



Near-violence at site of rally

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Protesters and white supremacists who had gathered for a weekend rally in southern Napa County advanced on each other briefly and then retreated shortly after 12:30 p.m. today as law enforcement SWAT teams converged on the area to prevent a confrontation.

Eighteen law enforcement cars carrying SWAT team members converged on the area after unconfirmed reports that neo-Nazi skin-

heads, some carrying Nazi flags and shields, had begun to march down the hill from the site of the whites-only gathering.

Law enforcement officials said they had anticipated a confrontation and were holding back until action was absolutely necessary.

Earlier, the white supremacists' plans for a massive Aryan Woodstock rally near Route 12/Jameson Canyon Road appeared to have been dealt double blow by the weather and by the Vallejo doctor

on whose secluded property skinheads and neo-Nazis had been gathering.

Tensions heightened late this morning as protesters, escorted by a law enforcement squad car, marched from the east end of Jameson Canyon about two miles west to the staging area where police had hoped to contain the protesters.

A small group of skinheads who had been turned away from the rally gave the Nazi salute to people

who were standing on top of the hill. Protestors advanced, yelling: "Smash the Nazi skinheads." There were no incidents of physical violence. The skinheads retreated.

The first violence associated with the rally and protest was reported just before noon.

Police said an 88-year-old San Jose man who attempted to attend the rally and was turned away was injured when they dragged him over a barbed wire fence to distance him from protesters during

an angry confrontation that turned into a shouting match of racial epithets.

The extent of the man's injuries was not known. Paramedics were treating him at the scene, along Route 12 near the entrance to the rally, to determine if he would be taken to a hospital.

The 88-year-old man had been turned away when he attempted to enter the property owned by Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale of Vallejo, on whose land the white separatists

are meeting. The man was turned away because Lonsdale had telephoned Solano County Sheriff's deputies shortly before 11 a.m. and asked them to prevent anyone, including people who claim to have invitations to the rally, from entering his property, according to Napa County Sheriff's Capt. Richard Lonergan. "He said he would make a citizen's arrest on anyone who came on

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Punk rockers join protests

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Another faction of protesters — punk rockers — showed up this morning for the Aryan Woodstock to make yet another point.

"In Stockton we've been dealing with this for about a year," said one young man who would identify himself only as Mike.

He and three others dressed in black leather and sporting chains and mohawk haircuts, drove up from the Central Valley this morning.

"They hate everyone," Mike said. "Skinheads came out of the punk

movement; they are punks who couldn't make it.

"If there's mayhem and people get crazy and beat everybody up, we may get a chance to beat them up."

It was violent confrontation, Mike said, that stopped the skinheads in Stockton.

"It did in our town. They came to our shows and started beating up kids, kicking in plumbing, so we had to get back at them."

"In our town we solved the problem by kicking their butt," Mike added.

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Leader of JDL joins protesters

By KARYN HUNT
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Irv Ruben, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, this morning joined early protesters of a whites-only gathering in Jameson Canyon.

"This is a battle of humanity versus the forces of evil," Ruben told a crowd of reporters. "We're here to protest. We're not here to run from them."

Ruben, who said on a television talk show Thursday that he was willing to die this weekend if he had to, said other members of the JDL would join him later today.

Ruben would not say how many people he expected to join him.

"There are some people who are not violently opposed to violence," Ruben said when asked if the JDL would "get rough" in today's protest.

Ruben was especially upset about an article in today's Sacramento Bee that reported Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale, who has rented his land to the white separatist groups for the weekend rally, is Jewish and fled Nazi Germany in 1937 with his

family. "I'm deeply ashamed not only for Mr. Lonsdale, but for my own people," Ruben said. "A Jew should never, even at risk of a lawsuit, cater to Nazis."

When reporters pointed out the Bee article said concert organizers may have threatened Lonsdale, Ruben added:

"Nazis threaten everybody's life. I don't expect this kind of conduct."

The Napa Register was not able this morning to confirm the allegations in the Bee's article.

Lonsdale did not return telephone messages to his medical office answering service, and U.S. Immigration and Naturalization officials were not available to comment on the Bee's report that Lonsdale emigrated from Germany and in 1944 became a U.S. citizen.

Ruben said he was pleased to see so many reporters, claiming news media accounts will help expose the racist views of some of the rally's organizers.

"The fact that people with this ideology still exist is a threat," he said.



CHANTING AND waving signs, some 400 protesters, top photo, prepare to march along Route 12 in Jameson Canyon this morning to the site of the white suprema-

cists' rally. Law enforcement closed the two-lane highway shortly before noon when a confrontation between protesters and skinheads appeared likely. The earlier

scene, bottom photo, was quiet, with nearly 400 reporters greatly outnumbering the people they had come to cover. (Register photos by Dick Hildebrand and Al Francis)

Late news holds up Register

Home delivery of today's Napa Register was delayed to accommodate late news coverage of the gathering of white separatists in southern Napa County.

Complete weekend coverage of the gathering and related activities will appear in later newsrack editions today and in Monday's Register.

Organizer of Aryan gathering describes their side of the story

By KARYN HUNT
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Friday night, the white separatists kept to themselves, as they had promised all along they would do if allowed to gather.

Skinhead youths had been congregating on Vallejo physician Howard Lonsdale's land all week, according to Bob Spittler of the Aryan National Socialists, who helped organize the gathering and helped build the make-shift stage on which the bands were to play.

About 50 were already on the property Friday night, police said.

They had been arriving in San Francisco for days by airplane, bus and car, Spittler added.

Several checks of the entrance to

Lonsdale's land over the evening showed between three and seven law enforcement cars and the occasional television crew.

The first white separatist to come off the land was Spittler, who rode a sputtering motorcycle down the dirt entrance road.

Dressed in camouflage pants, boots and a fighter pilot's cap with

ear flaps, Spittler said in answer to questions, "I don't want to destroy other races." He added that he simply wants to keep them separate.

Spittler, a resident of Mountain View, said that the event, which flyers billed as America's First Aryan Woodstock featuring Great White Power Bands from all over

the U.S. . . "for an all day, all night music frenzy," was intended for people who hold views similar to his own.

Bands scheduled to play included the Boot Boys of Tulsa, a favorite of American Front Leader and concert organizer Robert Heick's. Others included HakenKreuz (Twisted Cross) of Detroit, HammerHead of Wisconsin and New Glory from Philadelphia.

Bands paid their own way to Napa, a considerable hardship for the musicians, considering most are young, unknown and have not made albums, Heick has said.

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