

Civil Liberties Unit Accepts Nazis' Bid

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ARLINGTON, Va. — The racist American Nazi party has turned to a civil liberties group in its bid to bury the cremated remains of slain commander George Lincoln Rockwell in a military cemetery.

Lawrence Speiser, director of the Northern Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said his group has accepted a Nazi request and will seek a court injunction to force the Department of the Army to permit interment of Rockwell's remains in a national cemetery.

Rockwell's body was cremated Wednesday after, party spokesmen said, half a dozen cemeteries turned down requests for space in which to bury him.

The Army originally granted permission for Rockwell, a former Navy commander, to be buried in Culpeper National Cemetery. But the burial party was blocked by troops from the Virginia cemetery Tuesday when party members refused orders to shed Nazi paraphernalia.

After the cremation—performed without advance notice at an Arlington undertaking establishment—Rockwell's remains were brought secretly back to the ramshackle home that was his party command post for several years.

Rockwell, 49, was shot dead last Friday. His former close aide and "propaganda minister," John C. Patler, 29, has been charged with murder.