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#### "ALL THE BRILLIANT QUALITIES

OF THE SOVIET SCREEN AT ITS BEST,"
Says Andre Sennwald in the NEW YORK TIMES,
about Lenfilm's Flaming Film Achievement.

# The YOUTH OF MAXIM

MUSIC BY D. SHOSTAKOVITCH

"Stirring, vivid . . . terrific drama . . . a very notable contribution to the cinema."—Howard Barnes, N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE.

"... has the power and greatness of simplicity ... As Maxim, Boris Chirkov in nothing short of superb."—Wm. Boehnel, WORLD-TELEGRAM.

"One of U.S.S.R.'s Best." \* \* "-DAILY NEWS.

"Decidedly interesting, extremely effective . . .
"—Irene Thirer, N. Y. POST.

"... nothing yet in our literature has approached this achievement. It is unforgettable."—DAILY WORKER.

"... technically it is more interesting than any film seen in New York this season . . . . a beautiful and memorable picture."

—THE NATION.

### The Story

THE YOUTH OF MAXIM shared first prize in the recent Soviet Cinema Festival in Moscow. It is the first authentic cinema treatment of the dark period in Czarist Russia after 1905, and forms the first part of a trilogy which will continue in the next film, dealing with the years 1912-1914 and the rise of the movement that led to the overthrow of the Czar after the outbreak of the World War. The last film of the trilogy will bring the hero down to our own times. It should be borne in mind that everything shown in the picture had its counterpart in the actual historic facts.

Maxim is a simple young fellow who has absolutely nothing to do with any revolutionary movement. Out of mere pity, he and his friends, Dyoma and Andrei, save from pursuit a young revolutionist, Natasha, who has slipped into the factory in which they are employed, in order to distribute illegal circulars attacking the Czar. Andrei is caught in a machine and later dies of his injuries. Dyoma takes to drink to drown his grief. Another young worker dies in the same manner as Andrei, owing to the neglect and heartless indifference of the factory administrators. The workers hold a demonstration to protest against these cruel conditions. Maxim delivers a speech expressing his indignation. Mounted forces charge the workers. Dyoma, very drunk, finds himself in the midst of the confusion and kills a policeman who attacks him. Dyoma is executed. The prisoners spontaneously join in singing revolutionary songs against the Czar, in spite of all the attempts of the jailers to stop them.

Maxim, too, has been arrested, and thrown into the same cell as Polivanov, a revolutionary leader who begins Maxim's political education and makes him an ardent fighter in the movement to overthrow the Czar. As he leaves the prison, Maxim sees Natasha but is amazed and hurt when she pretends not to know him. Later, she rejoins him and explains that it was merely in order to evade suspicion.

Next we see Maxim lounging idly beside a river and singing as he plays a guitar. This seemingly innocent young man is in reality acting as lookout for a secret meeting of revolutionists in the woods. In spite of every precaution, however, the police raid the meeting. Polivanov is wounded. Maxim escapes in order to send out a circular to the workers. In this message he takes it upon himself to demy that the revolutionary leaders have been arrested, and pledges them to renewed activity.

Polivanov approves of this circular, and Maxim is entrusted with a missing in another city. With his few belongings slung over his back, he sets out. Thus ends the youth of Maxim.

### =PUBLICITY=

### Realism Is Keynote of the Soviet Films

was written by Gregory Kozintev and they imagined them. But what is Leonid Trauberg, directors of "The Youth important is the typical resemblance,

The Russians, under their present form of government, have been in the world movie market for 15 years.)

Probably the most fortunate fact in our creative career is the circumstance that we have completed a film for the 15th anniversary of the Soviet cinema. The best way of celebrating the jubilee is, for us, to enter joyfully into direct relation with the spectator. But we are especially happy because our film, "The Youth of Maxim," is not merely just another picture of ours, whether good or bad. "The Youth of Maxim," with the other films produced in 1934, is an affirmation of that admirable realistic style towards which the Soviet cinema, as well as all Soviet art, has been tending for the past 15

What is it which in our opinion ! makes "The Youth of Maxim" worthy of a place with the other productions of 1934-with our best realistie films?

and varied. But the fact that a wide work. latitude is permitted in selecting a subject (if only it be a Soviet theme), should not lead us to forget for a single moment that what is most important in our art, and always will be, is the film with generalized images of our country.

