# Nazis ask press facilities to rebut rabbi

Members of the American Nazi Par-ty any they'll call off their planned pro-test of a speech by Rabbi Meir Kahane in Southfield if the city gives the Nazis free use of a room for a press confer-

ence. Raiph Richards, director of South-field Parks and Recreation, said the re-quest to reserve a room in the building will be reviewed upon written applica-tion by members of the S.S. Action

tion by members of the S.S. Action Group.
Similar procedures would be fol-lowed as for any other organization, in-cluding a charge for renting the space, Richards said. But, he added, he doubts if the Nazis will follow through.
Southfield officials agreed Friday to

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rent space in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building to militant Jewish Defense League leader Kahane for a Dec. 15 specching a confrontation with the Nati group which threatened to appear at the gathering, canceled a Nov. 23 reservation for a Kahane speech.

OAKLAND COUNTY Circuit Court OAKLAND COUNTY Circuit Court Judge Frederick Zeim last Tuesday refused to order the rental in the parka and recreation building. But U.S. Dis-trict Judge Patricia Boyle on Friday reverned Zelm's ruling. Kahane last Tuesday night addressed a small crowd who gathered in the rain outside the building. Five members of the SS. Action Group of the National Socialist Party, the Michigan branch of

the Nazi organization, showed up in riot gear but arrived after Kahane left. Southfield police escorted the group

Southfield police escorted the group away.

The S.S. Action Group in a letter delivered Monday to city officiats asked for free use of a room from noon to 2 pm. Jan. 30. "The 50th anniversary of the legal democratic rise to power of the National Socialists included the National Socialists indentifying the National Socialists indentifying the National Socialists indentifying the National Socialists indentifying the National Socialists in interviewing season and conference for local news media and 75 invited "friends and racial comrades."

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cial comrades."
Richards said because the names on the letter are fictitious, the Nazis probably would be called into the parks and recreation building with Southfield police to discuss the proposed, Jan. 30 meeting.

"THE NAZIS can fill out an application to rent the room and it will be
dealt with," Richards said. "We charge
for rentals and provide space for nonprofit organizations.
"We're not against freedom of
speech but we have a responsibility for
control of the building and the safety of
people who use it. Security and a large
room to accomodate an expected
crowd will be provided for the Kahane
appearance since we have advance notice."
Southfield police officers on Wednes-

Southfield police officers on Wednes-days work double shifts so there would be no overtime for security at the Dec. 15 meeting, Richards said. Officials haven't discussed police protection for the Nazl meeting, he said.

"People who meet in the parks and recreation building for good purposes don't get publicity." Richards said.

"But the radical wings come in and they're given a lot of press, That's what the Nazis want and I'd be surprised if they followed through with their meet-ing."

The S.S. Action Group's letter says

the proposed meeting, an alternate plan to the protest of the speech to be given by the Kahane, will ease pressure on the city and its police department.

"With the press conference we wish demand freedom for Rudolf Hess, to demand receion to reduce the prisoner of peace, Walter Rader, World War II war hero, and hundreds of others still illegally imprisoned on both aides of the Iron Curtain," the let-

cheering group of about 50 followers outside the Southfield Parks and Re-reation Bulding. "Someone who would put me in an oven has no rights. Nazis are no different whether they're in America or Germany."

Kahane vowed he would return in two weeks and slap Southfield with a \$1 million lawsuit for denying his right

\$1 million lawsuit for denying his right of free speech. The Jewish Idea, a New York group, had a contract with the city to use the room for Kahane's Nov. 23 speech: "West Bank Deatiny: Jewish Rights vs. Arab Power."

both sides of the Iron Curtain," the letter states.

Kahane last Tuesday said he would have "broken the legs of any sixis" who dared to show up for his talk.

"Nazis have no rights," he told a a possibility of violence.

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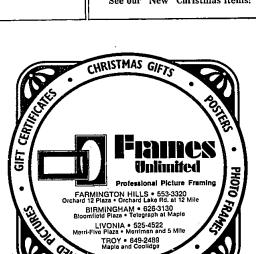
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