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NEWS IN FLASHES

At the Dorchester the stars are in the ascendant for the presentation of the "Daily Mail" Film Awards. Richard Todd won his for good work in "The Hasty Heart" last year. Three are awarded on popular vote, one each to male and female stars and one to the picture. John Mills, voted best actor, receives his award from Lady Rothermere. It's his second.

That's Joan Dowling showing approval.

Anna Neagle is used to these awards! Fine work in "Odette" won her top votes from the fans. As a matter of fact they're all old hands, for Herbert Wilcox, Anna's husband, it was his fourth award in six years.

At Baden-Baden, Archie Stevens of Howford and partner Doris Skelsey (who is also Mrs. Stevens) dance away with the Grand Prix des Nations ... One word to add to the more-than-a-thousand contests Archie's won. Ten European nations competed, but Archie and Doris put England tops. As Archie's won "The Star" twice, Europe was up against something.

It's a popular decision as Archie and Doris chalk up one more for England.