

Glendale Officials Warn Nazi Party Members

Use of 'Headquarters' for Anything but Dwelling Won't Be Tolerated, Lessee Told

Top Glendale officials warned the American Nazi Party Friday that use of a home there for anything but a residence will not be tolerated.

The dwelling at 823 E. Colorado Ave. was leased by Ralph Forbes, captain of the Nazi Party's California wing, ostensibly as a home for his family. George Lincoln Rockwell, national Nazi leader, announced Wednesday, however, plans to make the structure a national headquarters.

Property Inspected

Glendale Mayor Herman E. Barnes and City Manager C. E. Perkins inspected the property Friday and issued this statement:

"This is a frame dwelling and cannot be occupied for other than dwelling purposes without violation of our ordinances. If Rockwell, Forbes or any others of his gang attempt to do so they will be prosecuted immediately."

Barnes and Perkins made it clear they will instruct the city attorney to file suit if the Nazis so much as put up a sign on the outside of the building.

Meanwhile, Don Razzano, owner of the property, said he had no idea what he was getting into when he leased the property to Forbes.

Limited to Year

He said Forbes had been renting an apartment next door from him under an assumed name and had asked to lease the house to get more room for his wife and two small daughters. He said Forbes wanted a five-year lease but he held it to one year.

"At no time," Razzano said, "did he mention using it for Nazi activities."

Razzano, a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, owns a construction company with his brother, Al. He said he would toss out the

tenants if they put up signs or kept armed guards on the property. The lease forbids such things.

But the lease, he indicated, does not prevent uniformed members of the Nazi Party visiting the house for meetings or using it as a base from which literature can be printed and distributed.

Forbes was thwarted in an attempt to establish a Glendale headquarters for the Nazis earlier this year. Community pressure at that time forced him to move.

And pressure from the community was mounting again Friday. City officials said hundreds of calls of protest have been received since Rockwell announced plans to make the building a headquarters.