

A belated thank you for keeping Nazis out

Dear Editor:

Before I tell you what I thought of the movie "Skokie" I want to express my belated "thank you" to all who helped keep the Nazis out of our village and parks.

I looked forward to seeing the TV movie "Skokie" to the point where I turned off my telephone so as not to miss any of it. The Nazi swastika flag for the opening threw goose bumps and flash backs through me. I am a Veteran of the World War II Army Medical Corps and my patients told me stories of what they had experienced and seen overseas. I am first generation in this beautiful country of ours, the United States of America, and never a day goes by when I don't thank God that my parents came here from Warsaw, Poland. My grandparents and uncle were killed by the S.S. Troopers because they would not oblige the Nazis with food and their homes.

I guess it's easier said than done, but I'd like to tell the "Holocaust" survivors to be proud of your heritage and be proud to be one who survived your horrible experience. No one and I mean no one can ever know what these poor Jews experienced. I agree with you 100 percent on the slogan in the movie "Never Again!"--at least not here in America. As long as there is one left, I don't think the Nazi group will get far. At present, Poland is going through a survival and the determination of the good will overcome all the bad as our Lord up above is looking out for them.

I think we have the best mayor in the world in Albert Smith and also our village attorney, Harvey Schwartz. Seeing the movie gave us Skokians a chance to see who was handling what and in what way. Getting the injunction from Judge Sullivan was good thinking on the part of Schwartz to stop the Nazi group.

I read some critics reviews and they claim much has been overdone, etc. However, I imagine if one-fourth of the movie told the truth it was sufficient for the people of the U.S.A. to know what took place here in 1878. I'm glad they made the movie "Skokie." Now I know what took place here. I didn't go downtown or to the park because I felt they (Nazis) were not worthy of any spectators. I knew our excellent team behind our good mayor would take care of it all. Like the man said, "Not one inch did they march here in Skokie."

Again, a belated "thank you" to all who helped keep the Nazis out of our parks and village.

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