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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE APPOINTED TO GOLDEN LAUREL JURY

It was announced yesterday by Richard Griffith, Curator of the Museum of Modern Art Film Library and Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the David O. Selznick Golden Laurel Award, that Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court has accepted appointment to the Golden Laurel Jury, replacing James P. Warburg. Mr. Warburg, economist and author, resigned this year, having been a member of the original Jury since 1950.

The Award was founded in 1950 by David O. Selznick to honor the foreign film of each year which, in the opinion of the distinguished American Jury, has made an outstanding contribution to mutual understanding and goodwill among the peoples of the world. Awards in previous years have gone to the following films: UGETSU, 1955, Japan; DIE LETZTE BRUCKE, 1954, Austria; THE CRUEL SEA, 1953, Britain; CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY, 1952, Britain; IL CAMMINO DELLA SPERANZA, 1951, Italy; and DONNE SENZA NOME, 1950, Italy.

Other members of the Golden Laurel Jury are the Hon. Ellis Arnall, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Mr. Gardner Cowles, Mr. Otto Harbach, Mr. René d'Harnoncourt, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope.

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