonstration to the neo-Nazi march.

In a resolution passed by delegates representing 450,000 AFL-CIO members Tuesday evening, the group encouraged "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."