We are happy that we have shown in our film in spite of much worry and anguish the images which have for so long moved us, the images of the Bolshevik past.

In our opinion, the chief task of the biography of our hero. the realistic cinema is to move the spectator by showing him these generalized images of our time. And failed to have any later continuation. the fact that during the projection We have projected a series of films of our film, the audience, and especi- in "episodes" as a matter of principle, ally the young people, follow with and we intend to carry out our plan. emotion the adventures of our hero and accompany certain episodes of menced, together with the writer, the film with laughs, whispers and ap- L. Slavin, and our "collective," to plause, proves that the image of work on the film dealing with the rise Maxim, the young Bolshevik prole- of the revolutionary movement, the tarian, is near and dear to them.

In the second place, there can- break of the war. not be any realistic art that is based | Workers, engineers, writers, are exclusively on the talent and genius undertaking and accomplishing very of the artist. It is not the "cavalry difficult tasks. On this 15th annicharge" nor the immediater "general" versary of the Soviet cinema, we and impression which should prevail, but our "collective" would like to promise the difficult work of research on the for next year a second instalment of material. There will always be those our film on one of the simple, miliwho, rightly or not, will consider a tant, illegal Bolsheviks.

(Editor's note: The following article on incidental details are not shown as the ideals of the Soviet film industry they imagined them. But what is they imagined them. But what is the essential resemblance. However, one should also know, feel and love the details of life, for they are the things which in general compose the

For three years we pored over books and documents. We spoke to hundreds of persons. We held "conferences" at every hour of the day and night. And yet we have made not a few mistakes. That means we

must work even better in the future. But we cannot conceive any important work without serious preliminary studies and profound knowl-

In conclusion, we wished once more without losing our identity, to survey our stylistic and creative positions. But that is a very broad and controversial subject, although for us it has almost lost that character. Meanwhile, one thing is evident; anyone who knows the history of the various styles, and the victories and defeats of the Soviet cinema can see in "The Youth of Maxim" how we have dropped the The subjects of our films are vast ballast which leaded down our earlier

> THE merit of that early work, it I seems to us, consists in its extremely polemical character. But if in the past we have defended this polemical character against extreme attacks, solely because they were attacks upon our films, from this time on we shall fight for the creative orientation of our films, and not because they are ours.

We cannot give up the task we have assigned ourselves; to continue

There have been in the Soviet cinema many "initial" series which

That is why we have already com-Duma, the "Pravda" and the out-

#### "Youth of Maxim" at Grand Theater

Declared to be the apex of that realistic pictorial style toward which the soviet film has tended for the

years, "The Youth of Maxim" is now showing at the Grand International Theater. The action of

the film deals with the means used by the Social - Democrats in 1905 in propagating their campaign against terrorism. The trage-

dies which befell many of their leaders, the sacrifices made by their members, and the zeal with which the group fought for its beliefs and aims, are treated in the action of the picture.

Boris Chirkov is the star of the

# AT FINE ARTS

#### "Youth of Maxim" Deals With 1905 Period

The latest film to come out of Russia is "The Youth of Maxim," the new screening at the Fine Arts Theatre, and winner of the first prize in the recent Soviet Cinema Festival

The first authentic pictorial record of the period of unrest under the Czar, about 1905, the film is highlighted by striking character types, effective photography and mass scenes. The dialogue and songs are in Russian, but English titles explain the story. There is plenty of drama with a human interest story running through the historical incidents.

Gregory Kozintzev and Leonid Trauberg are the directors of the film which is the first in a trilogy dealing with the overthrowing of the Czar after the outbreak of the World war.

