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You also agree with our Terms of Service. 1939 film by Frank Capra Mr. Smith goes to WashingtonTheatric release of the posterDirectorFrank CapraProduced byFrank CapraScreenplay Sidney Buchman Miles Connolly (unnamed contribution to the script of construction and dialogue) Foster starring Gene Arthur James Stewart CommentsColin James MackeyMusic onDimitri TiomkinCinematographyJoseph WalkerEd Jean Havlik Al Clark Production Company Columbia PicturesRelease Date October 17, 1939 (1939-10-17) (DC Premiere) Duration 125-126 or 130 minutes 1CountryUnited StatesLanguageEnglishBudget\$1.5 million.Box Smith Goes to Washington, 1939, is an American political comedy-drama film directed by Frank Capra, starring Gene Arthur and James Stewart with Claude Raines and Edward Arnold. The film is about a newly appointed United States senator fighting against a corrupt political system and was written by Sidney Buchman, based on the unpublished story of Lewis R. Foster's The Gentleman of Montana. The film was controversial when it was first released, but successful at the box office, and it made Stewart the main star. It was also based on the life of Montana Senator Burton Wheeler, who experienced a similar experience when he was investigating the Warren Harding administration. Mr. Smith travels to Washington and was nominated for eleven Academy Awards, winning Best Original History. One of the greatest films of all time, the film was selected by the Library of Congress as one of the first 25 films to be preserved in the United States The registry of films in 1989, for being culturally, historically or aesthetically significant. The governor of an unnamed western state, Hubert Happy Hopper (Guy Kibby), must choose a replacement for the recently deceased U.S. Senator Sam Foley. His corrupt political boss Jim Taylor (Edward Arnold) presses Hopper to choose his puppet, while popular commitees want reformer Henry Hill. The governor's children want him to choose Jefferson Smith (James Stewart), the head of the Boy Rangers. Unable to decide between Taylor's puppet and the reformer, Hopper decides to toss a coin. When he lands on the edge - and next to the newspaper is a story about one of Smith's achievements - he chooses Smith, hoping that his healthy image will delight people while his naivety will make him easy to manipulate. The younger Senator Smith is taken under the wing of a publicly respected but secretly crooked, Senator Joseph Payne (Claude Raines), who was a friend of Smith's late father. Smith develops a direct attraction to the senator's daughter, Susan (Astrid Alwyn). In Senator Payne's house, Smith has a conversation with Susan, fidget and clumsy, fascinated by a young socialite. Smith's naive and honest character allows the unforgiving Washington press to take advantage of him, quickly tarnishing Smith's reputation with funny front-page photos and headlines, branding him a punch. To keep Smith busy, Payne invites him to propose a bill. With the help of her secretary, Clarissa Saunders (Jean Arthur), who was an aide to Smith's predecessor and has been around Washington and politics for years, Smith comes up with a bill to authorize the federal government's loan to buy land in his home state for a national boys' camp that will be paid back to youth across America. Donations are poured in immediately. However, the proposed camping is already part of a dam bribery scheme included in the appropriations bill, sponsored by Taylor's political machine and backed by Senator Payne. Not wanting to crucify the worship of Smith so that their graft plan will go through, Payne tells Taylor he wants to, but Taylor reminds him that Payne is in power primarily through Taylor's influence. Through Payne, a machine in his state accuses Smith of trying to profit from his bill by producing fraudulent evidence that Smith already owns the land in question. Smith is too shocked by Payne's betrayal to defend himself and runs away. Saunders, who looked down on Smith at first but came to believe in him, negotiated with him in a run filibuster to defer the appropriations bill and prove his innocence on the Senate floor shortly before a vote to rule it out. In his last chance to prove his innocence, he speaks non-stop for about 25 hours, reaffirming American ideals of freedom and revealing the true motives of the dam scheme. However, none of the senators Convinced. Voters are trying to rally around it, but the entrenched opposition is too too and all attempts are suppressed. Because of the influence of Taylor's car, newspapers and radio stations in Smith's home state, on Taylor's orders, refuse to report what Smith has to say, and they even distort the facts against the senator. Boy Rangers' efforts to spread the news in support of Smith led to vicious attacks on the children of Taylor's henchmen. While all hope seems lost, senators are beginning to pay attention as Smith nears utter exhaustion. Payne has the last card up his sleeve: he brings letters and telegrams from Smith's home state to trash cans, ostensibly from average people demanding his expulsion. Almost