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Director of F In Oscar Race Barred by U. S.

ROME, April 5 (AP) — The director of a movie nominated for an Oscar was refused a U. S. visa today to attend the Academy Awards presentation in Hollywood.

The U. S. consulate here confirmed it had barred Gillo Pontecorvo, director of the picture "Kapo" and younger brother of Bruno Pontecorvo, Italian-born atomic scientist who defected to Russia about 10 years ago.

The consulate declined to say why it denied the visa.