

RICHARD TODD - ACTOR OF THE YEAR

To the Dorchester Hotel, London, for filmland's night of nights. Occasion is the presentation of the "Daily Mail" National Film Awards - the British Oscars. The evening's guest of honour is dashing Richard Todd, here being greeted with his wife by Lord and Lady Rothermere. Scottish-born, Todd has been voted actor of the year for his role in "THE HASTY HEART," chosen also as the film of the year. To pretty Jean Simmons, just 21, goes the verdict for the best actress of the year. There at the presentation is visiting Hollywood star Dorothy Lamour!

Present too - Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox. From America comes Irene Dunne, latest arrival in London's Hollywood. Among other British stars, we spot Michael Denison.

Presented by Lady Rothermere, the Silver Star statuette, cinema's highest honour, crowns a year of brilliant achievement for Richard Todd.

To both Richard Todd and Jean Simmons, the honour has come early in their career. That is indeed significant, for in this golden jubilee year of British cinema, it focuses attention anew on the growing excellence of British films and the men and women who make them.