broken by the news, Smith finds a small ray of hope in a friendly smile from the Senate chairman (Harry Carey). Smith vows to continue until people believe him, but immediately faints. Overcoming guilt, Payne leaves the Senate chamber and tries to commit suicide with a shot, but stops at the sight of senators. He then breaks back into the Senate chamber, shouting acknowledgment of the whole scheme; Payne also insists that he should be expelled from the Senate and confirms Smith's innocence, to Clarissa's delight. The President of the Senate is watching the ensuing chaos with entertainment. Starring Gene Arthur as Clarissa Saunders As James Stewart as Jefferson Jeff Smith Claude Raines as Senator Joseph Harrison Joe Payne as Edward Arnold as Jim Taylor as Guy Kibby as Governor Hubert Blessed Hopper Thomas Mitchell as Diz Moore as Eugene Pallett as Chick McGann Beulah Bondi as Ma Smith X. B. Warner as Senate Majority Leader Harry Hopper Grant Mitchell as Senator McPherson Porter Hall as Senator Monroe Pierre Watkin as Senate Minority Leader Charles Lane as Nosey, reporter William DeMarest as Bill Griffith Dick Elliott as Carl Cook Hopper Boys: Billy Watson Delmar Watson John Russell Harry Watson as Senate Reporter Gino Corrado, as Barber Maurice Costello as Diggs - Newsmen Alec Craig as Speaker Beatrice Curtis as Secretary Payne Lew Davis as Secretary of the Senate Dursley Day as Senate reporter Wally Dean as Payne's friend Vernon Dent as Senate Reporter Harry Depp as Hat Salesman/Secretary Robert Middlemas Edwards, howling citizen Starring notes: Among the unbilled veteran character of the actor seen in the film by the actor's brother Kibby Lough McKee; and Matt McHugh of McHugh. Also in the film, the supporting roles will be Double Taylor and Jack Carson, later famous actors. Silent movie star Hank Mann played the photographer. Produced by James Stewart and Gene Arthur Columbia Pictures originally acquired the unpublished story of Lewis R. Foster, variously referred to by a gentleman from Montana and a gentleman from Wyoming, as a vehicle for Ralph Bellamy, but as soon as Frank Capra came on board as director - after Ruben Mamulyan expressed interest - the film was to be a continuation of his Mr. Dela goes to town, called Mr. Dela goes to Washington, with Gary Cooper reprising his role as Longfell. (N 1) Because Cooper was unavailable, Capra then saw him immediately as a vehicle for Jimmy Stewart and Gene Arthur, and Stewart was lent from MGM. Capra said of Stewart: I knew he was going to be a hell of a Man Smith... He looked like a country guy, an idealist. It was very close to him. Despite the fact that this story features a youth group, the Boy Scouts of America refused to allow their name to be used in the film, and instead the quirky Boy Rangers was used. In January 1938, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Paramount Pictures presented Foster's story to censors in Hayes' office, probably indicating that both studios were interested in the project before Columbia acquired it. Joseph Breen, the head of the office, warned the studio: We will sincerely urge you to take serious advice before you begin producing any movie based on this story. This looks to us like one that may well be loaded with dynamite, both for the film industry and for the country as a whole. Breen specifically objected to the generally unflattering portrayal of our system of government, which may well lead to such a picture being seen here and especially abroad as a covert attack on a democratic form of government, and warned that the film should make it clear that the Senate is made up of a group of punitive, honest citizens who work long and relentlessly in the interest of the nation... James Stewart Later, after the script was written and presented, Breen changed course, saying about the film: It's a grand yarn that will do a lot of good for all those who see it, and in my opinion, it's especially lucky that this kind of story should be made at this time. Of all the difficulties Senator Jeff has developed the importance of democracy, and there is a superbly stressed rich and glorious heritage that is ours and that comes when you have a government of the people, the people, and the people. The film was shot from April 3, 1939 to July 7 of the same year. Filming took place in some locations in Washington, D.C., at Union Station and the U.S. Capitol, as well as elsewhere for background use. In the studio, to ensure authenticity, a complex set was created consisting of Senate committee rooms, cloak-rooms and hotel rooms, as well as specific Washington, D.C. monuments, all based on a trip capra and his team made to the capital. Even the press club Washington was reproduced in minute detail, but the main effort went into the exact reproduction of the Senate Chamber on the Colombian lot. James D. Preston, a former Senate gallery superintendent, has served as technical director of the Senate recruitment, as well as advising on political protocol. The production also used a New York Street Kit at the Warner Bros. Party, using 1,000 extras when that site was filmed. The film's