

# Paul Lukas Dies at 76; Academy Award Actor

TANGIER, Morocco (UPI)—Paul Lukas, Budapest-born actor who appeared as a leading man, suave foreign lover and villain in more than 50 movies and who won the Academy Award as best actor in 1943, died here yesterday. 1971 Aug. 16

U.S. officials said Lukas, 76, had been under treatment at the Italian hospital in Tangier after his arrival here last April.

Born in Budapest May 26, 1895, he was a romantic leading man in the European theater before coming to the United States in 1927. In 1918 he made his debut at the Budapest Comedy Theater and his first film, "Samson and Delilah," was made in Vienna in 1921.

He had the misfortune to arrive in Hollywood when talking pictures had come into vogue. At the time he spoke only a few words of English.

After a crash language course, he starred opposite Pola Negri in "Loves of an Actress." He won his Academy Award for his performance in "Watch on the Rhine."

Among his other credits were "Little Women," "Dodsworth,"



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"Espionage," "Confession of a Nazi Spy," "Deadline at Dawn" and "The Three Musketeers."

Lukas was married to Gizella Benes in 1927. The couple later separated. After her death in 1962, he married Anneke Driessens of the Netherlands. They were divorced in 1968.

U.S. officials here said Lukas had planned to settle in Morocco, a favorite vacation spot of the actor. They also said he had expressed a desire to be buried in Spain.

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Matthews, F. B. He calls her "Daisy." Photop 24-1:50

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