

ACLU granted appeal on swastika ruling

SKOKIE-The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Tuesday, Aug. 9, asked the Illinois Supreme Court to stay the injunction which prohibits their clients, The American Nazi party, from displaying the swastika in Skokie.

Appearing before Supreme Court Justice Daniel Ward, ACLU attorneys argued that the injunction should be lifted until the issue is decided this fall.

One week earlier Justice James Dooley announced that the courts will hear the ACLU appeal of an Illinois Appellate court ruling which bans the swastika from the streets of Skokie. He asked attorneys for both the ACLU and

the village of Skokie to submit briefs by Sept. 7.

The Appellate court decision, handed down July 12, overturned parts of an April 29 Circuit court injunction which prohibited a Nazi demonstration in the village. However, it upheld the swastika ban as a deliberate provocation to the people of Skokie.

At that time ACLU attorney David Goldberger announced his intention to appeal to the state supreme court, charging that prohibiting the display of the swastika constitutes a violation of the Nazis' First Amendment rights.