ending appears to have been changed at some point, as the original program describes The return of Stuart and Arthur to Smith's hometown, where they were greeted by a large parade, which means they are married and bequeathed to the family. In addition, Taylor's crushed political machine is shown; Smith, riding a motorcycle, visits Senator Payne and forgives him; and a visit to Smith's mother included. Some of these frames can be seen in the movie trailer. The film premiered on October 17, 1939, at the Constitutional Hall in Washington, D.C., with the support of the National Press Club, which invited 4,000 guests, including 45 senators. Mr. Smith's travels to Washington have been attacked by the Washington press and politicians in the US Congress, both anti-American and pro-communist for his portrayal of corruption in the American government. While Capra argues in his autobiography that some senators have walked away from the premiere, it's not clear in the modern press whether it happened or not, or whether senators were screaming on screen during the film. Sen. Jefferson Smith is chasing his filibuster in front of inattentive senators, where Alben W. Barkley, a Democrat and Senate majority leader, called the film stupid and stupid and said it makes the Senate look like a bunch of crooks. He also noted that the film was a grotesque distortion of the Senate, as grotesque as anything I've ever seen! Imagine the vice president of the United States winking at a beautiful girl in the gallery in order to encourage a pirate! Barkley thought the film showed the Senate as the biggest aggregation of nincompoops per record! Pete Harrison, a respected journalist and publisher of Harrison's Motion Pictures magazine, suggested the Senate pass a bill allowing movie theater owners to refuse screenings of films that were not in the best interests of our country. That didn't happen, but one of the ways that some senators tried to avenge the damage they felt the film had done to the reputation of their institution was by pushing the passage of the Neely Anti-Block Reservations Bill, which eventually led to the breakup of studio-owned theater chains in the late 1940s. Colombia responded with a program that promoted the film's patriotism and support for democracy and unveiled a slew of positive reviews of the film. Other objections were voiced. Joseph. Kennedy, the American ambassador to the United Kingdom, wrote to Capra and Head Harry Cohn said he feared the film would damage America's prestige in Europe, and because of that he called for it to be removed from the European release. Capra and Cohn responded, citing a review of the film that softened Kennedy to the point that he never followed, though he privately still doubted the film. The film was banned in Hitler's Germany, Mussolini's Italy, Franco's Spain and Stalin's USSR. According to Capra, the film was also named in some European countries to change the film's message to conform to official ideology. When the ban on American films was imposed in German-occupied France in 1942, some cinemas decided to show Mr. Smith traveling to Washington as the last film before the ban took effect. One theater owner in Paris has reportedly screened the film nonstop for 30 days after the ban was announced. The critical response to the film was more measured than the reaction of politicians, both domestic and foreign. A critic of The New York Times, for example, Frank S. Nugent, wrote that Capra is, of course, protected by this unwritten provision in the Bill of Rights, which gives every voting citizen at least one free swing in the Senate. Swing Mr. Capra off the floor and in the best humour; If he can't shake his body on his heels - laughing as much as from traumatized dignity - it won't be his fault, but the Senate, and we really need to start worrying about the upper house. Mr. Smith's travels to Washington has been named one of the quintessential whistleblower films in American history. Dr. James Murtagh and Dr. Jeffrey Wigand cited this film as a seminal event in U.S. history at the First Whistling Week in Washington (May 13-19, 2007). Mr. Smith travels to Washington often listed as one of capra's best, but it was noted that he marked a turning point in the vision of Capra's world, from nervous optimism to a darker, more pessimistic tone. Beginning with American Madness (1932), Capra's films such as Lady for a Day (1933), It Happened One Night (1934), Mr. Dela Go to Town (1936), and you can't take it with you (1938) trumpeting your faith in the decency of the common man. In Mr. Smith travels to Washington, however, a decent common man is surrounded by a venal, petty and gangster group of crooks. Everyone in the film - except Jefferson Smith and his tiny footage of the faithful - is either in paying for a political machine run by Edward Arnold James Taylor or complicit in Taylor's corruption through their silence, and they all sit like innocent people, including children, abuse and intimidation, rights are violated and the government brought to a halt. Still, Smith's filibuster and the tacit encouragement of the Senate president symbolize the