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DEMENTIA 13

A FILMGROUP PRESENTATION. Released by AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL. Producer: ROGER CORMAN. Directed and Written by FRANCIS COPPOLA. Photography: CHARLES HANNAWALT. Music: RONALD STEIN. Art Direction: ALBERT LOCATELLI. Editor: STEWART O'BRIEN. Assoc. Producer: MARIANNE WOOD. Asst. Director: RICHARD DALTON. Filmed at Ardmore Studios, Ireland. 81 Mins.

Richard Haloran	WILLIAM CAMPBELL
Louise Haloran	LUANA ANDERS
Billy Haloran	BART PATTON
Kane	MARY MITCHEL
Justin Caleb	PATRICK MAGEE
Lady Haloran	ETHNE DUNN
John Haloran	PETER READ
Simon	KARL SCHANZER
Arthur	RON PERRY
Lilian	DERRY O'DONOVAN
Kathleen	BARBARA DOWLING

Synopsis

In Ireland at Castlehalora, John Haloran and his wife Louise are arguing over the will of John's mother, Lady Haloran, while rowing on a lake adjoining the castle. In the heat of the discussion John has a heart attack and dies. Louise, whose only concern is to see she is well provided for in the will, pushes her husband's body overboard, fearing his death will cut her off from all inheritances. The next morning Billy, the youngest Haloran son, meets Kane at the airport. She has come to marry Richard, Billy's older, brooding artist brother. Meanwhile the scheming Louise plots to completely unhinge the half-mad Lady Haloran but is brutally axed to death during her preparations. Everyone becomes suspect and the family doctor, Justin Caleb, narrows the field but not before another murder has been committed. During Richard and Kane's marriage ceremony, Caleb sets a trap and it is revealed that the killer is young Billy, who had, years before also done away with his little sister. He is swarmed over by the men and killed.

Critique

THE N.Y. TIMES. "Don't ask what *Dementia 13* means — or whatever happened to the first 12 dementias. One is enough... Under the stolid direction of Francis Coppola, who also wrote the script, the picture stresses gore rather than atmosphere, and all but buries a fairly workable plot. William Campbell and Luana Anders head the unlucky cast." *Howard Thompson (10/24/63).*

THE N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE. "*Dementia 13* is a gory little mystery shocker that horror-and-whodunit fans won't mind. It was filmed in Ireland at a huge foreboding castle with the whole scary bit thrown in — strange passageways, dark hallways, secret rooms, surrounding glades and marshes... One of the characters has a fantastic ax to grind, and zok; we mean that literally. You'll be happy to know that when that deadly thing comes crashing down, blood spurts and heads actually roll." *Robert Salmaggi (10/24/63).*