

Residents find 'Skokie' an accurate, moving film

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SKOKIE — Area residents were unanimous in their approval of the CBS docudrama "Skokie," which aired Tuesday night, Nov. 17. In a random telephone survey conducted by the LIFE, most residents said they thought the movie offered a fair portrayal of what happened in Skokie four years ago when a small band of neo-Nazis attempted to march in the village.

Typical of the comments were those made by former Skokian Paul Schnider, now of Highland Park.

"'Skokie' was an excellent movie," Schnider said. "It gave a portrayal to

non-Jews of the agony felt by the survivors (of the Holocaust)," Schnider said.

Some residents said they found the movie stirred their emotions. "It was tremendously moving," said Gerald Cole of Skokie. "The small man — the underdog — won. It made me proud to live in Skokie," he said.

"The subject matter was close to my heart," said local resident Rosalie Agrest. "Sometimes the movie made me angry, sometimes it made me cry," she said.

Skokie resident John Kropf said he thought the events were presented ac-

curately. Others weren't as sure. "One part of me says the court was right," said Annette Cohen, a Skokie resident for 28 years. "But the other part says no," she said.

According to a spokesman at Channel 2, the station received only two phone calls Tuesday night in connection with the movie. Both callers offered favorable comments, the spokesman said.

Some residents said they didn't expect the movie to be good after reading several negative reviews about the film.

Dorothy Bohdan, an area resident, was one of those skeptical. "I didn't know how they could develop the story, but they did," she said.