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'Birth' Blasted

By Harry Brandt

New York, Oct. 21. — Harry Brandt today declared he's 100 per-cent agreed with all who protested showing "The Birth of a Nation" at his Republic theatre on Broadway. Circuit owner said he hadn't seen picture before it was booked and that when he did he was so "shocked" he offered to have it pulled as soon as feasible.

The 1915 epic ran a week, closing last Friday. Despite picketing and a storm of protest, pic garnered close to \$6,000—comparatively good biz for film, which is owned by Epoch Releasing Corporation, Milwaukee. Outfit is operated through a New York postoffice box. Brandt said film is "pure glorification of the Ku Klux Klan and everything anti-American in the book."