

Senators' resolution opposes Nazi rally

IN A special resolution passed this week by the Illinois State Senate, the proposed Nazi rally, Sunday, May 1 in Skokie was condemned as an abuse of the cherished constitutional right to freedom of speech and an attempt to drum up racial and religious hatred.

The resolution, introduced by State Senators John Nimrod (R-4th) and Howard Carroll (D-15th), "encourages" the local Skokie government to deny the Nazis a rally permit "in view of the violence, riot, and harm to human life and to property" which would result from such a rally.

The resolve, which was sent to village officials, states that "hundreds of thousands of Americans fought and died in the war against Nazi Germany and the racial hatred which it symbolized."

Both the proposed Nazi rally in Skokie and the rise of the Nazi party in pre-World War II Germany demonstrate that the right to freedom of speech can be tragically abused, the statement continued.

The statement concludes that if the purpose of a speech or rally is the incitement of riot and violence, and there is a near certainty that such riot and violence will occur as a result result, then "restraint is in order."