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"The Senator Was Indiscreet"



Starring

WILLIAM POWELL ELLA RAINES PETER LIND HAYES HANS CONREID

Directed by GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

Synopsis

A delightful political satire as Senator Ashton (Powell) embarks on a campaign to gain the Presidential nomination, aided by Gibson (Hayes), a political press agent. However, Gibson's girl friend Poppy (Raines), is an idealistic young newspaper reporter who seeks to explode Ashton's ambitions by ridiculing his outrageous campaigning in her paper. The President-bound Senator tours the country making ridiculous and contradictory campaign promises. The outraged party boss is helpless to stop him as Ashton has a diary which exposes his party's machinations. However, an attractive young lady steals the explosive diary from Ashton for her fiancé, who happens to be Ashton's opponent. Poppy and Gibson manage to retrieve the diary, but Gibson turns it over to Poppy for her exposé. As a result, Ashton is forced to leave the country. ***

RUNNING TIME: 76 MINUTES

RELEASE YEAR: 1948



MAKE ROOM IN THE SCREEN'S **HOWL** OF FAME!

Ladies and Gentlemen!
WE GIVE YOU A MAN!

A man's man!
A baby's man!
But most of all—
A lady's man!

A man whose love of the
truth is so great—
he can't bear to tell it
in public!

That servant of the people!

That glorious citizen!

That incredible character!

That son of the soil...
SENATOR ASHTON



TV FILM
RELEASE



WILLIAM POWELL

IN "The Senator Was Indiscreet"

WITH
ELLA RAINES
ARLEEN WHELAN • RAY COLLINS

PETER LIND HAYES
SCREENPLAY BY
CHARLES MacARTHUR

From the Story by Edwin Lanham • Associate Producer Gene Fowler Jr.

DIRECTED BY
GEORGE S. KAUFMAN



Cast

Senator AshtonWilliam Powell
Poppy McNaughtonElla Raines
Lew GibsonPeter Lind Hayes
Valerie ShepherdArleen Whelan
HoulihanRay Collins
FarrellAllen Jenkins
DintyCharles D. Brown
WaiterHans Conried
OakesWhit Bissell
Woman at Banquet..Norma Varden
"You Know Who" ..Milton Parsons
FrankFrancis Pierlot
HelenCynthia Corley

Credits

Screenplay by Charles MacArthur
From the Collier's story by
Edwin Lanham
Asso. ProducerGene Fowler, Jr.
Directed by George S. Kaufman
Dir. of Photography
William Mellor, A.S.C.
Art Direction
Bernard Herzbrun, Boris Leven

Synopsis

Senator Melvin Ashton (William Powell) thinks he's Presidential timber and embarks upon a campaign to gain the nomination. He is aided and abetted by Lew Gibson (Peter Lind Hayes), a political press agent.

The party boss, Houlihan (Ray Collins), is helpless to stop the Senator's Presidential aspirations when the latter explains he possesses a diary exposing party machinations.

Poppy McNaughton (Ella Raines), a young newspaper woman and Gibson's girl friend, seeks to explode Ashton's ambitions by ridiculing his campaign in her paper.

Meanwhile, the Senator, who publicly disclaims being a candidate, nevertheless tours the country on a platform which includes among numerous ridiculous promises a guarantee that every man, woman and child in the nation will enjoy a normal temperature. He comes out violently against both inflation and deflation and backs "flation." To labor he promises a two-day week with eight days pay; to capital he promises to keep labor working an eight-day week with two days pay. The President-bound Senator poses with babies; he's seen in the cab of a locomotive in engineer's garb, and does many other things generally associated satirically with Presidential aspirants.

Valerie Shepherd (Arleen Whelan), from out of town, meets the Senator and takes advantage of his naivete to steal the diary, acting for her fiancé, a legislator opposing Ashton.

Poppy and Lew recover the diary when Valerie attempts suddenly to leave the city, changing hysteria to joy among Ashton and his henchmen. But Lew, who cheated Poppy out of a scoop when he kept the Diary from her, finds he can't live with his conscience and steals back the valuable record book.

The resulting expose forces the Senator to quit the country.