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I can't close without bequeathing my annual F. W. Murnau award--for the film or films that did the most to enhance my sense of film history--on the retrospective of Yasuzo Masumura's films that Facets Multimedia was brave and perceptive enough to program in early May. Before this event I'd seen only one of his films back in the 70s. I previewed five more and finally saw one more the last night of the series; practically every one of them blew my mind. It was like discovering Sam Fuller or Frank Tashlin for the first time, and it proved yet again that there are more important and interesting movies out there in the netherworld than we imagine.