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MAGNIFICENT DOLL

Directed by Frank Borzage. Written by Irving Stone. Produced by Jack H. Skirball and Bruce Manning. With: Ginger Rogers, David Niven. Burgess Meredith. 1946, b&w, 95 minutes. Print courtesy of Crystal Pictures.

Another of Irving Stone's looks at American political history, this time courtesy of an original screenplay. *The New York Times* described Ginger's Dolly as a "political pin-up girl" adored equally by husband James Madison (Meredith) and Aaron Burr (Niven). As portrayed here, her sexual wiles are enough to swing the 1800 Presidential election for Thomas Jefferson, and her political influence is such that she turns the public against Burr and his political ambitions in the later scenes. Could it be that James Buchanan never married because he knew that Irving Stone would someday write about it?—Michael Clark.