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MOST PROMISING STARS OF 1956:

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Guest stars who appeared in "Around the World in 80 Days" will be assembled (sez Todd) as passengers of the rocket ship sequence. Shirley MacLaine will be the ship's stewardess.

.. David Niven, who sails aboard the Queen Elizabeth for England and "A Silken Affair," received these going away gifts: A first edition of "Around the World In 80 Days" from Mike Todd, and "The Sinking of the Titanic" from H. Bogart . . .

Indie Producers Loom Large in Oscar Race

Indie producers scored heavily in Academy nominations' lineup, with Hal Wallis and Harold Hecht each coming up with eight apiece, former for "The Rose Tattoo" (Paramount), latter for "Marty" (UA).

Samuel Goldwyn and Rodgers-Hammerstein tied with four, with "Guys and Dolls" and "Oklahoma," respectively, and Otto Preminger and Leland Hayward photofinished with three each, the former with "The Man With the Golden Arm" and latter with "Mister Roberts." Walt Disney also grabbed three, for "Men Against the Arctic" (documentary short), "Switzerland" (two-reel short) and "No Hunting" (cartoon).

Down to the sea, men: A lot of scribes are still rocky after their excursion on the Pacific with Mike Todd . . . Didja know that Baby Marie Osborne, former child star, is a wardrobe mistress on "80 Days"? . . . Cantinflas sez he expects to reap between \$300,000-600,000 for his work in the film . . . While sailing out to the location, David Niven told of this embarrassing moment: after Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier dined at the Nivens, the Prince asked to borrow a topcoat. Niven obliged, but turned a regal crimson when he noted the label in "his" coat: "Property of Paramount Pictures"