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HOLLYWOOD — Francois Truffaut, French director, has cast eight major stars, including himself in the role of a film director, in his forthcoming film for Warner Bros., "La Nuit Americaine."

Jacqueline Bisset, Valentina Cortese and Jean Pierre Aumont will be joined by Dani, the French chanteuse, Canadian actress Alexandra Stewart, Jean Pierre Leaud and David Markham in the cast of his film comedy.

Truffaut will direct the picture, which will take a satirical look at the film industry. He also will portray Ferrand, a movie director. Jacqueline Bisset, Valentina Cortese and Jean Pierre Aumont have roles as stars in the film about a film being made.

Filming locations are scheduled in and around Nice. The principal background is the colorful Studios La Victorine itself, one of France's major lots, in a picturesque setting overlooking the Mediterranean.

"La Nuit Americaine" will be Truffaut's first film for Warner Bros. Truffaut has acted before, having played a major role in "The Wild Child."