director's belief in the difference that one person can make. This theme will be expanded further in Capra's It's Wonderful (1946) and other films. The Awards and Oscars Mr. Smith goes to Washington has been nominated for 11 Oscars, but has won only one. The winner of the Outstanding Producer (Frank Capra) Award was David O. Selznick - Gone With the Wind Best Director nominated by Frank Capra, was Victor Fleming - Gone With the Wind best actor nominated for the James Stewart Award, the winner was Robert Donat - Before the Bye, Mr. Chips Best Writing, Screenplay Nominated by Sidney Buchman The original story won Lewis R. Foster Best Supporting Actor Nomination by Claude Raines Harry Carey Winner was Thomas Mitchell - Stagecoach Best Artistic Director Nominated by Lionel Banks Winner was Lyle R. Wheeler - Gone With the Wind Best Film Editing Nomination by Gene Havlik, Al Clarke Winner was Hal K. Kern, James E. Newcom - Gone With the Best Music Award Livadi winner was Bernard B. Brown - When tomorrow comes the other honors Mr. Smith goes to Washington was named one of the best films of 1939 by the New York Times and Film Daily, and was nominated for best film by the National Review Board. James Stewart received the 1939 New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Actor. In 1989, Mr. Smith's travels to Washington was added to the National Film Registry of the United States, considered culturally, historically or aesthetically significant. Recognition of the American Film Institute 1998 100 years of AFI... 100 films #29 2003 AFI in 100 years ... 100 Heroes and Villains: Jefferson Smith, Hero #11 Senator Joseph Payne, Villain - Appointed 2006 AFI in 100 years ... 100 Cheats #5 2007 AFI in 100 years ... 100 Films (10th Anniversary Edition) #26 Sandra Warner and Fez Parker in the 1962 TV series Remakes In 1949 Columbia planned but not actually produced, a sequel mr. Smith travels to Washington, called Mr. Smith Begins Riot. They also considered doing a gender-reverse remake in 1952, with Jane Wyman playing the lead role. In 1962-1963, ABC had an animated series of the same name. Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, starring Fez Parker, Sandra Warner and Red Foley, Producer Frank Capra Jr. remade the film as part of Tom Laughlin's Billy Jack. Billy Jack Goes to Washington (1977). The film was also loosely remade as The Honored Gentleman (1992) starring Eddie Murphy. The Australian political drama series Total Control in 2019 has a remarkably similar storyline; this time a new Indigenous Australian senator played by Deborah Mailman, who is recruited to the Australian Senate. In popular culture, on March 10, 1940, a broadcast of Jack Benny's radio show on NBC showed a parody called Mr. Benny Goes to Washington. VHS release Ernest Rides Again reveals opening of Saturday Night Live based Mr. Bill goes to Washington, D.C., Mr. Smith is on his way to Washington. The Simpsons: The third episode of the season Mr. Lisa goes to Washington inspired, and contains several references to Mr. Smith's travels to Washington. The episode deals with Lisa Simpson's disappointment with the Washington government, following her winning trip to Washington as a prize in an essay contest. The premiere of the eleventh season of Beyond Blunderdome includes a parody, fake remake of Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, authored by the fictional Mel Gibson (voiced by himself) with the help of Homer Simpson. The fictional remake follows the same original plot before the final iconic filibuster scene, replaced by a stock-action scene in which an almost exhausted Mr. Smith suddenly stands up and viciously kills every senator, piercing Senator Payne with an American flag, destroying the Senate and beheading the President of the United States, mockingly quoting Marilyn Monroe's Happy Birthday, Mr. President. Homer was involved in the production because Mel Gibson felt his voice had to be heard because he was the only person who hated the film after the test show. The fourteenth season of Mr. Spritz's episode goes to Washington also inspired by this film. In it, The Simpsons help Krusty the Clown get elected to Congress in exchange for his help in passing a bill that would move the airport's flight path from their neighborhood. Once in Washington, they find their plans blocked by a corrupt and lazy Congress, while Walter Mondale (who is now a janitor) shows them tricks to get their bill passed. For his 2002 season, the San Francisco Mime Troupe presented a musical, Mr. Smith goes to Obscuristan, which tells the story of an idealistic innocent who learns first hand what the current administration (i.e. the George W. Bush administration) means when it claims to support Democratic principles in the state and abroad in the post-9/11 setting. NBC's short-lived political drama Mr. Sterling (2003) has been described as Mr. Smith travels to Washington for the 21st century, with the show centered on an idealistic young senator from California, engaging with Washington and being appointed an intriguing, behind-the-scenes governor. 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