

# Film to bring \$ to Skokie

SKOKIE — “Skokie,” the made-for-TV film which will dramatize this village’s efforts to avert a neo-Nazi demonstration in 1977-78, this week won pledges of cooperation from the village board.

The month-long filming process is expected to result in \$500,000 worth of business for local merchants and businesses and to have an economic impact on the village of \$1.75 million, Lucy Salenger, director of the Illinois Film Office, told the board Monday, Nov. 3.

Filming is scheduled to begin on Friday, Nov. 14, and Titus Productions, Inc., the film company, has requested official permission to shoot scenes in and around village hall. In addition, the company has asked for traffic control and parking assistance when filming outdoor scenes.

The board unanimously OKd the requests, although Trustee Morris Topol called the upcoming filming “a disrupting factor” and said the production company “is expecting a great deal of us regarding village facilities.”

TOPOL SAID he objects to having interior shots of village hall filmed on weekdays, rather than on weekends, because everyday village operations will be interrupted.

He was told that no filming can be done on Sundays and that the village hall scenes must be shot on three consecutive days.

Although the village will incur extra costs by requiring policemen to supervise traffic, these will be reimbursed by the film company.

In a letter to village trustees, Robert “Buzz” Berger, project director, said “it will be of immeasurable value to employ authentic shooting sites whenever possible.”

## Extra, extra

A CASTING session for “Skokie,” the CBS made-for-TV movie scheduled to air next spring, will be held from noon to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Centrest auditorium, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. in the former Niles East High School building.

All speaking parts in the film already have been cast, but “extras” still are needed. Casting personnel are looking for a wide cross-section of people but say they are not interested in children or young teen-agers.

Applicants are asked to bring a current “normal-looking” photograph which can be left with the director. They will be contacted later if their services are desired.

He said scenes planned for inside the village hall would be set in the council chambers, the mayor’s office and various corridors. The proposed dates for filming in those areas are Nov. 25 and 28. Berger also asked that areas for feeding, dressing and resting be provided for the cast and crew of about 50 people.

Filming around the outside of village hall is scheduled for Nov. 24. Berger asked that the village hall parking lot be closed that day in order to accommodate his crew’s vehicles and a filming area. The parking lot is the site for filming of anti-Nazi demonstrations.

Other film sequences will take place in a synagogue, two private homes, a restaurant and a hotel.