#### TREATS OF RUSSIA

"The Youth of Maxim," a new Soviet film coming to the Cameo on wednesday, is the first authentic cinema treatment of the dark period in Russia between 1905 and the successful revolution of 1917. The growth of the elements of revolt against the forces of oppression and the conditions out of which they arose are depicted in the figure of Maxim, who is not an invention, but a composite portrait of millions who lived, worked and struggled in those difficult days. The picture shared first prize in the recent Soviet Cinema Festival in:

### all these stones are actual clippings from newspapers

#### SONOTONE TO SHOW NEW SOVIET MOVIE

sia's outstanding composer, and screen. mass choruses of mixed voices singing the "Varshavianka" and lilting try will be heard throughout "The the studios of U. S. S. R. and which ly at Moscow. opens at the Sonotone theater, Headed by Boris Chirkov, who

cidents during the abortive revolu- sidered Russia's most beautiful acttion of 1907 and on events imme- ress, who plays the role of Natasha.

diately thereafter, "The Youth of A musical score especially writ- Maxim" has been declared by critics ten for the production by Dimitri to be one of the most startling au-Shastakovitch, present day Rus- thentic documents yet to reach the

Produced by Lenifilm under the personal supervision of Gregory folk ballads of the Russian peasan- Kozintzev and Leonid Trquberg, the picture shared first honors with the Youth of Maxim" the latest kinema epochal "Chapayev" at the fifteenth spectacle to reach this country from anniversary film jubilee held recent-

Michigan at Van Buren, starting plays the title role, others in the cast include Stepan Kayukov, M. Based on a series of historical in- Tarkhanov and V. Kibardina, con-

#### Slav Players Given Titles

In "The Youth of Maxim," screening at the Grand International, for their outstanding acting, Boris Chirkov, as Maxim, the boy, received the honor of being made an honorary artist of the U. S. A. R., while "the gentle revolutionist," Polivanov, portrayed by M. Tarkhanov. was made the "people's artist of the republic."

#### Role Is Tragic For Comedian

In "The Youth of Maxim," screening at the Grand International theater, occurs one of the rare cinema instances in which the comedian, lovable, ingratiating, shares a tragic fate. Portrayed poin anathy by Stephan Kayukov, the roustabout Dyoma, unwittingly in his cups offends the government of the czar.

#### Lenin's Activity in 1905 Shown in Film

Russia's latest screen epic to reach tories into workers' fortresses. this country, is scheduled for an early downtown run in Chicago. zintzev and Leonid Trauberg, after "The Youth of Maxim" is a story exhaustive research covering a pebased upon the abortive revolution riod of more than three years, "The of 1905 and its disastrous aftermath Youth of Maxim" is declared to when czarist autocracy appeared to have an historical background aube so unshakably enthroned in its thentic in every detail. seat of power.

Wowen about the lives of three young men, one in particular, a youth named Maxim, the picture gives a flash-back into the activities of Lenin and the factory workers during the decade from 1907 to 1917

#### Picture Entails Years of Research

Historical books and documents are thrillers in the processes of movie creation. Directors Gregory Kozintev and Leonid Trauberg kept themselves keyed up for three years over the research for authenticity in "The Youth of Maxim," now in its second week at the Grand International Theater.

"The Youth of Maxim," Soviet that turned these government fac-

Produced by Lenifilm under the personal direction of Gregory Ko-

#### YOUTH OF MAXIM' IS HISTORICAL FILM

A musical score especially written for the production by Dmitri Shostakovitch, present-day Russia's outstanding composer, and folk ballads of the Russian peasantry will be heard throughout "The Youth of Maxim," which is being shown at Sonotone Theater.

It is based on a series of historical incidents during the abortive revolution of 1905 and subsequent events immediately thereafter.

Headed by Boris Chirkov, who plays the title role, others in the cast include Stepan Kayukov, M. Tarkhanov and V. Kibardina, considered Russia's most beautiful actress, who plays the role of Natasha.

# THE PRESS GREETS A NEW SCREEN EPIC THE YOUTH OF MAXIM

Produced by Lenfilm, Leningrad, U.S.S.R. Directed by Gregory Kozintzev and Leonid Trauberg (Both of the celebrated "Order of Lenin")

MAXIM . . . BORIS CHIRKOV (Honorary Artist of the Republic) Dyoma . . STEPAN KAYUKOV

Natasha .... V. KIBARDINA Polivanov . . . M. TARKHANOV (People's Artist of the Republic)

Released by Amkino Corp.

