

## Orson Wells Will Wear \$8,000 Mink Coat in New Movie

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—The world's most fabulous coat is making its movie debut, naturally, on the shoulders of one of the world's most fabulous geniuses.

The coat is \$8,000 worth of mink with all the trimmings except a pocketful of diamonds. The actor is Orson Wells.

Wells wears the coat for his role as Brian, the 14th-century all-conquering Mongolian general in 20th Century-Fox's "The Black Rose". It's supposed to convey that he's a lover of luxury and opulence which are the province of the oriental potentate.

The coat, by the way, is a dress, it's famous even though what Ayr Khan would buy for a woman's evening.

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**Lots of Weight**  
The coat is so heavy it takes two wardrobe assistants to lift it on to Wells. Wells doesn't say how many assistants it then takes to hold him up.

**Crowning the coat,** Wells wears a genuine spiced Sarcen helmet of steel with a brass design. A veil of chain mail drapes around his chin. And there is a ring of mink like an anarchy halo over all.

The studio isn't trusting this lavish garment to a mere trunk to bring it home from the movie location in French Morocco. It travels in a special hamper, naphthalene and waterproof.

It's the first time a mink coat has been worn on the screen by a male star. Wells doesn't expect his coat to start any fad.

"Whether you wear the coat inside or out," he grinned, "it's too darn hot."

## At Park Sunday President's Labor Day Text



BYRON BARR

Prominent role in "Last For Good," his latest picture. Opens at the Park Theatre Sunday.

## Woodpecker Is Friend, Tree Expert Says

KENT, O. (UP)—If you see a woodpecker tapping at your tree, don't throw away the ax. Odds are he's doing you a favor. You may know a great favor by removing borers that otherwise would be undiscovered.

Borers, hardy insects which spend most of their life cycle snoring away inside trees, cause many untold deaths, according to Martin L. Davis, Jr., tree expert of the Ohio State University.

Davis says that the borer destroys woodpecker and red-headed woodpecker.

The Pacific Ocean has an area of 66,641,900 square miles.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—President Truman issued the following Labor Day statement today:

This is the fifth year in which it has been my privilege to call upon the American people to observe Labor Day—a day dedicated to the workers who have helped so much in the advance of our country to the position of responsibility and opportunity it occupies in the world today.

The American worker enjoys an economic, political and social status solidly established on democratic principles and unequalled elsewhere in the world. From time to time labor has suffered setbacks, but on each such occasion its essential strength has asserted itself and progress has been resumed. And as labor has progressed, so has the nation.

Labor Day, however, is more than a holiday for celebrating the achievements of the worker and extolling his contribution to the forward march of our economy. This year, more than ever, it is a time for sober evaluation of the problems that labor, together with all other groups in our country, faces in our complex world, and of our mutual responsibility in meeting them.

Labor has become a full partner in our economy. The machinery for weighing labor's needs and for adjusting the problems of labor-management relations is being developed and improved through the co-operation of employers and employees. But today labor must also be a full partner in all our undertakings, not only within our borders but beyond the seas; for in the long-run our actions in the field of foreign policy will affect the welfare of every man, woman and child. It is a source of pride that statesmen in the ranks of labor are alert to their responsibility in this field and are making a vital contribution to our international programs.

I am confident that labor will give the same devotion to the attainment of our common objectives at home and abroad that it has long demonstrated in seeking better working conditions, adequate wages and a higher standard of security for workers and their families.

## Labor Leaders Speak

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—The following Labor Day statements were issued by the heads of the two leading unions:

By WILLIAM GREEN, AFL

The keynote of all our Labor Day celebrations this year must be a call to action—action to preserve the free American way of life from the threat of domestic fascism and world Communism.

Both on the national and international fronts, America is involved in a cold war. In our own country, reactionary forces are attempting to turn the clock backward and are gambling upon a depression to return them to power over the nation's economic and political life. On the world front, the leaders of the Kremlin also are gambling upon a depression to weaken American resistance and to enable them to gain dominion over all of Europe and Asia.

We must not allow that depression to take place. Our government must make every effort to prevent it. And the trade union movement must militantly maintain and defend its standards so that mass purchasing power, the nourishing force of our economic life, can keep the wheels of industry rolling.

During the past year, for the first time since pre-war days, unemployment began to swell. It has not as yet reached alarming proportions, nor is it likely to do so. But it is a dangerous symptom and prompt measures must be taken to correct it before it is too late. Labor favors the preparation of a huge shelf of public works projects, ready to be set in motion if the need develops to create new jobs.

At the same time, the trend toward high wage rates has suffered its most stubborn resistance in many years. While business continues to derive huge profits, employers throughout the country, as though by a given signal, have tightened up their wage policy, using the pretexts of declining prices and fear of future production cutbacks as justification.

It is true that some prices have fallen, but the costs of living to the nation's workers has not declined appreciably and in some cases has risen, because other prices have gone up sharply in the past year, especially rents. The unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have fought courageously and are still fighting for reasonable increases in pay for their workers and in most cases they have been able to win modest successes.

All this time, in the midst of distressing and threatening developments the trade union movement has been handicapped and repressed by the grim impediments of the Taft-Hartley Act. No other single factor during the year has hurt labor more.

Tragically, the drive to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act during the first session of the 81st Congress fell short of success by a small margin. Despite the overwhelming repudiation of the reactionary policies of the 80th Congress by the voters in the 1948 elections and despite the campaign pledges of President Truman, the new Congress was bogged by a coalition of Tory Republicans and Dixiecrats. The whole program of progressive legislation, except for the public housing bill, fell victim to the coalition's axe.

