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And Quiet Rolls the Dawn

Ekdin Pratidin

INDIA 1979

Thu 13 Nov 2.30 8.30

Director: Mrinal Sen

Production Company: Mrinal Sen Productions

Screenplay: Mrinal Sen

Based on a story by: Amalendu Chakraborty

Photography (Eastman Colour): K. K. Mahajan

Editor: Gangadhar Naskar

Art Director: Suresh Chandra

Music: B. V. Karanth

British Distributor: Cinegate Film Distribution

Export Agent: Cactus Film Export, PO Box 258, CH 8037, Zurich

Leading Players: Gita Sen, Mamata Shankar, Satya Banerjee, Sreela Majumdar, Umanath Bhattacharya, Arun Mukerjee

Running Time: 92 mins

Festivals: Bangalore, Cannes, New York

'Sen has seemed recently to go from peak to peak, and his new picture, *And Quiet Rolls the Dawn*, is perhaps his best and most subtle to date. The action centres on a night in the crumbling Calcutta apartment where a lower middle-class family struggle to maintain appearances. The eldest daughter and breadwinner fails to arrive home from work at her usual hour . . . The night drags on; the tension exposes rifts and resentments ordinarily concealed in the course of everyday life. Eventually, the crisis is over: but the shock has jolted the family out of their complacencies about their lives together. Sen's films are characteristically mordant, critical, acutely sensitive to nuances of social and human relationships. In this new film he reveals, too, an expressionist strength in his images, aided by the fine colour camerawork of K. K. Mahajan.'—David Robinson, *The Times*.

Short: *Practice Piece in Four Movements* (GB 1980/Dir Revel Fox). A playful exercise in cinemacrobatism. 8 mins.