CHICAGO, ILL

TRIBUNE

One of Best

By Mae Tinée,

Maxim is a young man who works

in a steel mill during the upsetting

days following the revolution. A geniul.

and carefree young fellow he is, who,

usually in the company of two good

One of these friends is fatally in-

jured through the fault of an unin-

spected machine. Maxim, trying to

get help for his comrade before he

dies, is met with refusal by the owner

He becomes leader in a workers'

strike—after having made the acquaint-

ance of a clever and warmly human

Natasha, who is a secret agent of

Follow scenes of brutality . . . jail

for Maxim and Polivanov, head of the

rebels. . . . Maxim's other friend is

executed. . . . And, so on, to a finale

which shows Maxim as one of the

This is one of the best pictures from

the soviet propaganda headquarters.

It was issued by the Soviet Cinema,

versary with a series of "jubilee

which is celebrating its fifteenth anni-

films." While propaganda, this movie

possesses color, satire, some good folk

music and some excellent acting.

Borls Chirkov-ne played the peasant

in "Chapayev"—remember?—has a

"different" and arresting personality.

Dialog is entirely in Russian, but

superimposed English titles make the

dese understandable to all.

leaders of the revolutionary body.

the workers party. . . .

friends, enjoys life to the full.

Good Morning!

Film 'Maxim'



A seething epic of Revolution and Czarist terrorism in the bitter days of 1907. A film as daring as it is overpowering! Shot through with fire and energy, it is at once an historical document and a brilliant cinema achievement.

World Telegram

3 Films Stand Out in Season's Program

"Les Miserables' ("The Youth of Maxim" and "Black Fury" Favored by Critic.

AMONG the several very different films which recently arrived on Broadway, three stand head and shoulders above all the rest and are well worth considering here and

now. These are "Les Miserables," at the Rivoli; "The Youth Of Maxim," at the Cameo, and "Black Fury." Since this column has already expressed itself enthusiastically a second time about "Les Miserables," it might be advisable to the screen's superior items and that at simply must be seen, and "Black the question of "The Youth of Maxim" and "Black

e story of the gradual awakening to class-conousness of a young Russian worker in the days following the Revolution of 1905, "The Youth of Maxim" is a stirring, vivid, brilliantly acted and produced film, worthy to take its place among the Rus-

sian cinema masterpieces Terrific in Its Drama. IT may not, as the discerning William Troy, of "The Nation," points out, possess, structurally, the vigorous simplicity of "Chapayev," or have its superb, tragic climax, but few films have been as inspiring, as gripping or as terrific in their drama as this offering which shared first honors with "Chapayev" at the recent cinema festival in Moscow.

One of the many complaints lodged against "Bla He brings a lot to the role of Maxim. The same may be said for V. Kibardina

William Boehnel. attempt to displease nobody it pleases neither the Left nor the Right, that its half-loaf truth—it poses the thesis that the cause

LOS ANGELES, CAL. POST-RECORD

An Exciting Fragment Comes Out of Russia

AT THE GRAND INTERNATIONAL. "The Youth of Maxim." Produced by Lenfilm at Leningrad, U. S. S. R., with scenario and direction by Grigory Kozintsey
Chirkov, Stephan Tranberg, V. Kibardina and M. Tarkhanov.

The cast: Boris By VIRGINIA WRIGHT

From the swift opening shots of revelry on a New Year's Eve in Czarist Russia it was evident that "The Youth of Maxim" was beautiful and thrilling stuff for the movies. This Soviet film, which opened Saturday at the Grand International theater, shared first prize with "Chapayev" and "Peasants" at Moscow's Cinema Festival held last month to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of Soviet cinema.

