

# BETTE DAVIS AND VICTOR M'LAGLEN WIN FILM AWARDS

### 'Mutiny on the Bounty' Best Picture of 1935 Is Vote of Academy of Motion Picture Arts, Sciences

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 5.—(AP)—The movie industry wrote "Best of 1935" today after the names of a tiny actress, a lowering soldier and a salty epic of the sea: Bette Davis—Victor McLaglen—"Mutiny on the Bounty."

As symbols of peerless entertainment last year on the screen, gold statuettes were awarded to these three by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The eight annual awards banquet last night, staged with an unprecedented fanfare of excitement and controversy, was boycotted by powerful guilds of actors and writers on the grounds the academy is "producer-controlled."

Of the 1250 attending, about 10 per cent were from the acting branch of the industry, the smallest representation in several years. But the academy's honors went chiefly to persons outside its membership.

Hepburn Second. Its poll gave Katharine Hepburn second place for "Alice Adams," and Elizabeth Bergner third for the British-made "Escape Me Never."

Paul Muni, a surprise "write-in" selection, closely contested with McLaglen, but finished second for his work in "Black Fury." The exact vote totals were not announced.

Charles Laughton, nominated with Clark Gable and Franchot Tone from the cast of "Mutiny on the Bounty," was third.

Of ten players nominated for excellence awards, only two belonged to the academy, Gable and Miss Hepburn. The latter now is on the suspended list for non-payment of dues.

Claudette Colbert, Miriam Hopkins and Merle Oberon were other actress nominees.

"The Informer," the picture that raised McLaglen from hard-boiled, wisecracking roles to the pinnacle of movie artistry, was second choice among productions, followed by "Captain Blood."

Ford Best Director. John Ford of "The Informer" won the academy's statuette for the best direction of the year. Michael Curtiz, director of "Captain Blood," was third.

Third directorial mention went to Henry Hathaway for "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," and fourth to Frank Lloyd for "Mutiny on the Bounty."

Dudley Nichols' assignment on "The Informer" gained him first prize for screen adaptation.

Her blue eyes dancing, Miss Davis, born Ruth Elizabeth Davis in Lowell, Mass., April 5, 1908, said "I'm so tickled I can't even think" when she learned of her selection.

"I'd better make the most of it," she added, "for it'll never happen again."

Only a few seasons back, she was ready to leave Hollywood, her contract cancelled by her studio, but George Arliss asked her to stay and play in his next picture. She did.

"Dangerous" Role Wins. In 1934 her portrayal in "Of Human Bondage" made her a "write-in" contestant in the academy voting. Her work in "Dangerous" clinched honors for 1935. She is the wife of Harmon O. Nelson, childhood sweetheart, and orchestra leader.

McLaglen, London-born, but a naturalized American, grinned as he commented, "naturally, I'm very pleased."

He's 50, served in the World War, once boxed Jack Johnson, and found a screen niche in "What Price Glory" with Edmund Lowe. Producers "typed" him as a "see-you" character and he had to keep repeating the part in picture after picture until "The Lost Patrol" gave him a welcome chance for something different.

to life today when France made possible a new tripartite accord with the United States, Great Britain and France the potential signatories.

Armament limitation sounds good in principle, but to hard-boiled citizens out here in the sticks it looks as if the nations have spent more for armaments since they began to talk limitations than they ever did before.

REPRESENTATIVE Allen Treadway, of Massachusetts, member of the house of representatives ways and means committee, demands reduction of federal expenditures.

"We are spending two dollars for every one we take in," he thunders in debate.

WHEN individuals do that, they GO BROKE. When governments continue to do it, over a long period of time, their people go broke.

UP in Alberta, across the Canadian line, they voted for a "social credit" plan under which the government is to pay a \$25 a month dividend to every adult citizen — which looks good on paper.

But the provincial legislature has just received its first annual budget since the voting of this plan, and it includes:

1. A two per cent sales tax to yield an estimated two million dollars for the benefit of Alberta's depleted treasury. (Alberta already owes \$160,000,000, and ran nine and

a half millions in the hole last year.) 2. A hundred per cent increase in income tax rates, to yield an estimated \$1,200,000. 3. A three mill social service tax on city lands, to yield an estimated \$1,223,000.

THESE taxes, if they can be collected, will raise a lot of money, but this fact stands out:

All put together, they will raise only about four and a half million dollars, and Alberta ran NINE and a half millions in the hole last year, and owes a total of \$160,000,000.

It will take quite a while, at their present rate, to accumulate the money with which to pay every adult citizen his promised \$25 a month.



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to distribute all their earnings hereafter and then get his tax revenue out of the stockholders who receive the earnings.

It is essentially the same fundamental attack on bigness as represented in the Frankfurter-Brandeis tax philosophy. That is as large a

peg as has ever been offered for a minor loophole. It was hardly an oversight that Mr. Roosevelt neglected to go into the moral benefits of such a tax. Those of his advisers who know what moral benefits were considered, and who favor them, outline them something like this:

The control of corporations "would be moved from Wall Street to Main Street." Executives would have to rely on stockholders for their capital market. The stockholders would get all the net earnings in dividends and thus the executives would have to come to the stockholders to raise money for consolidations, plant expansions, increasing their own salaries etc.

Thus it would decentralize control of business, would put a straitjacket on its existing size.

No one ever contended that Wall Street is logical. No one will after the market went up on the basis of the new tax program.

Woody thinkers up there jumped to the conclusion that a distribution of all corporate earnings would increase the value of stocks. It would, but not under Mr. Roosevelt's program.

The fundamental fact is that Mr. Roosevelt proposed to tax \$620,000,000 a year more out of corporate earnings. Anyone can see upon reflection that his program would actually depreciate the real worth of corporate stocks by that amount.

tion of the corporation, and the additional taxes make its stock worth that much less. It is not the first time Wall Street chased a Roosevelt rainbow, nor will it be the last.

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**Comment on the Day's News**

By FRANK JENKINS.

THIS dispatch comes from Geneva: "Great Britain threw the full weight of her prestige behind oil sanctions proposals tonight in a virtual ultimatum to Premier Mussolini to make peace with Ethiopia or face stoppage of Italy's petroleum supply."

After a lot of backing and filling, saying one thing one day and another the next, that sounds like business.

Still, you never can tell whether diplomats mean what they say.

THIS dispatch comes from London: "The long-pending world naval limitations conference came suddenly

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