

Spencer Tracy In Newest Screen Version Of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

LANA TURNER WITH INGRID BERGMAN IN STRONG ROLES

Famous Novel of Robert Louis Stevenson In New Screen Portrayal.

Once again Spencer Tracy is to prove his right to his place as a two-time Academy award winner with his portrayal of that favorite of fiction, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Sharing honors with the star in the new picture, opening today at the Craterian theatre, are Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner.

Surprise of the production is the casting against type of the two leading ladies. Contrary to expectations, Lana Turner is the sedate Beatrix Emery, and Ingrid Bergman the little barroom entertainer, Ivy Peterson. Both prove their versatility in the unusual roles. One of the highlights of the drama is Miss Bergman singing "You Should See Me Dance the Polka" to the befuddled Mr. Hyde. Miss Turner, in her best role to date, proves herself a front-rank performer.

But it is Tracy's performance which dominates the film. Tracy resorts to no aggrandizement make-up to denote his transformation from the good Dr. Jekyll into the evil Mr. Hyde. With a minimum of facial horror, he changes through change of expression.

The Robert Louis Stevenson novel tells the story of young Dr. Jekyll, scientist interested in man's dual personality. He believes that in all men are good and evil. In some evil predominates over the good, in others the reverse is true. Over the objections of friends, colleagues and sweetheart, Jekyll continues his experiments in this field. He drinks the resulting potion. It is then his evil self asserts itself and he becomes Mr. Hyde.

Joan Blondell And Binnie Barnes Top Rialto Comedy Cast

Armed with one of the wittiest scripts of the season, Joan Blondell, Binnie Barnes and Lynn Bari (as the "Three Girls About Town") come to the Rialto theatre for today and tomorrow in what is said to be the funniest and friskiest comedy farce of the year—"Three Girls About Town," with Robert Benchley, John Howard and Eric Blore in supporting roles.

It purports to tell the answer to American wifehood's most vexing enigma: what goes on at hubby's out-of-town conventions—after the business sessions. In the process, the audience is taken behind the scenes of a strike conference, a morticians' conclave and a "murder" investigation.

"We Go Fast," an exciting story of a love bout between a motorcycle cop and a society debutante, plays as the companion feature with "Three Girls About Town." Lynn Bari and Allen Curtis have featured roles.

Rotary Whiskers To Wait Japan's Defeat

Kodiak, Alaska, Dec. 13.—(AP)—None of those rotary powered members of the Kodiak Rotary club.

Members took a vow to let their beards grow until Japan is defeated. Meanwhile, whiskered Rotarians and others with or without fuzzed cheeks observed nightly blackouts, effective at 9:30 p. m., placed sand at strategic points for fire protection at this naval air base, and had belongings of women and children packed and ready for evacuation in case of dire emergency.

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Telephone Calls Hit New High Records In First Few War Days

Telephone calls handled by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Oregon Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week soared to all-time highs, with local calls generally up between 30 and 40 percent and long distance calls up 20 to 30 percent.

The normal number of calls per day handled by the company in Oregon before the emergency was approximately 1,100,000.

In many exchanges the calling rate was much higher than the average for the state as a whole. In Seaside Monday, for example, calls jumped from a normal of 2,800 to 11,461, an increase of more than 300 percent.

Many of the long distance

Ida Lupino Coming In Mystery Drama



Ida Lupino comes to the Rialto theatre for Tuesday and Wednesday in the turbulent mystery drama that rocked Broadway as a stage play, "Ladies In Retirement," which also stars Elsa Lanchester and Edith Barrett as Miss Lupino's sisters, around whom is wound the most

amazing story ever brought to the screen. Others in the cast are Louis Hayward, Emma Dunn and Evelyn Keyes.

"The Gentleman From Dixie," featuring Jack LaRue, Marian Marsh and Clarence Kolb are also featured in the laugh hit.

nia because of unfounded fears of Japanese air attacks, the Department of Agriculture said today.

Lynn Bari and Eric Blore, issued an urgent appeal to the workers to remain on their farms.

His appeal, concurred in by the U. S. D. A. defense board and the committee on agricultural resources of the state council of defense, declared:

"Production of food and fibre is so important to national defense and victory that the services of farmers and farm hands, thousands of whom live in California agricultural camps, are almost indispensable at this time."

Lantz said a check of plant quarantine stations at California borders "indicates there has been a considerable movement of farm workers out of California."

NICE OF DOROTHY Hollywood, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Dorothy Lamour observed her birthday—she didn't say which one—by sending cartons of cigars to men in the military services. "It's much more fun than receiving gifts," she said. She wasn't forgotten, however.

Bob Hope Back



Bob Hope, teamed with Dorothy Lamour, brings laughs to the screen of the Roxy theatre for three days starting today in the hilarious service comedy, "Caught in the Draft."

Eddie Brackert, Lynne Overman, Paul Hurst and Clarence Kolb are also featured in the laugh hit.

MYSTERY SHROUDS SHIP'S GROUNDING

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 13.—(P)—A marine board investigation of the grounding of the Matson steamer Mauna Ala continued today after board members heard First Mate O. S. Anderson tell of an unexpected signal that warned the vessel to halt a half-hour before she went ashore on Clatsop Spit.

Anderson said the signal was blinded from another ship, but officers were not questioned on its identity.

He said he acknowledged the message and Capt. C. W. Saunders, Jr., of Raymond, Wash., ordered "dead slow" speed, commenting, "Strange, we are not told what to do."

Anderson added they expected to find the Columbia river entrance lighted. Markers have been blacked out since United States' entrance into the war.

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RUSSIANS BELIEVE 2D FRONT AGAINST JAP IMPRACTICAL

Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Soviet Russia believes the interests of the allied cause against the axis will best be served if she remains out of the Pacific conflict for the time being.

This was learned on high authority Friday following Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff's emphatic assurances that Russia intends to continue fighting Germany.

The Soviet union's attitude in respect to the Pacific war is understood to be as follows: If Russia were to enter the Pacific conflict at this time the only important contribution she could make to the war against Japan would be to bomb Nippon cities, and possibly units of the Japanese fleet.

The Soviet government believes that the bombing of London and Moscow by the German air forces has shown conclusively that air raids alone will not put an end to the resistance of the people attacked. On the contrary, it is felt that it tends to strengthen their determination to resist.

Army Transporting "Out" With the Japanese navy in control of the sea of Japan, Russia could not transport any

army to attempt an invasion of the Nippon empire. Russian entry into the Pacific conflict would precipitate immediately a Japanese air, land and sea attack on the Soviet maritime provinces. Japan already has several hundred thousand troops massed in Manchukuo ready to attack.

While the Soviets are confident that their far eastern forces could hold the Japanese in check, nevertheless they feel the strain that a war on two fronts would put on Russia's supplies might seriously weaken Russian resistance against Germany on the western front.

Nazis Held Chief Menace The Soviet government is convinced that the advantage the allied cause might derive from Russian air attacks on the Japanese fleet and mainland would not be worth the risk of weakening Russian resistance to Germany in the west.

Soviet Russia feels it is agreed among all the nations resisting aggression that Nazi Germany is the chief menace. If Germany can be defeated, the Soviets are confident Japan can be dealt with quickly. Therefore, Moscow believes the common cause of the allied powers will best be served if the Soviet armed forces are permitted to concentrate on bleeding the German army to death.

SIGNS DARKENED

Portland, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Although the army has ordered discontinuation of the blackouts in this region Mayor Earl Riley of Portland decreed that all advertising signs must remain dark.

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