

GIGI WINS NINE OSCARS.

Oscar night in Hollywood, when the motion picture world names its top performers of the year and the greatest picture. Ingrid Bergman got a big welcome, and Joe Louis, former heavyweight champ., a spectator tonight. Tony Curtis and his wife Janet Leigh. It was all the police could do to keep a way clear for the stars' entrance. Susan Hayward, unaware of it at this stage, got the award for best actress. On the stage were John Wayne and Irene Dunne, who named David Niven best actor of the year.

It was the first time the debonair Briton, favourite on both sides of the Atlantic, had won the top award, though he's starred for twenty years. Awarded a special honorary Oscar for his playing in Gigi was veteran Maurice Chevalier, announced by Rosalynn Russell. And by overwhelming vote, "Gigi" itself was declared the year's best picture. Dean Martin and Sophia Loren announced the names of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Lowe.

Lerner's Oscar was for the best lyric. For the music of Gigi, Frederick Lowe (here with Lerner) won another of the awards garnered by that great film. Nine Oscars for Gigi, highest since "Gone with the Wind". There couldn't be greater praise than that.