

FILM WORLD

ANNA NEAGLE: BIGGEST U.K. BOX-OFFICE DRAW

(By "Ithuriel")

The blonde and blue-eyed British film actress, Anna Neagle, is the biggest box-office draw in Britain and has a bigger following in her own country than any American star.

Second in popularity is Michael Wilding, the 38-year-old British actor who has frequently starred with her. For three successive years Miss Neagle has topped a popularity poll in Britain.

The poll is taken from among British film exhibitors by an American film journal to discover how British stars rank at the box-office and how the same exhibitors rank both British and American stars on a competitive basis.

In the international list Miss Neagle and Mr. Wilding head Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby and Jane Wyman, in that order. In the British list they are followed by John Mills, Jean

picture trade paper "Film Daily" it was announced today. "The Snake Pit," a Twentieth-Century Fox film dealing with the subject of mental illness, was voted the year's best picture.

"The Red Shoes," the only one of the ten filmed in technicolour, was voted the best-photographed motion picture of 1949. "The Snake Pit" was placed second.

Sea Shanties in New Disney Product

It is a good guess that "Treasure Island," since it is a Walt Disney production, will have a musical score with fascinating tunes—a characteristic



Anna Neagle, the British star who draws more money to the box offices of Britain than does any other star, British or American.

Simmons, and Margaret Lockwood. It was the first time in 14 years that British players have headed the international list.

Of the ten most popular films at the British box-office in 1949, "Third Man" was first, followed by "Johnny Belinda," (now in Perth) and "Maytime in Mayfair," in which Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding star.

Miss Neagle, whose real name is Marjorie Robertson, was formerly a teacher of gymnastics and ballroom dancing until she made a stage debut in 1926. Among her latest films are "The Courtneys of Curzon-street," "Spring in Park Lane," and "Elizabeth of Padmead."

Poll For Ten Best Films Of 1949
NEW YORK, Jan. 22: Mr. J. Arthur Rank's film "The Red Shoes" was placed second in the 1949 "ten best pictures" poll conducted in America by the motion

of Disney products. This latest Disney venture is not a cartoon film but a standard film in which the British actor Robert Newton plays Long John Silver. "The Heart of a Sailor," a new song, will be featured in the film, but for the most part refrains known centuries ago will be played. Mr. Disney has gone back to the sea shanties of the early 18th Century for a great deal of the background. Robert Louis Stevenson's own "Yo! Ho! Ho! and a Bottle of Rum" figures prominently in the film, as it does in the book.

Somaliland Agreement: The trusteeship agreement for the Italian administration of her former colony of Somaliland, which was finally approved on Thursday by the United Nations Trusteeship Council, provides for Italian administration of the territory for ten years, after which Somaliland will become an independent State.

MANLY FLAT GUTTED

Actors Leave Show To Reach Fire

SYDNEY, Jan. 22: Two members of the cast of a show at the Independent Theatre, North Sydney, still had their make-up on when they reached a burning building at Manly last night after making a car dash from the theatre. Two of them, Guy Hart Cotham (24), and George Howe, lived in the building on the Corso, Manly.

Fire broke out in one of the flats in the building and spread quickly. Cotham's mother rang him as soon as the fire started. He immediately left the theatre with Howe. Mrs. Cotham, her son and Howe lost everything they possessed. Cotham was left only with the sweat shirt and trousers which he was wearing.

Mrs. Cotham disclosed that last night's fire was the second time in two years that she had lost everything she owned in a fire. The previous time was in Japan when she was touring with an entertainment unit.

30 KILLED IN CRASH

LA PAZ (Bolivia), Jan. 22: A military transport plane crashed on Friday in the wilds of Bolivia killing the crew of five and 25 Bolivian soldiers.

The first reports did not reach La Paz until yesterday.

GATE-CLOSING MOVE

NORSEMAN, Jan. 22: The Dundas Road Board has taken the first step towards assisting pastoralists along the Eyre Highway in preventing overland motorists from leaving gates open on their properties. The board has told the pastoralists of the necessity to register their gates. After registration anyone leaving a gate open will be liable to prosecution.

When plant becomes available the board will clear and surface the road from the Eyre Highway to Campbell Bros' property at Southern Hills, a distance of about eight miles.

LAW COURTS

PERTH POLICE

(Saturday, before Mr. W. J. Wall-work, S.M.)

TRICKSTER GAOLED: "You have been committing these sort of offences since 1933," said the Magistrate when sentencing John Herbert Laurent (59), cook, of Queen-street, Perth, to a total of 18 months imprisonment on two charges of having obtained money by fraudulent tricks and one of false pretences. Laurent obtained £15 from Alfred John Vanstone on January 2 by passing a "bad" cheque and on January 12 he bought a promissory note and later got £5 from Elizabeth May McLaren by a fraudulent trick. On January 13 he bought a promissory note for £40 and obtained £20 from Kenneth Andrew Howells by a fraudulent trick.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION: For having had in his possession a class scooter reasonably suspected of having been stolen, Harold James Tinson (21), plasterer, of Sherwood Court, Perth, was fined £3 with £2 5s costs. He was fined 10s for having given a false name and address to the police. Mr. D. Walsh prosecuted for the United Licensed Victuallers' Association.

BAIL ESTREATED: Edwin James Scott (19), breadcarter, of Flinders-street, Mr. Hawthorn, had his bail of £5 forfeited when he failed to appear on a charge of having been disorderly by fighting in Flinders-street on January 20.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE: "You have caused a lot of trouble in the last few years," said the Magistrate when sentencing Albert Dineah, a native, to one month's imprisonment for having used obscene language in Hill-street, East Perth, on January 20.

Inspector R. H. Hickson prosecuted in each of the preceding cases.

TRESPASSER: For having trespassed on railway property in Beaufort-street, Perth, on January 20, Jack Brown (43), engine driver, of no fixed address, was fined £3 with 3s costs. Mr. R. Gibson prosecuted.

Gaming House Raid At Fremantle

When police raided premises at 6 East-street, East Fremantle, on Friday night they found a game of dice in progress and 11 men gathered around a table. The 11 men appeared before Messrs. J. M. Groom and A. Stator, J.P.s, in the Fremantle Police Court on Saturday on charges arising out of the raid.

Alfred Ronald Fry (27), labourer, of East-street, East Fremantle, who admitted having kept the premises as a common gaming house, was fined £10 with £1 costs. For having been found in a common gaming house without lawful excuse, Robin Leslie Bathurst (41), contractor, of Forrest-road, Bibra Lake, and Walter Howard Ranford (28), labourer, of Manning-street, South Fremantle, were each fined £5 with 2/6 costs; John Hewett Mitchell (36), labourer, of Norfolk-street, Fremantle, was fined £3 with 2/6 costs; and Roy Francis Hughes (31), labourer, of Hillon Park, John Daniel Meyers (23), labourer, of Healy Paddock, Beaconsfield, Robert Keith Waters (20), labourer, of East-street, East Fremantle, Roy Alfred Oxman (27), truck driver, of Glyde-street, East Fremantle, Daniel Finn (24), truck driver, of Base Flat, Fremantle, Arthur Frederick Gray (22), metal worker, of Petra-street, East Fremantle, and Albert Thomas Borrens (29), electrical agent, of Collie-street, Fremantle, were each fined £2.

Sgt. G. M. Clarke prosecuted.

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