



National Socialist Party of America

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Subject: How to Stop the Nazi March in Skokie

In view of the Appeals Court ruling of May 22nd, it should now be apparent that the demonstration planned by the N.S.P.A. to take place this June 25th, at 2:00pm, in front of the Village Hall, Skokie, is inevitable. Such inevitability must be obvious even to the Skokie authorities, who have striven for more than a year to bar national Socialists from their town. The moment has therefore arrived for an important decision; namely, to meet the demands of the N.S.P.A.

These demands are as follows: 1.) That the village of Skokie strike all ordinances which prohibit or restrict the First Amendment rights of National Socialists to speak, demonstrate and distribute Party literature in public, as these ordinances set a dangerous precedent for tyranny elsewhere in the United States.

2.) That the State Government in Springfield strike down once and forever all proposed legislation aimed at denying the rights of National Socialists and all American citizens from displaying their symbols, from speaking their minds freely in public, from distributing their literature to fellow citizens and from fielding candidates for elective offices.

3.) That the Chicago Park District abolish any and all insurance requirements or any other requirements, save the notification to the Park District authorities by the applicant of a proposed public meeting on park property, which prevent National Socialists and other American citizens from obtaining permits to conduct public rallies from the Park District.

These demands are reasonable, lawful and irreversible. Failure on the part of the Skokie authorities, the State legislators and the Chicago Park District officers to meet these generous requirements means that those to whom I have extended my hand in reason desire blood in the streets of Skokie more than they can tolerate the free speech of American citizens with a radically different point of view. I reaffirm that our N.S.P.A. will conduct its Skokie demonstration without use of violence. But should we be physically attacked, we will fight with a ruthlessness as terrifying as it will be thorough. The only way a Skokie demonstration can be avoided

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will be for the authorities in question to allow us no more than already guaranteed in the United State Constitution. Should these authorities come to reason by restoring our rights, I give my word that I will cancel any plans for an N.S.P.A. march into Skokie on June 25th or any other time. But until the authorities relent, the June demonstration is on. And until they do relent, I am dedicated to accelerating our activity in Skokie with as many street demonstrations, literature sales, public speeches and embarrassing court decisions as necessary.

The choice is a simple one: restore the rights of National Socialists to speak, demonstrate and distribute their literature in public, or face increasing civil unrest in Skokie.

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