

Audience Boos At Film Story Of Nazis' Rise

Hitlerites Out-Shouted at New York Preview of Disputed Picture.

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New York, Jan. 20.—Audience groups of marked political bias attempted tonight to outshout, outboo and outhiss each other at the first public showing on Broadway of the March of Time's controversial newsreel "Inside Nazi Germany—1938."

Most of the crowd at the Embassy Newsreel Theater applauded throughout the show, but all the trouble centered in the fourth, fifth and sixth rows, held down, respectively, by a group shouting "Heil Stalin!" Nazis booming "Heil Hitler!" and New Dealers roaring "Heil Roosevelt!"

Nobody got angry, however, except an old woman who kept jeering when American Nazis were portrayed:

"Send 'em back to Germany!"

All the reaction resulted from the explanations of a commentator throughout the picture.

The newsreel was shown tonight after these developments:

Warner Brothers barred it from its 425 theaters throughout the United States; the German consul general in San Francisco, Baron Manfred von Killinger, denounced it as "unfair;" the Chicago Board of Censors banned it, only to have Police Commissioner James P. Allman overrule it and term the film not objectionable, and hefty Fritz Kuhn, head of the German-American Volksbund, threatened to sue March of Time and get an injunction prohibiting the film from being shown.

While plainclothesmen lolled in the lobby to prevent trouble, the show opened with street scenes of Berlin, while the commentator used such phrases as "Nowhere does the visitor see starvation or hunger," "The Fascist dictatorship which . . . has shocked world democracies," "Goebbels the fanatic" who "whipped 65,000,000 people into one, a nation of one mind, one will, one objective—expansion."

Signs barring Jews from towns, parks and benches were displayed. Nazi swastikas emblazoned church fronts. A scene showed papers and mails being censored. A German Communist died under the guillotine.

Then Hitler flashed on the screen. The house roared with shouts of "Down with Hitler!" while the little band of Hitler adherents kept up a dogged applause.

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