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D.C. Audience Cheers Only Twice at Provocative 'March of Time.'

Two staunch New Englanders who denounced the establishment of a Nazi camp in their native Southbury, Vt., stole the show from Herr Hitler and his goose-stepping battalions as the March of Time's highly controversial "Inside Nazi Germany—1938" was released publicly for the first time at Keith's Theater here last night.

The audiences burst into applause when a rugged Vermonter demanded in a town hall meeting that the propaganda institution of Fritz Kühn, the American Nazi leader, be barred. The applause became almost thunderous when a ruddy little old lady, who remembered her forefathers wore continental blue in their fight for freedom, arose and said: "Keep Nazis out of Southbury. Keep them out of America.'

"Other than this outburst of emotion, the audiences accepted the picture with silent interest. There was no hissing or booing.

"There was awe among the spectators as the huge Krupp plant at Essen was depicted making ready for war—with vast sheets of molten steel pressed between rollers, and immense blast furnaces running full tilt against a smoky German sky.

There was a cosmopolitan shrug when the streets of Berlin, with their cheerful exterior were shown. Dips even smacked faintly when closeups were shown of the fine foods in Berlin's great restaurants.

"Washingtonians were not greatly excited by the pictures of the German labor camps, where the youth of the Reich are made hardy for the game of war.

"Tempting the audience to demonstration were the tens of thousands of marching Nazis of Nuremberg, the Propaganda Bureau, and Joseph Goebbels, "the fanatical little propagandist minister of Germany." Other scenes portrayed:

"Child life in Germany, fleets of bombers over Berlin and Fritz Kühn, former German machine-gunner and naturalized citizen, chief propagandist for the Nazis in America, and leader of their movement.