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German-Speaking Garbo In Talkie 'Anna Christie' To Air On ZDF TV Web

Mainz, Sept. 10.

How many people know Garbo speaks German and filmed in that language?

Greta Garbo marks her 80th birthday Wednesday (18), and Germany's second tv network (ZDF) is doing a special tribute three days later.

Garbo's first talking picture, "Anna Christie," will be shown. It

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Garbo In German

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is significant here because this is the only time in any film that Garbo herself speaks German.

This probably forgotten bit of film lore occurred because Garbo, who was well known as a silent screen actress, feared her Swedish accent would hurt her chances with the talkies, and MGM allowed her to make both an English and a German version of "Anna Christie."

Garbo, speaking German, is of such special interest here that not only is the Second Net carrying the production, but it is also relaying the film to Austrian and Swiss tv.

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