

INSPIRES CITY'S BIGGEST PARTY

3,200 Jam Two Theaters For
Premiere; Lights, Crowds
Make It Gala Occasion.

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whirled down Park avenue west toward the Ohio theater—the same street that he knew so well as a boy—the Senior High school band burst into a rousing welcome, and Bromfield was as thrilled as a schoolboy. It took policemen and the broad shoulders of Henry G. Brunner to make a path through the crowd for him.

Crowd Jams Street.

Brunner, Bromfield and Mayor Claude M. Hunter appeared at both theaters before the showing of the picture. Park avenue west was jammed with cars and people. Outside the Ohio theater a crowd of about 2,000 gathered in the street and on the lawns across from the theater to watch the proceedings, and the crowd seemed to

get as big a kick out of the affair as any of the participants.

Lou Davidson, New York City, and Harvey Bailey were at the microphone describing the scene for those on the outside, and introducing people as they came through the lobby. Not only the dinner guests but many others in the audience were in dinner or evening clothes.

The theater and stage were de-

corated with Indian baskets filled with flowers. William Dworski, manager of the Ohio theater, and Gratton Johnson, manager of the Madison theater, were assisted at the stage microphone by Paul Endriss. Bromfield and his party appeared first at the Madison and then went to the Ohio. More than 3,200 persons crowded into the two theaters.

At the Leland hotel, the dinner got under way at 6:30, with Fred Judd's Graystone orchestra playing during the dinner hour. The tables were attractively arranged with the late garden flowers. Regal spotted lilies and trailing fern centered the speakers' table and all of the other tables were decorated with unmixed flowers.

Brunner presided as toastmaster and introduced a number of guests, among them Bromfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bromfield of New York City; Mrs. Louis Bromfield, James Craddock, magazine and syndicate writer, who is a guest of the Bromfield's; Nat Wolf, zone manager of Warner Brothers and Ward Marsh, and Helen Allyn, Cleveland newspaper writers. C. L. Van Derau, president of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Hunter spoke briefly.

When Bromfield was presented, he said that he had come back to Ohio to live for two reasons.

"First," he said, "because I know of no more attractive town than Mansfield, no more beautiful country than Ohio and no nicer people than those of Richland county. Second, when I sensed what was happening in Europe and what has since come to pass, I knew it was not fair to my children to keep them there. I looked around for a place where they could grow up and get a sense of values and of democracy, and I chose Ohio.

"I want to say," he continued, "that I have never been happier in my life. I am touched beyond words and deeply appreciative not only of this celebration, but by the friendliness which I encounter in the streets, and the willingness to accept me again as an old friend. No matter where I have been over the world, when people have asked me where I came from, I have always said—and have been proud to say—I came from Ohio."

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