Nazis claim they will avoid trouble

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NAZI LEADERS say that they are not coming to Skokie to look for trouble but that they will be prepared should they find it.

Preparations are now underway for a demonstration by about 50 uniformed Nazis wearing swastika armbands and helmets, according to Richard Tedor, spokesman for the National Socialist

Party of America.

Marching in front of Skokie Village hall between 3 and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, the Nazis will carry American flags and display signs demanding free speech for white people, Tedor said. The helmets will be worn in anticipation of 'possible brick-throwing," he added.

"We will carry no anti-semitic signs or any stuff to bait the crowd," Tedor said. "We won't bring any rocks, bricks, or illegal weapons. We'll wait until we're attacked. We don't intend to

start violence."

THE NAZIS anticipate trouble but are not going to rely on the good will of the Skokie police department for protection, according to Tedor.

"We'll be psychologically ready to fight, we usually fight with our fists and we'll also have the flag poles."

Because the Nazis are afraid they will be physically prevented from entering the village, their route is known only to leader Frank Collin, Tedor said.

Early this week, Collin was visiting other states to encourage participation in the march by out-of-state Nazis.

"We're making all the preparations for the march, even though we're not sure we're going," Tedor said.