

6000 TAKE A NIGHT OUT WITH THE STARS

Britain's film stars - and their fans - get together at London's Albert Hall. The occasion - the Daily Express Film Ball - an annual "must" for filmland's "Who's Who" - and the thousands who follow them. In the boxes, we spot the stars. Hollywood's Jane Wyman - this year's Academy Award winner just finished with the newest Hitchcock film "Stage Fright." Bashing Richard Todd - much acclaimed star of "The Hasty Heart," here with Beatrice Campbell and Patricia Dainton. There, too, is lively Patricia Plunkett. And helping Jane Wyman meet the fan's first onslaught at autograph corner are Stephen Murray and Derek Farr. Further away, surrounded by admirers we find Jane Russell - the girl whose figure is her fortune.

Centre of much attraction is Gracie Fields - who interrupted a holiday at Capri to attend the Ball, the profits of which swell the funds of the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund. Event of the evening is a glamorous fashion parade. Presented by London's star designers, they feature models from the Autumn collections of Britain's leading houses.

Pert Joan Dowling leads the applause as stars and fans crowd the floor for the highspot of the night, a song from Gracie Fields, with Jimmy Bailey at the piano:-