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Actor Henry Fonda, a strong sentimental favorite for his role as an aging professor in "On Golden Pond," won his first Oscar for acting Monday night.

Katharine Hepburn, who played his wife in the film, won her fourth award for best actress — a record number for acting in a leading role.

The old-timers steal the show

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Henry Fonda, who played an aging professor afraid of dying in "On Golden Pond," won the Oscar as best actor of 1981 at the 54th Academy Awards on Monday night, and his co-star, Katharine Hepburn, won the Oscar as best actress.

The 54th annual awards proved festive, despite occasional showers that forced some stars to wear raincoats over their glamorous formal wear.

The crowd of 2,500 outside the Los Angeles Music Center greeted their favorite stars with cheers — with one of the biggest ovations going to Jane Fonda, a best supporting actress nominee and daughter of Henry Fonda, a nominee and sentimental favorite in the best actor category.

For the 76-year-old Fonda, it was his first Oscar for acting. It was the 72-year-old Hepburn's fourth — a record number for acting in a leading role. She also won for "Morning Glory," "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," and

"The Lion In Winter."

Meanwhile, "Chariots of Fire," the story of two runners in the 1924 Olympic Games, received the Oscar for best picture, in addition to Oscars for best original screenplay, best original score and best costume design.

The British film that had won critical acclaim had not been considered among top contenders for best picture of 1981. It told of the competition between two runners — one a Jew from Oxford, the other a Scottish missionary.

Maureen Stapleton, who played crusading Communist Emma in "Reds," and Sir John Gielgud, a gentleman's gentleman in "Arthur," won Oscars for supporting roles.

The 56-year-old Stapleton, a screen and stage veteran previously nominated three times in the supporting category, clutched the Oscar and said, "I'm thrilled, happy, delighted — sober."

She promised to be brief, then

thanked Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton and the rest of the "Reds" cast and crew, her hometown of Troy, N.Y., her children and friends "and everybody I ever met in my entire life."

Gielgud was nominated for an Oscar for "Beckett" in 1964. The veteran English actor was the only candidate for supporting actor who was not in the audience at the awards ceremony.

"Raiders of the Lost Ark" took an early lead with four technical awards. Steven Spielberg's fast-paced, tongue-in-cheek adventure film patterned after the serials of the 1940s won Oscars for sound, editing, art direction and visual effects.

Warren Beatty was a winner for his direction of "Reds," marking the second year in a row that a star took a directorial award; last year Robert Redford won for "Ordinary People." "Reds" also was judged best cinematography.

"On Golden Pond," in addition to its

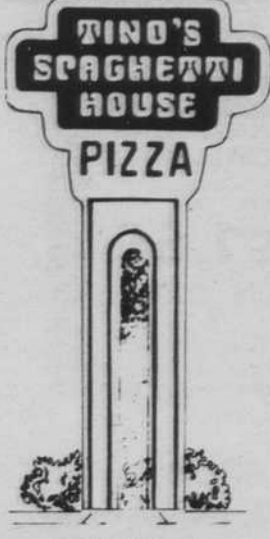
best actor and actress awards, received an Oscar as best adapted screenplay.

"Mephisto," a Hungarian film about an actor's rise in Nazi Germany, was awarded the Oscar as the best foreign film. "Arthur's Theme" from "Arthur" won as best original song.

"An American Werewolf in London" won the award for best makeup. Best documentary feature went to "Genocide" and best documentary short was given to "Close Harmony." Best animated short and best live action short went to "CRAC" and "Violet," respectively.

Actor John Travolta presented this year's special Oscar to Barbara Stanwyck for her long and distinguished acting career.

After a standing ovation, she thanked the film crews she worked with and added a special tribute to the late William Holden, whose career she helped start in 1938's "Golden Boy."



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