In Hollywood—

Industry Heads Resent Censorship, Says Fidler

BY JIMMIE FIDLER

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 13— As might have been expected, the delegates to that "All-Industry Conference" which was held recently in Chicago to consider the Motion Picture Industry's public relations, spent a large part of their time tossing the ball editorial and unofficial ownership of the press. The delegates were bundled with extreme care, it was apparent that they were particularly concerned about the editorial censorship exercised by such as the Catholic League of Decency.

"The motion picture industry" the speaker after speaker contended "should be allowed to police itself and, given that right, could stop any effort upon to observe the laws of decency in its choice of screen material."

Well, now, I wonder. Let me see. Some time back the League of Decency came into being, some eighteen years or so ago.

The studio heads, at that time, had "freedom to choose their screen material"—the same kind of freedom they've demanded now. They used this freedom to the hilt, and for a considerable period of time, to use which could turn out the picture with the most suggestive posters and the spiciest dialogue. They raced until public indignation stopped them. Out of that pub-

lic indignation was born the League of Decency and out of that fear engendered, finally, by public indignation, was born the "Hays Office" and a production code which is violated flagrantly to prove it) multitudinously every year.

I deplore every type of censorship. Most Americans, loyal to the idea of complete freedom, deplore censorship. But I'm willing to make a concession—provided I can prove that it is at least capable of serving its own prohibition code, political censorship seems to be a lesser evil than the kind of pictures which could be exhumed from certain producers if they were given a free hand.

Censorship, in every instance, is something to be earned.

Take the case of "Ulysses".

IDOL CHATTER: Wonder how many of you know the reason that Gary Cooper is getting his name in the papers so much of late? . . . Is his service performances? . . . Add facts that always surprise me: Ex-Senator Claghorn of Irene Dunne, whose pseudonym her secret husband is . . . Heaven help the man who becomes the target for one of June Havoc's practical jokes: they're devastating . . . Silly notion: An ad campaign for an Alan Ladd picture, without billboards show-

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Seaboard To Use Diesels In State

NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 12.—(AP)—Dieselization of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad's Alabama division has been virtually completed, the line reported today.

The Dieselization program has been a big way for several months in the division, which represents 13 per cent of the road's total mileage.

The Alabama division extends from Savannah, Ga., to Montgomery, Ala., with lines diverging to serve Columbus, Albany, Orville and Bainbridge, Ga.

Conversion of Diesel operation involves the use of 25 Diesel electric locomotives, rated at 1,500 horsepower each, replacing 55 steam engines.

Congressional Race Preview Looms Today In Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.— (AP)—Democrats and Republicans toured Pennsylvania today for a preview of the 1950 congressional battles.

Pennsylvania's primary Tuesday brings to a climax the pitched battle for control of the congressional District seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Robert L. Coffey, Jr., (D-Pa.), in a plane crash last April.

The balloting for the congressional seat is a special election, held in conjunction with the primary. It provides the nation with its first test ballot since the general election last November.

And the no-holds-barred campaign has been waged largely over the Taft-Hartley act and war veterans in public office.

The Democratic candidate is the late Representative Coffey's widow, Mrs. Ethel Coffey, 56-year-old matron and political novice. Opposing her is John P. Saylor, 41-year-old Johnstown lawyer and a naval war hero.

The race apparently will be close. Mrs. Coffey is conceded an edge in predominantly industrial Cambria County, but Saylor is reportedly is ahead in the rural areas.

Measurements of the sun's rays during the record-breaking July heat wave by means of a solar radiation recorder revealed that the rays striking the earth in July were not much stronger than those of March. Indeed the greatest rays so far have been in April.

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