

Letters *Nazi threat symptomatic of wider cultural decay*

I don't argue with Prof. Franklyn S. Hai-man's Personal View on the right of the Nazis to march in Skokie or anywhere else. What really concerns me is that the Nazis could conceivably convince enough people that their cause is just. And the way things are moving in the United States and in the world in 1978, that thought is not too far-fetched. At that point, however, free speech in America could soon end.

"Poppycock," some might say. Maybe. But The Sun-Times and other newspapers report daily how the ethical, moral and political fibers of the United States are crumbling at an alarming rate. That same kind of thing happened to the Roman Empire and the German Empire. And I am scared.

Not because of Skokie, but because of what can and will happen to us in the long run. Further, the credibility of the United States

has never been lower than it is today and our leadership, both abroad and internally, is sinking to even lower depths as sociopaths, along with weak leaders, add to our ruin.

We don't need to give "free speech" to the Nazis, the pornographers, the violators of our social standards. Doing so is only killing us — killing our right to be a free nation, under God.

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