## **Editorials** We report on Nazis, don't promote them

WE DO not look forward to another period of threatened neo-Nazi marches in Skokie.

We do not get any particular joy out of interviewing the young punks on Chicago's Southwest Side who apparently have concluded that planning demonstrations and outraging the collective public conscience is more fun than going to school, engaging in sports, or working for a living.

And we do not, in any way, want to encourage a repeat performance of Skokie's 1976-78 living nightmare.

What we are obligated to do, however, is communicate the current state of events involving the local communities to our readers. If a neo-Nazi leader says he plans a rally in one of these communities, then it is our responsibility to report that fact, as well as to get a response from the officials whose village is named.

We do not want to stir up our readers, and we trust that most of them will have the common sense not to give the obnoxious intruders the hysterical response they seek.

When we run a story, such as a recent one on the possibility of a neo-Nazi march this spring, it inevitably comes after rumors of such an event have begun to circulate throughout the village. If we reach more people than the rumors do, then at

least we are providing the correct information.

People so often misconstrue the intent of newspaper articles that we believe it important to make clear the rationale for our coverage of such sensitive topics as the neo-Nazis, and to assure our readers that we also hope that the small band of misguided

misfits remains in Marquette Park.