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GERMAN AMBASSADOR GUEST OF HONOR AT GALA INAUGURATING GERMAN FILM SERIES AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

To launch a week of new, unreleased German films a dinner and reception will be given this evening at the Museum of Modern Art by Mr. William A. M. Burden, Museum president, with H. L. Krekeler, German Ambassador as guest of honor.

Helmut Käutner's The Captain from Koepenick, the German film nominated for this year's Academy Award, will be shown here for the first time in the auditorium. Mr. Käutner flew to New York from California especially for the occasion.

Before the film showing, Mr. Krekeler will address the invited audience. He will speak of the role humor plays in the life of a nation and in international understanding, citing The Captain from Koepenick, a satire on militarism, as a new example. Mr. Burden will note the new departure of the Film Library in inaugurating an entire week of showings of new films not yet released in this country, and will thank the Export-Union of the German film industry and its American representative Munio Podhorzer for making a large number of recent productions available for selection. Eric Johnston will speak as the representative of the American film industry. Others on the platform will be Richard Griffith, Curator of the Film Library, who made the selection of films, Mr. Käutner and Mr. Podhorzer.

Notables from the diplomatic, social, art and film worlds attending the evening festivities include: Miss Marlene Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. Rene d'Harnoncourt, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace K. Harrison, Mr. Eric Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Allen Moe, Mrs. Gertrud Mellon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph von Sternberg, Miss Lillian Gish, Miss Dorothy Gish, Miss Renata Manhardt, Mr. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jean Goldwurm and Miss Gloria Swanson.

The week of new films, all expected to be released commercially in the near future, will precede a 13-week retrospective, the entire program to be called Past and Present, A Selection of German Films, 1896 - 1957." John Winthrop Adams selected the retrospective.

The Captain from Koepenick is shown through the courtesy of Mr. Emil Lustig.

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