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CAPRICIOUS SUMMER [Rozmarné léto]

At a second-rate turn of the century resort, pool manager Rudolf Hrušínský, priest František Řehák, and ex-major Vlastimil Brodský spend the sleepy summer days swimming, drinking, eating, and pontificating on Life in orotund language--until an serialist/magician [director Menzel, who learned tightrope walking for the film] and his beautiful "assistant" come to town, and each in turn gets humiliatingly convinced that it's too late for adventure. "Extremely fine! a film of subtle acting quality, as blithe as an outdoor color film by Renoir"--Archer Winsten, NY POST.

Directed by Jiří Menzel. Written by Václav Nývlt and Menzel, from the novel by Vladislav Vančura. With: Hrušínský, Mila Myslíková, Brodský, Řehák, Jana Drchalová. 1967, color, 74 mins.