With great simplicity and clarity the story is told of a gay and clarcarefree young, worker who finds trast to the elaborate opening, shows Maxim setting off across a himself drawn into the Social shows Maxim setting off across a Democratic party by a series of wide expanse of open country to tragic circumstances. One of his take up his work in another city. friends, Andrei, is killed in a fac- Producers of "The Youth of friends, Andrei, is killed in a factory accident and in subsequent
disturbances another friend, Dyoma, kills a policeman. Maxim

Course to the usual pounding propaganda it's propagands of course Oma, Rills a policeman. Maxim
Dyoma and Revolutionist Polivaniv are rushed off to prison and
Dut the sort that considers its

By the time of his release, Max- exaggerated emphasis. im is ready to join Polivanov and Boris Chirkov, the young Maxim subject too well known to demand his girl lieutenant, Natasha, in gives an excellent performance their secret meetings to carry on which, with Moskvin's photograthe work of the party. Toward the phy and musical score by Shostaend of the picture Maxim has be- kovich, succeeds in producing a come a full-fledged Bolshevik, re- moving study of the Revolution in sponsible enough to assume the its early years. place of Polivanov when he is This is the first of a series of

FOREIGN

THIS CLIPPING FROM three pictures to deal with Max-

VANITY FAIR SOVIET PRIZE-WINNER.—The latest Soviet film to be released here in America is The Youth of Maxim, which shared first prize with Chapayev in the Moscow Cinema Festival last winter. The first of a trilogy, It shows the early steps in the transition of a typical Russian factory laborer, from a rather dull-witted, irresponsible boy into an alert and conscientious social revolutionary. The photography is, as always in

these Soviet films, a magnificent study in realism; and the acting is characterized by English titles; produced by Lenfilm; directed by Gregory Kozintzev and Leonid Trauberg, with Boris Chirkob, Stepan Kayuthat really terrible sincerity—and I mean kov, et al.; distributed by Amkino. At the Cameo Theater. errible in the sense of awe-inspiring Impressive and technically outstanding which cannot help but be impressive. The historical drama dealing with czarist terfilm has a unity of form and emotion which rorism and revolutionary boiling in the which cannot help and emotion with cannot need and emotion with carried termination with carried termination and unity of form and emotion with carried termination and and revolutionary boiling in the film has a unity of form and emotion with carried termination and has a unity of form and emotion with carried termination and revolutionary boiling in the film has a unity of the rather helter-skelter prize winners and has particular meritages of the other recent Soviet realistic performances particular meritages. film has a unity of total the rather helter-skelter days of 1907. Picture is one of the Soviet realistic performances, photography and effect of some of the other recent Soviet winners and has particular merits in the way of folk some musical touches in the Russia of the Russia of the Russia of the call touches in the Russia of the call touches the call touches in the Russia of the call touches the call to the cal Year's Eve celebration in the Russia of

other days.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. CITIZEN right.....

....Light By TOM BOGGS

A CINEMASTERWORK The Brightlights monthly moyie award (a handsome fur glove, the right hand mate to which should not be difficult to find) goes without reservation to the latest Russian saga, "The Youth of Maxim, now showing at the Cameo The atre. It's hard to single out anything for special comment, the whole film is such a sincere, solid spirited piece of work. In fact, there has been a merry and serene "Song of Happiness" and "Maxim" self assurance in Chapayev, the that hardly tallies with the horror tales Ma Hearst so faithfully tells his little readers. The Russian cinema has long been rice in ha man feeling and honest dealing with life, but this recent gayety, technical excellence and easy "poise" is impressive. The Russians (at least in their films) plainly feel they are living on Mt. Ararat and that the rest of the world is sink-

"Maxim" is the first film in a trilogy designed to show the rise and growth of the Russian proletariat state since the bloody revolution of 1905. Judging from this first canto, "Maxim" blds fair to be a Homeric work. It would be "YOUTH OF MAXIM", in Russian, with that for the riot scene alone-or for the scene of the factory hands gathered around the body of a fallen worker-completely silent in the satanic clangor of the mill. We never knew sirens could sould quite so forlorn.

DAILY B NEWS

# ONE OF U.S.S.R.'S BEST from Russia,



Boris Chirkov and V. Kibardina are featured in "The Youth of Maxim," the Cameo's new film offering.

By WANDA HALE. "The Youth of Maxim," a Lenfilm production, directed by Gregory Kozintev and Leonid Trauberg and presented at the Cameo Theatre.

Boris Chirkov Stephan Kayukov

The Soviet Cinema, currently celebrating its 15th anniversary with a series of "jubilee films," ceases to be a vehicle of propaganda and becomes a medium of highly acceptable entertainment in the new Lenfilm

\* \* \* Directed by Gregory Kozintev vorably with the moving panoramas of "Ten Days That Shook of their artistic ilk, and finally a story that is replete with humar and satire and many historical

facts of importance. Folk Music Feature.

