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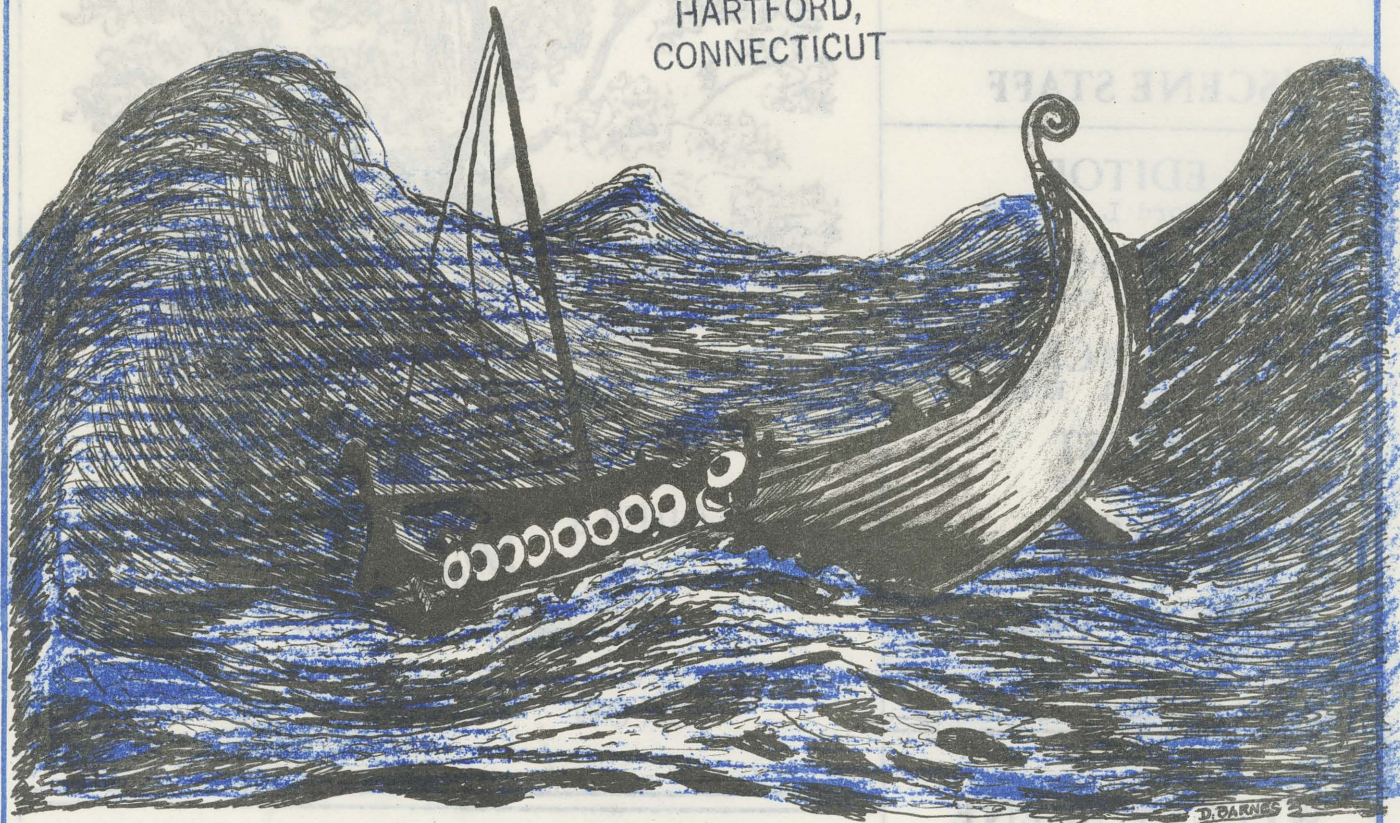
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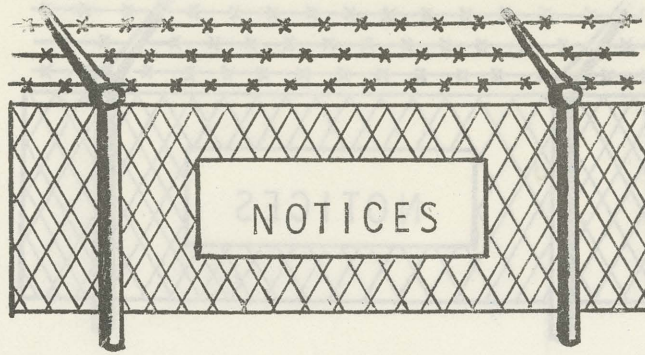
HERE !!!

