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Outstanding among the year's dramas, The Bad and the Beautiful was a Hollywood story with an authentic look, showing the rise and full of producer-director Kirk Douglas and the people he victimized: star Lana Turner, studio head Walter Pidgeon, writer Dick Powell and director Barry Sullivan. It picked up five Academy Awards: Gloria Grahame (best supporting actress), Charles Schnee (screenplay), Cedric Gibbons, Edward Carfagno, Edwin Willis, Keogh Gleason (art direction), Robert Surtees (photography) and Helen Rose (costume design). Director Vincente Minnelli and producer John Houseman had to be satisfied with press and public Oscars. Left to right: Turner, Kathleen Freeman, Leo G. Carroll, Pidgeon, Douglas; also cast were Gilbert Roland, Vanessa Brown, Paul Stewart, Sammy White, Elaine Stewart, Jonathan Cott, Ivan Triesault, Marietta Canty.