Moreover, the photoplay is blessed with bright folk music. especially prepared by Dmitri Shostakovitch, who, according to program note, is quite the most important individual of all the individuals responsible for this pro-Dmitri, is guaranteed to make you

against Czarist oppression.

which lift this cinematic drama out of the "ho-hum" class into which the majority of U. S. S. R. and Leonid Trauberg, "The Youth "epics" seem, to me, to fall. They of Maxim" boasts some pretty are Boris Chirkov, an honorary realistic and sympathetic acting, artist of the Republic, who, playphotography which compares fa- ing the title part, exhibits a versatility which ranges as far as the World," "Potemkin" and others imitating a rooster; Stephan Kayukov, who early in the proceedings lays down his life for his principles of liberty and equality; V. Kibardina, a beauty built along ample lines, and with Boris offering the love interest of the goingson, and M. Tarkhanov, called "the people's artist of the Republic,"

which to some extent he really is Based on 1905 Events.

The action of the film deals with the characteristic subversive means used by the Social-Demcorats in duction's superior quality, "Var. 1905 in propagating their camshavianka," a folk song which ap- paign against terrorism. The pears to be attributed to Comrade tragedies which befall many of want to leave your seat and join their leaders, the fierce and awful the workers in their rebellion sacrifices made by their members, and the burning zeal with which Four players are primarily re- the puny and paupered group sponsible for the credibility of fought for their beliefs and aims-

portrayal and sincerity of feeling all are treated in the action with

# New York Hoxi

Irene Thirer Thinks

It treats of the Czarist regime in happy, light-hearted youths on the Russia, and especially of a group the brink of life, who are to know the brink of life, who are to know the brink of them. maltreated by vicious bosses and armed guards. The film's

technique and acting are dramatically Russian, with occa- moviemeter humor and a martially hummable musical score by Dmitri Shostako-

A symbolic prologue reveals the Maxim" decidedly interesting and uprising among the people, with intelligently handled. The prison Polivanov (M. Tarkhanov) as leader sequences and mob scenes are ex-

(Boris Chirkey synom you saw last want a sequel. Which is a good Kayukov) and Andrei (Ivan Taray).

terrible suffering and, two of them, Dyoma is hurt by one of the factory machines. Improper care in

his illness leads to his death. Andrei, in league with the growing army of strikers in pre-revolutionary days, is executed as a traitor to the Czar. But Maxim, after many narrow escapes, lives on to do great things for the workers of Russia. And as the film closes we see him going forth to battle—leaving newsy found romance behind, to fight for

in strike and reballion against a tremely effective. The picture is reign of terror. Polivanov is seen the first of a trilogy—successfully as the guiding spirit throughout the such. When the fadeout is reached, There are three friends—Maxim there should be more. You actually

# Herald Tribune

# ON THE SCREEN

having been killed or Jailed. Neither

waving red banners nor an idyll of

revolutionary industrial progress is

thought necessary to emphasize the

world-shaking portent of Maxim's at-

Technically the film is a vast iv

mentary sound effects with telling

effect. The sequences in a factory,

when an abortive uprising of workers

thrusts Maxim into the hands of the

Cossacks and inexorably into the rev-

ayev." It is a matter of consummate

technique that he has been able to

tainment of manhood.

By Howard Barnes "The Youth of Maxim"\_

"THE YOUTH OF MAXIM." a screen to drama produced by Lenfilm. Leningrad, direted by Gregory Kozintzev and Leonid Cameo Theater with the following cast; (Honorary artist of the Republic) motion pictures. D. Shostakovitch ... has arranged a musical accompani-..... Stepan Kayukov ment, including such brooding melodies as "Varshavianka," and supple-

Polivanov

(People's artist of the Republic) The Cameo Theater is extremely fortunate in having "The Youth of Maxim" to exhibit so closely after "Chapayev." Although the action of the new Soviet motion picture transolutionary movement, are models in pires a decade earlier, it is distinctly the utilization of ordinary sounds to a companion piece to the epic of the Red commander. It is no accident as that it shared first prize with "Chap-series and the Cinema Festival at Mosheighten the emotional tensity of a dramatic situation. The photography as we have grown to expect with
Soviet screen works, is superb.

