



THE YEAR just drawing to a close has been an eventful one. Looking back to single out just a few of the outstanding Americans of the last 12 months presents a problem—there are many worth mentioning. Here are Family Weekly's nominations for the title, "Americans of Achievement, 1957."



▶ In sports, no athlete topped Milwaukee Braves' Lew Burdette, who pitched three complete World Series' wins (including two shutouts), first such feat in 37 years.



▶ On distaff side, women ticked off new gains in man's world. On top was movie actress Irene Dunne, selected as U. S. alternate representative to United Nations.

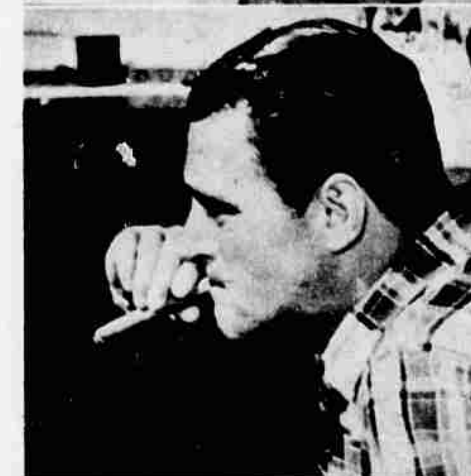


▶ No stranger to spotlight, evangelist Billy Graham set new records in 1957, packing New York's Madison Square Garden with exhortations for "decisions for Christ."

▶ Surprise achiever of 1957 was Hollywood producer Boris Morros, named by government as undercover agent in case against citizens accused of spying for Reds.

▶ Hailed by cynics as "greatest exponent of mediocrity," movie star Kim Novak nevertheless scored mightily with only ones who count—fans—where it counts—box office.

▶ Hard-bitten Senator John McClellan chipped away at witnesses in labor rackets hearings, established that both labor and management need reforms in some areas.



Americans of Achievement, 1957



▶ Highest achievement of all was made by Army Major David Simons, who rose to 102,000 feet in balloon, setting record and proving men can exist that high.

▶ Flamboyant Mike Todd swept Oscar derby with "Around the World in 80 Days," his first movie, and otherwise hogged the headlines.

▶ Chinese-Americans, Dr. Chen Ning Yang and Dr. Tsung Dao Lee, whose studies upset old law of physics, won Nobel Prize—18th such award won by American scientists.