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THE CAST

Michele Riviere	Yves Montand
Manuella	Maria Felix
Severin	Jean Servais
Wolf	Curt Jurgens
Nina	Elizabeth Manet
Villeterre	Gerard Oury
Hermann	Gert Froebe
Pepe	Manolo Montez
Olson	Jean Werner
Sidney	Gordon Heath

THE CREDITS

Director	Yves Ciampi
Scenario Yves	Ciampi and J. L. Bost
Story	Christine Garnier
Director of Photography	
Settings	
Music	
Running time:	92 minutes

(French language version with sub-titles also available-Running time: 96 minutes)

SYNOPSIS

Free City is the capital of a young republic in South Africa. Into this remote area where progress and native life intermingle comes a displaced ex Free French Air Force hero Michele Riviere (Yves Montand) now working as a cargo pilot for a diamond syndicate.

He seeks to dispose of a hoard of diamonds which came into his possession when the plane he was flying crashed in the jungle. If he can sell the diamonds it will enable him to return to France.

The European receiver he calls upon has just been expelled from the country by the native authority, and Riviere checks in at the Foreigner's Hotel, where the manager Francois Severin (Jean Servais) is a European renegade lawyer who has become a human wreck through drink despite the efforts of his ex-mistress Manuella (Maria Felix) to save him.

Manuella has done away with all European restraints and is for the time being the mistress of a young native with political ambitions; but she also falls in love immediately with the healthy, vigorous Riviere, and attempts to help him sell the diamonds. In this she is thwarted by an ex-Luftwaffe employee of the syndicate, Wolf Gerke (Curt Jurgens), who has been instructed to bring back the diamonds by any means.

Gerke sets a psychological trap for his enemyhe knows that the time will come when Riviere will want to return the diamonds and content himself with a small commission.

But when Riviere finally accepts his proposal during the Christmas festival, the former enemies reconcile, and decide to keep the diamonds for themselves, to form their own air transportation company.

They have not reckoned with Severin's jealousy. In his efforts to win back Manuella he appropriates the diamonds. The thrilling climax takes place in a swamp scene when Riviere, Gerke and Manuella hunt the crazed hotel keeper, driving him to his death. Manuella is herself killed in the ensuing fight.



Man of the Moment-Curt Jurgens Stars in "HEROES AND SINNERS"

Screen favorite Curt Jurgens, the handsome continental star to be seen in the new French film "Heroes and Sinners" coming to the theatre , was born in 1912 in Munich. He studied acting in Berlin and before the war acted in half a dozen German films, mainly comedy roles. In 1940 he created a new, stronger personality for himself at the

Burgtheater in Vienna.

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Europe, he has worked Austria-Hungary. under the greatest of the And yet his business European directors. His dealings and arrangements acting awards included the are completely modern: he "Victory" of the French flies his own plane to and Film Academy; which from one or another of his named him best actor of the homes each weekend,

Since the war Jurgens year, and a similar prize at ways returning promptly has acted in a dozen Ger- the Venice Film Festival. on Monday morning to reman films of which the best Curt Jurgens maintains sume work on his current known is "The Devil's Gen- several homes and hunting film. German actors, he was Europe, all furnished in the romance with Eva Bartok Century. His Austrian was front page news. lodge is furnished from a With many roles in the similar one owned by the most famous theatres in Emperor Franz Josef of



A Star From Mexico—Maria Felix

Maria Felix, star of "Heroes and Sinners" now playing Theatre, was born Marie de los Angeles Felix Guerena in Sonora, Mexico. On^e of twelve children born to an Indian chief, she was mar^{ried} at 14, divorced at 17, and has been remarried three times.

Her career began one day played in hundreds of fl when she was about to step since. in motion pictures. She ted States. "Enamorado," and has poker with great skill.

PUBLICITY



A Star from Marseilles YVES MONTAND

Born in Marseilles in 1921, Yves Montand worked as a docker in the port and sang n local cafes. He was encouraged by Edith Piaf, the great French chanteuse. In he had his first film in "Etoile sans Lumand then in "Les Portes de la Nuit." But it was "Wages of Fear" that made him an actor of international repute. He prefers singing to acting. Is married to Simone Signoret.

A Star from Belgium JEAN SERVAIS

Born in 1912 in Brussels, Jean Servais studied law and then went to the "Conservatoire" to study acting. into a taxi. Fernando Pal- Today she is Mexico's Became a stage star in Belacios, Mexico's most fa- most popular, biggest-draw gium, then moved to Paris mous producer, tapped her star, and has additionally a where he quickly made a on the shoulder and asked tremendous personal fol- name in the theatre and in her if she would like to act lowing throughout the Uni- some 20 films. It was not until he was over 40 that subsequently made her de- One of filmdom's high- he got his first big film part but in "Penon de las Ani- est-paid performers, she re- in "Rififi," and received inmas," won international cently bought Gloria Swan- ternational acclaim. He has recognition some years son's famous jewel collec- one of the deepest and huslater for her portrayal in tion. She is reputed to play kiest voices among French actors.



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