In the hands of Gregory Rozintzev cow this year. A stirring, vivid and and Leonid Trauberg, the company performs with faultless execution ment in 1907, it ranks high in the The title role is played by Boris Chirkov, who was the peasant in "Chap-

splendid procession of Soviet photo-The brilliant Russian director, Pudovkin, has described the work as modulate his characterization from the uncouth, rather dull-witted factory worker of the early sequences to the case history of a social revoluthe sharply alert revolutionary of the Monary in a land of violent oppresconclusion without letting the porand uncompromising reaction, it trait suffer in validity at any point. He dominates the climaxes of the

deals with the defiant stirrings of an taunts a Cossack officer by telling emergent democracy, shifting back him that his own drunken father and forth with felicity from the could do a better job of beating him up is one not easily to be forgotten.

With such fine supporting plants and forth with felicity from the mass discontent and travail to the individual struggle for a seemingly with such fine supporting players as V. Kibardina as Natasha, Maxim's sweetheart. M. Tarkhanov in the part sweetheart. M. Tarkhanov in the part of the veteran revolutionary, Policiourse, never witness it, it would unquestionably give him many sleepless him before a firing squad, there is

questionably give him many sleepless him before a firing squad, there is ights.

From an ideological standpoint, considerable change in the attitude and point of view of the Soviet standpoint attempting to hury a command attempting to hury attempting to hury atte and point of view of the Soviet ers. attempting to bury a comrade and point of view of the Soviet cinema supervisors. Where, in "Poteman supervisors of "Mother," which roughly townspeople, gripped by their somber culmination of the successful their progress through the streets by its implicit. The work ends in a series of the police and reflecting series in a series of the police and reflecting to their somber series in a series of the police and reflecting series of the police and reflecting to their somber series in a series of the police and reflecting to their somber series in a series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to their somber series of the police and reflecting to the serene anti-climax, with Maxim Young of Maxim." but it is framed trudging off to undertake important in terms of terrine drama in a very work for his party, most of its leaders notable contribution to the cinema.

The New York Times

#### THE SCREEN

The Cameo Presents 'The Youth of Maxim,' a Fine Russian Film-

Trauberg; music by Dmitri Shostakovitch; produced by Lenfilm; released by Amki-At the Cameo.

By ANDRE SENNWALD.

The realistic style of Russian cine-

matography finds a striking and powerful expression in "The Youth of Maxim," the new Muscovite screen drama at the Cameo Theatre. Together with "Chapayev" and the as yet unreleased "Peasand" this document of revolutionary stirrings in Czarist Russia won first prize for the Leningrad Studios at the recent festival in Moscow which celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the Soviet cinema. In its original form "The Youth of

complete comfort. For its presentation at the Cameo the management has wisely cut the film so as to give it a greater speed and directness. Thus that deliberate and tedious narrative style which is the chief defect of Russian films according to American standards has been improved, enabling us to savor all the brilliant qualities of the Russian screen at its hest. "The Youth of Maxim" is the

first part of a trilogy which will form a documentary history of the development of a typical Russian youth through the years of oppression and the rise of the modern proletarian State down to our, own times. It begins by immersing the that period and abandons him at the doctrines of the underground splendid bit of acting.

Social Democrat movement. During Sected by Gregory Kozintzev and Leonid Maxim's progress from peasant ignorance to social consciousness, one of his friends is killed in a factory accident which results from the superintendent's callous refusal to inspect the machinery. The second member of the happy trio, arrested with Maxim in a street brawl which occurs when the angry workers defy the police, dies before a firing squad. Maxim himself emerges from prison with that utter hopelessness which Dosteievsky describes in his "House of the Dead." Peopled with authentic characters and dramatized with that superb sense of humanity which identifies the Muscovite cinema, the photoplay achieves an almost terrifying reality. The street riot is developed

