

Good--by Oscar

To those who saw Laurence Oliver's "Hamlet" last term it was probably no surprise to learn last week that the picture had won the Academy award "oscar" for the best picture produced in 1948.

The English-made version of Shakespeare's great tragedy easily surpassed anything produced in this country last year. Perhaps, as many think, "Hamlet" reached the highest degree of perfection ever achieved by any motion picture director in any country.

That any picture made outside the "film capital of the world" should walk away with Academy honors may seem to some incongruous. Yet, it has been increasingly apparent to those who have bothered to study and evaluate motion pictures since the war that European, and particularly British, producers have been giving their films a certain quality and polish not found in Hollywood productions.

Why haven't Americans kept pace?

One big reason—CASH. American companies have discovered they can make more money at the boxoffices by stressing quantity rather than quality.

Hastily produced shoot-'em-up gangster pictures and maudlin love stories "draw" very nicely. Why, they apparently reason, spend a lot of time and money on good pictures when they can feed the gullible American public on mediocre fare at a great profit to themselves.

Therefore, the problem rests with Mr. Average Guy.

As long as he continues to attend the "movies" indiscriminately, with little or no regard for the types of pictures he's viewing, good old Mr. A. G. will continue to play the leading role in keeping the quality of American motion pictures at an extremely low ebb.

And the foreign producers will undoubtedly continue to trot off each year with the Academy awards.

Same Old Stand

By Tom Marquis

This title up above me here is apt to be a little misleading. It really isn't the same old stand. About the only thing that's the same is the picture and the by-line. I couldn't find a sponsor for American Airlines so I'm broadcasting on a different frequency as of now.



What the editor and I had in mind for this space is sort of a general forum where the reader can get his two cents worth in. Not about anything serious, however. That remains in the province of letters to the editor.

If you've heard a good joke lately that is printable, or a poem, short, or any other item you think would be of general interest, then send it along.

Any item submitted will be appreciated. If there is enough reader response then we ought to have a pretty fair column. If not—if I have to do all the work—well, you'll have only yourselves to blame. And I'll probably be without a sponsor again at the end of the term.

Here is a sample of the type of

thing you might submit:

Two Emeraldites had just come off second best in an argument with the editor.

Mike: "We've got to use psychology on that guy."

Ed: "Yeah, CHILD psychology."

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I'd been cramped up for about 15 hours in the narrow confines of the seat the Greyhound company had allotted me. I'd been there so long I thought I'd been born there in a sitting position. Anyway we hit this place by the name of Dunsuir, and I, along with a couple fellow sufferers, got off to try and unwind some of the kinks.

I was doing a few set-ups when I happened to notice, on the set motion, a little sign that had been placed in a spot contemplated to attract the attention of all persons who were doing set-ups. The sign showed a shiny Greyhound bus cruising through scenic surroundings. Below the picture, in the best advertising poetry, appeared these words:

Greyhound seats have been scientifically engineered for YOUR complete riding comfort. Foam rubber cushions float you on air, making your trip as restful as a trip on a cloud.

That is no compliment to any cloud I ever saw. Anyway I

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410 of 'Em Missing--

Dr. Dull, Dr. Wright Top List Of Outstanding UO Profs

By Larry Lau

Wednesday afternoon we spent taking an informal poll of as many juniors and seniors as we



could lay our hands on (31 to be exact), asking their opinion of their professors. We quizzed 23 men, 8 women from all schools. The results are revealing... also libelous!

We asked them to name the professor or professors they thought were OUTSTANDING or had EXCEPTIONAL ability. We also asked them to name the professor or professors they thought were POOR or who COULD NOT TEACH. We asked them NOT to list the ones who were just "o.k.," the "good Joes," and "fairs."

After consultation with the powers-that-be, we have been persuaded that to publish the "Poor" list would be in bad taste. We can, however, throw orchids, where they deserve to be thrown.

Mr. Professor, if your name is missing... well.

There are approximately 480 on the University of Oregon faculty. The students polled listed 43 of them as OUTSTANDING. Over half named Dr. Gordon Wright of the history department.

Nearly half named Dr. Paul Dull of the political science department.

Six of the BA staff made the team. In the order of frequency, they are, Burrell, Marshall, Ziebarth, Wood, Morris, Daniels. Two men from the political science department were mentioned. They were, Dull and Dean. Two men from the history department received votes, Wright and Clark.

Four men in the journalism school were tapped. In the order of balloting, they were, Price, Sabine, Millican, Weigle. Four men were named from the English department. They were: Mundle, Ernst, Bailey, McCloskey. Two men, Johnson and Combella, were named from the language department. Three men, Clark, Dahlberg and Montgomery, were named from the speech department.

In the science field, four men were named; Sordewold, Sigereth, Huestis, Heyman. In the psychology department, Dr. Lester Beck polled approximately one-fourth of all the total votes. Rosen was also named. In sociology, Foskett and Moore were the only two.

In the PE school, Hughes, Hoyman, and Bennett were named. Three from the music school, Dietrich, Alton and Green received ballots. Two men from the school of education were named, Eisner and Wood. In addition,

"Big Jim" Stovall, geography, Cressman, anthropology, Robinson, drama, and Burris of the philosophy department were also named.

