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Rubinstein Gives Stars 'Premier'

Seven movie stars stopped off in Salt Lake City Monday evening en route to a premiere in Helena, Mont., and were treated to a surprise "premier" themselves.

The premier they were headed for is that of the picture, "Montana," in which three of the visitors have starring and featured roles. The surprise "premier" at which they were guests was a special rehearsal of Tuesday night's Utah State Symphony concert, with the world-famous pianist, Arthur Rubinstein.

Originally, the Hollywoodites were scheduled to hear a special recital on the Tabernacle organ by Roy M. Darley, but after two selections by Mr. Darley, it was time for the symphony to begin rehearsal. The visitors had a two-hour lay over in Salt Lake and expressed a desire to remain to hear the rehearsals.

So with Rubinstein at the piano, and the State Symphony, under the direction of Maurice Abravanel, in their places, the rehearsals started. The stars sat motionless and watched with intense interest as Rubinstein went through two selections he is scheduled to play with the symphony Tuesday evening. Earlier, they had listened to a Bach fugue and an old refrain by Mr. Darley.

Included in the group were Alexis Smith, David Brian, Alan Hale, Ian MacDonald, Ruth Roman, James Brown, Adrian Booth, Mrs. Hale and other visitors associated with Warner Brothers pictures. From the Tabernacle, they returned to their special cars at the Union Pacific station and started their trip to Montana.

All were warmly dressed for their trip to Helena, one of the coldest points in the United States. Hale, especially was fitted for the trip. He was wearing a heavy sheepskin coat over other sweaters and coats. Before their visit to the Tabernacle, they were gretted at the station by the University of Utah band.

After the Helena premiere, they will return to Salt Lake for the local premiere of "Montana," on Thursday. The stars will take part in half-hour shows at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on this occasion.