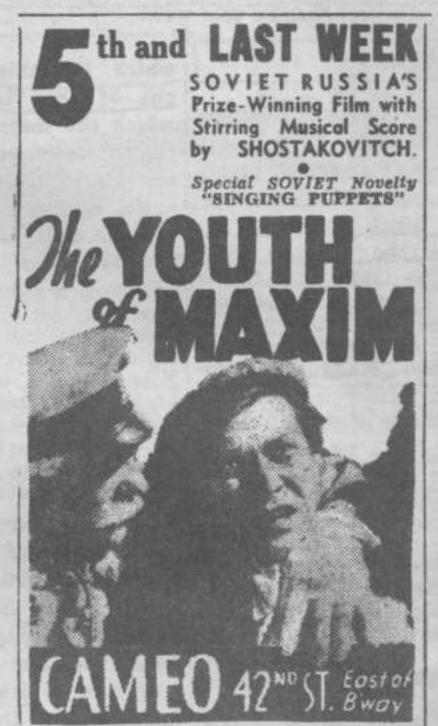
with a deliberate air which makes for both suspense and excitement and brings the spectator finally into active emotional participation in Maxim" impressed this alien re- the battle between the troops and porter as somewhat too diffuse for the unarmed laborers. There is a similar mastery of mass movement in the raid of the secret police upon the party meeting in the forest near the end of the film. The rich humor of the Russians is in evidence throughout, rising naturally out of the remarkable sense for it dividual characterization which one of the film's distinguishing

The performances are flawless not only in the principal parts but among the anonymous workers who win only a casual glance from the camera. Boris Chirkov, who plays the title rôle, you may recall for his acting in "Chapayev." Stepan Kayukov is completely winning as the good-natured peasant who stumbles carefree Maxim-in the insufferable bewilderedly to his execution withtwuths of the worker's condition at out understanding how or why. There should be a word, too, for the the point where he is imbued with pig-eyed overseer of the factory, a

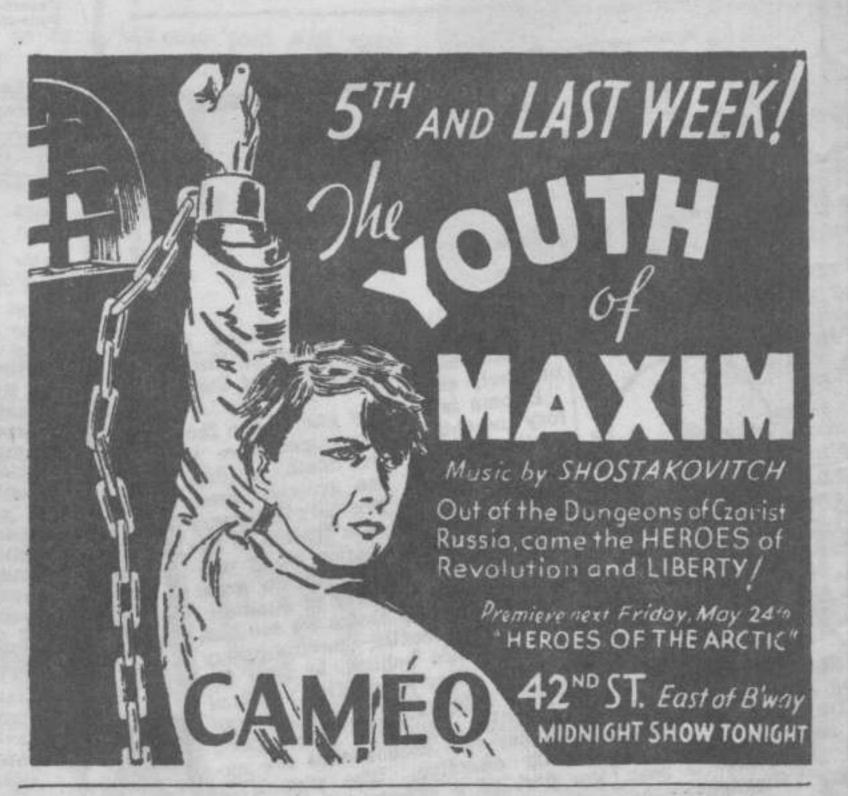
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