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AUSTERIA Poland

Director: Jerzy Kawalerowicz Producer: FilmPolski—Kadr Unit. Screenplay: Tadeusz Konwicki, J. Kawalerowicz, Julian Strykowski. Cinematography: Zygmunt Samosiuk. Cast: Franciszek Pieczka, Wojciech Pszoniak. Export Agent: Film Polski, 6-8 Mazowiecka, Warsaw. 110 min.

This film tells of one night in the lives of a group of Jews fleeing from the cossacks during World War I. It shows the interplay between the various members of the group and the innkeeper's family during that night. The director says, "Austeria does not merely recapture the history of the Jewish community with its vivid folklore, customs and culture, with the Hassidic Jews' beliefs, with its unique Jewish humour, but it is first of all a portrayal of a world of the not-too-distant past, a missing world which we today can only glimpse as reflected light." U.S. premiere.

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