The poll was not meant to be scientifically accurate. Professors are supposed to be immune from criticism. We claim nothing for it, except that it is some sort of indication of the way students feel about certain professors, and of their lack of feeling for others.

The "onion" list is a beauty. The BA school again heads the list. The comments run from the unprintable even if we could print them, to the "he's a farce," a "braggart," "stupid," a "waste of time" type of comment. Almost every school and every department had its share of "duds." We suspect they know who they are. There are 28 of them. Two of them (both in the BA school) received the lion's share of the ballots.

This leaves approximately 410 on the faculty who excited comment neither way. If it were possible to poll the entire campus, perhaps the trend would change. We doubt it.

We started this whole darn thing because of an editorial in Tuesday's Register-Guard titled, "Can College Teachers Teach?" It was only a fair editorial, as editorials go, but in it, University of Oregon students were roasted,

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New Secretary Is No Pacifist

The United States had a new secretary of defense this week when Louis A. Johnson was sworn in to replace the retiring secretary, James V. Forrestal.

Upon this man's shoulders might depend the welfare of this nation should a third world war materialize at any time in the near future.

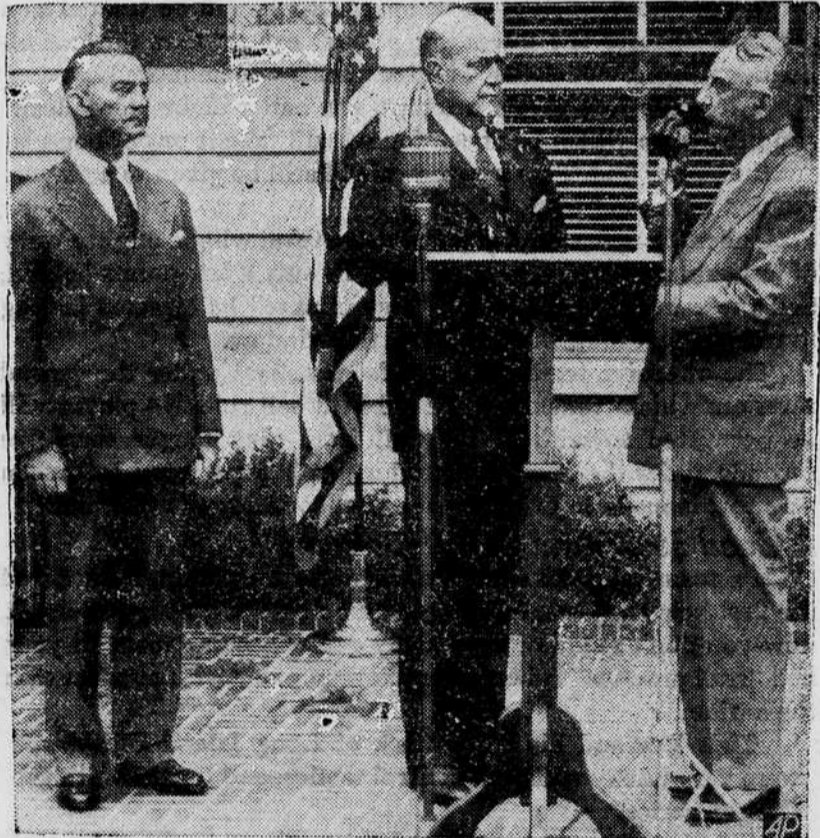
The last one caught the country in a deplorable state of preparedness. Would the new secretary be likely to let such a thing happen again? The Portland Oregonian thinks not.

Here's what they said in an editorial about Johnson last Tuesday:

The record will show that the United States was far from being ready for war when attacked by Japan. It also is of record that Louis A. Johnson in his prewar position of assistant secretary of war, strove anxiously against that official inertia in high places which afforded our savage enemy the impetus of almost unrestrained initiative.

It seems to America that these factual evidences of the previous alertness of Mr. Johnson lend emphasis to his accession to the vital post of secretary of national defense. Such men, tried and competent, are needed on guard in the hazardous present if we are to avoid war, with honor, or to wage war, if need be to the victory.

In 1939 and 1940, with the war clouds rumbling nearer, Louis Johnson, as assistant war secretary, was invaluable in the mobilization of industry. A combat veteran of World War I, and an ex-national commander of the American Legion, he helped plan the expansion of our diminutive army.



WITH RETIRING SECRETARY of Defense James V. Forrestal (left) looking on, Louis B. Johnson takes oath as new defense secretary, administered by Chief Justice Fred Vinson before a large crowd in court of the Pentagon building, Washington. (AP Wire Photo)

Then too, he was foremost among the advocates of long-range bombers as primary instruments of national defense. It is reasonable to assume that as defense secretary he will expedite rather than retard the strength and significance of the air force. It is to be hoped that somehow he will bring reconciliation to the somewhat antipathetic armed services.

Once targeted, in pre-Pearl Harbor days, for his zeal in preparedness, none save pacifists and communistic fellow travelers now will raise voice against such

policy when the defense secretary invokes it. This time, if there is to be another war, we shall not—though our role is non-aggressive—be disposed to wait until we have seen our dead.

The appointment of Louis A. Johnson to the key post of defense is in the nature of national insurance against either surprise or defeat. Our foe, as Secretary Johnson has appraised him, will strike America with "fifty Hiroshimas" if we relax our vigilance. This patriot is a realist. We need them.

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