

# *Editor's Mail*

## **Jewish veterans endorse Skokie's march position**

As the department commander of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) during the fiscal year 1976-77, I attended every meeting that was held with reference to the Nazi march that was called by the North Suburban Synagog council and/or Skokie Mayor Albert Smith.

Although there were differences of opinion on the subject matter, the input in the open discussions suggested extremes - peaceful counterdemonstrations, violence, and the use of legal means.

The JWV position which I reported was the use of all legal measures until no legal avenues remained open to men and women of peace.

I wrote the above to refresh the memory of all those who were present at the meetings and specifically the meeting referred to by Samuel Schachtman in his letter (Editor's Mail, May 25).

Robert Diamond, current senior vice commander of the Illinois JWV, did refer to Smith in his remarks that evening. However, Diamond did not accuse the mayor of anti-Semitism.

We in JWV have the highest respect and admiration for Mayor Smith. I also know this to be Diamond's personal view.

Mayor Smith and the village administration of Skokie have dealt with the Nazi march in the manner we approve and conforms with our national organization policy.

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