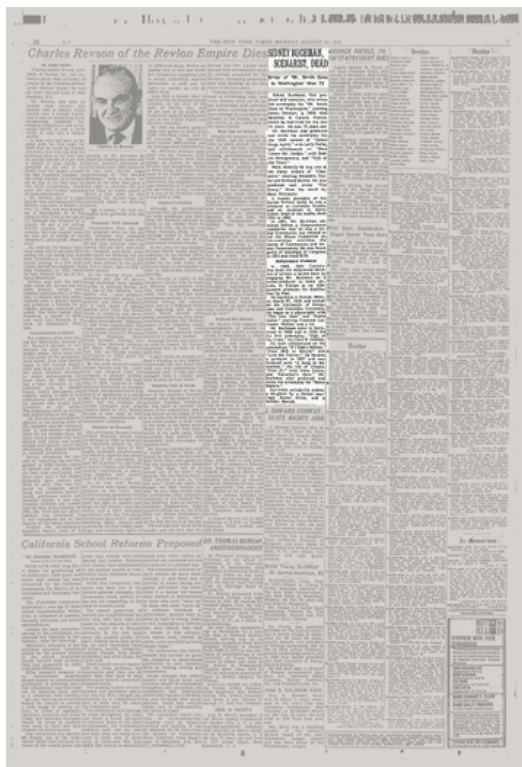


SIDNEY BUCHMAN, SCENARIST, DEAD

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Sidney Buchman, film producer and scenarist, who wrote the screenplay for “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” starring James Stewart, in 1939, died Saturday in Cannes, France, where he had lived for the last 10 years. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Buchman also produced and wrote the screenplay for the 1949 version of “Jolson Sings Again,” with Larry Parks, and collaborated on “Here Comes Mr. Jordan,” with Robert Montgomery, and “Talk of the Town.”

More recently he was one of the many writers of, “Cleopatra,” starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. He also produced and wrote “The Group,” from the novel by Mary McCarthy.

A former president of the Screen Writers Guild, he was a producer at Columbia Studios and an assistant to Harry Cohen, head of the studio, from 1942 to 1951.

In 1951, Mr. Buchman admitted before a Congressional committee that he was a former Communist, but refused to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities the names of Communists and former Communists. He was found guilty of contempt of Congress in 1953 and fined \$150.

Independent Producer

In 1960, 20th CenturyFox dealt the Hollywood blacklist of writers a severe blow by engaging Mr. Buchman as a writer-producer to make pictures in Europe as an independent producer for distribution by Fox.

He was born in Duluth, Minn., on March 27, 1902, and attended the University of Minnesota and Columbia University. He began as a playwright, with “This One Man” and “Storm Cellar,” starring Francine Larrimore. Neither was a hit.

Mr. Buchman went to Hollywood in 1930 and in 1932 did his first screenplay, “Sign of the Cross,” for Cecil B. DeMille.

He later collaborated on the screenplays “If I Had a Million,” “From Hell to Heaven” and “Love Me Forever.” He became a producer in 1937 and was involved with “A Song to Remember,” the life of Chopin; “Over 21,” with Irene Dunne, and “Saturday's Hero.” Mr. Buchman also produced and wrote the screenplay for “Boots Malone.”

Survivors include his widow; a daughter by a former marriage, Susan Silver, and a brother, Harold.