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**THE AMBASSADORS/
AL-NASIR AL-KTARI**

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Dir/Scr.: Naceur Ktari. With: Sid Ali Kouiret, Jacques Rispal, Tahar Kebaili, Marcel Cuvelier, Mohamed Hamam, Dominique Lacarriere. 1979, 102 mins. An impassioned attack on racial prejudice. Before they leave for Europe, Tunisian guest workers are exhorted to be ambassadors for their country. But in Paris they are greeted with suspicion and violence; they are cut off from the mainstream of city life and forced to live in an overcrowded Arab ghetto—which makes them an easy target for racist thugs. Abused, attacked, they become defiant, staging street demonstrations and silent protests. The film's polemics take second place to the humanitarian aspects; its characters are flesh and blood, not abstract symbols (Price A)

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