This was a severe setback for labor, but not a permanent defeat. The reactionaries will find that out in 1950. I am confident that the workers of this country will turn out to the polls in unprecedented numbers in the 1950 congressional elections and break the hated coalition by defeating its members for re-election. Labor's League for Political Action, the aggressive political arm of the American Federation of Labor, is going to redouble its efforts to help bring about this major objective.

On the world front, Communism suffered a crucial blow by the disintegration of the so-called World Federation of Trade Unions by the decision of the free, democratic trade union organizations in more

## Opens At Strand Sunday



"Come out from under the bonnet, Lou, we know you." Funnyman Lou Costello, abetted by his sidekick, Bud Abbott, attempts a ruse after he has been suspected of murder in Universal-International's laugh-fest, "Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer," co-starring Boris Karloff. Opening at the Strand Theatre Sunday.

## Veepee's Daughter Is Best Dressed Woman In Capital

By JANE EADS  
A P Newsfeatures Writer

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Max O. Truit, Vice President Barkley's daughter and his official hostess, is considered one of the best-dressed women on the capital's glamorous evening scene. "She has the prettiest evening gowns of any woman in town," one society reporter remarked at luncheon the other day.

This discussion led us into a deeper and somewhat sketchy unofficial listing of other best-dressers about town, principally among Congressional wives. Consensus among the small group was that Mrs. George Malone, handsome, dark-haired wife of the Republican senator from Nevada, sitting at a nearby table and wearing a handwoven two-piece white linen costume, banded in hand-made lace insertion, was close to the top.

Petite Mrs. James P. Kem, wife of the Republican senator from Missouri, also dining in the same restaurant, was adjudged another fashionable lady in Congressional circles. Gracious Mrs. Homer Ferguson, wife of Michigan's Republican senator, was considered a candidate for the elegant manner in which she wore tailored costumes.

Mrs. John L. McClellan, wife of the Democratic senator from Arkansas, was described as a "perfectionist, always exquisitely dressed," as was Mrs. Ralph Church, wife of the Republican representative from Illinois and this year's president of the Congressional Club. The Republican senator's wife from North Dakota, Mrs. William Langer, was lauded for her "softly feminine but unfilly" style. Mrs. Claude Pepper, wife of the Democratic senator from Florida, one of the most attractive and vivacious of Congressional wives, for her dash.

Other vote-getters were popular Mrs. A. S. M. "Mike" Monroney, wife of the Democratic congressman from Oklahoma, and beautiful Mrs. Ken Roagan, wife of the Democratic congressman from Texas. As for the ladies in Congress themselves, Mrs. Francis Boulton, Republican representative from Ohio, was among those considered the best groomed, most tastefully—but expensively—dressed.

Outside Congressional circles other plaudits went to Mrs. Hugo Black, wife of the Supreme Court Justice; the beautiful and stately Mrs. Patrick Hurley, wife of the former U.S. Ambassador to China, and Mrs. John Peurifoy, petite and lovely wife of the assistant secretary of state.

## Library Notes

MARGARET JOHNSON  
COUNTY LIBRARIAN

Oveida Banks' name should have been included in our previous Clyde who received Reading Certificate in our Vacation Reading Club.

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**THE BIG CAT**  
COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, Sept. 2 - 3  
DOUBLE FEATURE

## "WAGONS WESTWARD"

Buck Jones • Chester Morris  
George "Gabby" Hays

— PLUS —

— AND —  
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— AND —  
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CRASHING TIMBER! SMASHING FISTS!  
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In glowing TECHNICOLOR

With GEORGE REEVES • RALPH BYRD  
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SUN. - MON. - TUES., Sept. 4 - 5 - 6

# MUR-DER at it's MERRIEST...

"BUD ABBOTT and LOU COSTELLO MEET the KILLER. BORIS KARLOFF"

PLUS — Cartoon and World News

## PARK THEATRE PROGRAM

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, Sept. 1-2

The Picture of the Year — It's All New Romantic Team!

JAMES STEWART • JUNE ALLYSON  
**THE STRATO STORY**

ALSO — Latest News of the Week

SATURDAY, Sept. 3

**PRAIRIE CHICK**  
With JIMMY ROGERS • NOAH BERRY JR. • BEA MARIORIE WOODWORTH

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Shows Start at 7:30 P. M.

THURS-FRI., Sept. 1-2

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M-G-M's  
**GOOD NEWS**  
in Gay sparkling TECHNICOLOR!

with  
**ALLYSON LAWFORD**  
A METRO GOLDWIN-MAYER PICTURE

Also Short  
"Have You Got My Castle"

SATURDAY, Sept. 3

**OLD LOS ANGELES**

William Elliott,  
John Carroll and  
Andy Devine

ALSO SELECTED  
SHORT SUBJECTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**MIRACULOUS JOURNEY**  
A Mountain of Tragedy Threatens 7 Lives  
Starring Roy Calhoun, Audrey Long

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5-6  
A Picture You Must See

**THE BRIDE GOES WILD**  
With  
VAN JOHNSON and JUNE ALLYSON  
Butch Jenkins — Hume Cronyn — Una Merkel

## "SEARCH FOR DAVID" With John Calver and Albert Decker

SUNDAY, Sept. 4

Title Story of \$20,000,000!

GLENN FORD • IDA LUPINO

**LUST FOR GOLD**  
with EDGAR BUCHANAN • WILLIAM PRINCE

COMING...  
MONDAY - TUESDAY, Sept. 5-6  
"WHITE HEAT"  
Starring James Cagney and Virginia Mayo