

'The Dude' tops Grammy nominees

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Quincy Jones, Lionel Richie and the late John Lennon took top honors in the 24th annual Grammy nominations Tuesday, heading a diverse list of artists cited for both performing and studio skills.

Other nominees for major National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences honors include Kim Carnes, Christopher Cross, Dolly Parton and Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono.

The Feb. 24 presentation of awards for recordings issued during the year ending Sept. 30, 1981, will be telecast on CBS from Los Angeles.

Jones, getting the most nominations with eight, earned both artist and producer nominations in the album of the year category for his LP "The

Dude." The album also earned Jones nominations in both pop and rhythm and blues performance categories and two arranging categories. Finally, Jones was nominated for his engineering work on the album and as producer of the year.

Others profited from the success of "The Dude," most notably newcomer James Ingram whose vocal work on the album earned him nominations as best new artist, best male pop vocal performance and best male rhythm and blues vocal performance.

The Lennon-Ono collaboration on "Double Fantasy," released just before Lennon was shot to death in December 1980, gained five nominations in three categories for the former Beatle. Lennon was nominated

both as producer and as artist in the record of the year category for the single "(Just Like) Starting Over," and in the album of the year category. He also was nominated for best male pop vocal performance.

Ono collected four nominations: for producer and artist in the album of the year category, for producer in the record of the year category for "Starting Over," and for best female rock performance on "Walking on Thin Ice," a single which did not appear on "Double Fantasy."

Lionel Richie, known to many as a member of the Commodores, got six nominations independently, including five for his work as singer, producer and songwriter of "Endless Love," his duet with Diana Ross for the film of the same name. He also was nominated as producer of the year. The Commodores were nominated for best rhythm and blues performance for "Lady (You Bring Me Up)."

Two other film themes scored high. Christopher Cross — who

last year won five Grammys for his debut album — could win as many as three this year for "Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do)."

The smash hit "Bette Davis Eyes" earned record of the year and best female pop vocal performance nominations for Kim Carnes as well as a songwriting nomination for Donna Weiss and Jackie DeShannon. Carnes' "Mistaken Identity," the LP which included "Bette Davis Eyes," was nominated as album of the year.

Researchers make progress toward thermal heart pump

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A research team says it's making progress toward developing an artificial heart that could enable thousands of people with heart trouble to lead normal lives.

Heart disease kills 750,000 people a year in the United States, but fewer than 50 heart transplants a year are performed because rejection of a foreign heart still remains a problem.

Maurice White, an engineer heading a research team at the Joint Center for Graduate Study's Artificial Heart Research Laboratories, says research on artificial hearts began 15 years ago in Richland. Scientists are now trying to develop a thermal-powered system to drive an artificial heart blood pump.

The Richland lab — one of several doing such studies around the country — is one of two contracted by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to work on a thermal-powered system. The institute is one of the major national health institutes of the federal government.

"Fifty-thousand people a year could benefit from an artificial heart and be able to return to an active life," says White, who heads a team of seven senior engineers, two senior engineer

technicians, a graduate student and an administrative staff.

Implanting of an electrical system in humans could come in four or five years, and thermal systems two years beyond that, White said in an interview.

He envisions artificial hearts being readily available for implant by the mid-1990s.

The devices would not be vulnerable to attack by the body's immunity system, and they could be produced in numbers to substantially reduce or overcome the supply problem.

In 15 years of research at Richland, the size of the power source has been reduced seven times from 20 liters in 1967 to two-tenths of a liter today.

Most of the earlier systems were implanted in animals, White said, the first one 12 years ago.

Each of the custom-built systems costs about \$70,000, but would cost far less when mass-produced for heart patients.

"Applying mass production techniques to the current design, in ordering 100,000 units at one time, the manufactured cost would be about \$1,000 apiece," for the thermal power source alone, White said.

Layoffs are indefinite

Washington (AP) — The Reagan administration said Tuesday that about half of the 214,000 auto workers now on indefinite layoffs probably will never return to their old jobs.

Robert G. Dederick, assistant secretary of commerce for economic affairs, said that even

when the industry recovers, there will be more than a half million fewer jobs than just four years ago.

Asked by reporters what the outlook is for those now on the layoff rolls, Dederick replied, "Half will go into other jobs."

Earlier, he told a hearing of

the Senate subcommittee on employment and productivity the automobile and auto-related industry that emerges within the next few years will have 550,000 fewer jobs than it did in 1978, when it employed 2.8 million people.

Under questioning by Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., Dederick predicted a permanent loss of 200,000 direct auto industry jobs, and 350,000 jobs in auto-related industries.

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