This is a weekly publication printed by the inmates of the Connecticut Correctional Institution at Somers, Connecticut.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE



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RESTORATION OF MERITORIOUS GOOD TIME !!

Those men who are available for work, yet are not assigned because there are no assignments available, will be allowed to earn the subject time. We are to allow all inmates to earn Meritorious Good Time as long as they are ready and willing to participate in an assigned program.

It will be necessary to review all records of men presently incarcerated and restore MGT in all cases where it was not earned for the reason that an inmate was not assigned because programs were not available. The retroactive review will start with those men who are nearest their parole or discharge dates. Those men who have MGT restored and have a parole hearing date scheduled over the next few months may have their parole release date advanced if the Board of Parole and Parole Division can work out a suitable parole release program during the period involved.

Individuals will be eligible for MGT 30 days after their admission on a new sentence. Men returning as parole violators will be allowed to earn MGT from the date of their reincarceration.

MGT may not be earned as a result of disciplinary action, unsatisfactory work performance, refusal to accept any assignments offered, or persistent refusal to conform to institution regulations.

All inmates affected will receive written notification of sentence change, once this has been completed by the records office.

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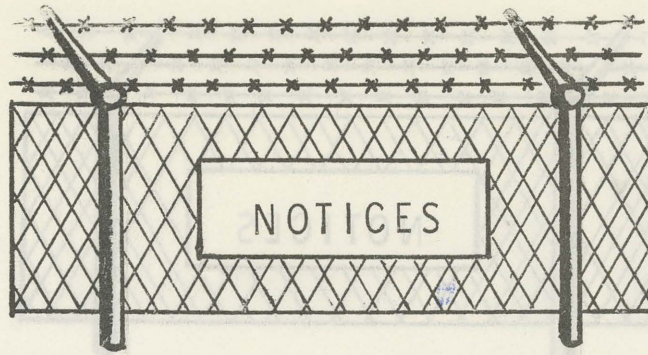
THE RESTORATION OF MGT IS THE RETURNING OF A PORTION OF MGT WHICH HAS BEEN LOST. AS A RESULT, THE DATES FOR PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND DISCHARGE MAY BE IN EXCESS OF THE DATES YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU ENTERED THE INSTITUTION.

ALL RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS, AND NOTICES SENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TIME RESTORED TO THEM. THE DATES RECEIVED WILL BE THE LATEST COMPUTATIONS FOR PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND DISCHARGE, IF YOU CONTINUE TO EARN ALL POSSIBLE GOOD TIME.

Robert F. Kowalczyk - Deputy Commissioner

Peter J. Seaha - Records Supervisor

EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT



FALL
SCHEDULE

The fall programs will begin in September in the school. All men will be given New Passes. All old passes are void.

COLLEGE

The courses for this fall will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. The courses for this fall are:

History 101 - - - Thursday 6-8:40

English III - - - Thursday 6-8:40

Social Science- - Tuesday 6-8:40

Accounting 101 -- Tues. & Thurs.
6-7:50

NOTE:

All college courses for the fall are filled. Registration for the Spring will be in December.

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Classes will begin on Monday, September 11th. They will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 5-8 p.m. Students are grouped according to ability and previous class experience.

Subjects covered are: Reading, English, General Mathematics, Algebra, General Science, U.S. History, Civics, Geography.

To attend class, please fill out attached form.

DRAFTING

Classes for men wanting to do Drafting, will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An extra class on Blueprint reading will be

given one or two nights a week for men interested.

TYPING

A class will start in September for men wishing to learn how to type or to improve existing skills. Classes will be Monday through Friday nights, during Recreation.

C. J. Jones
State School Principal

SPEED READING

Speed reading Classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Classes will be for men wishing to improve their Reading Comprehension and speed. If you are interested, send in the attached form to the school.

NAME _____ NO. _____
UNIT _____ ASSIGNED _____

I am interested in taking the following:

Speed Reading _____
High School _____
Drafting _____
Typing _____

Signed _____

All requests and forms should be in by:
September 6, 1972 ! ! ! !

HERE IN A PRISON ** HERE IN A PRISON

I am presently incarcerated here in prison behind these four walls.

If ever you and I should meet, don't be fooled by what you see!!

Don't be fooled by the face that I wear, for I wear a mask.

I wear a different mask for each of a thousand different people that I meet, and none of them are really me.

Here in a prison, I will give you the impression that coolness is my game.

I will make you believe that I am a mountain of strength; here in prison.

I want you to know just how important you are to me;

You keep me stand for thousands and thousands of years by being cool in the street and trying to make a dime, by committing a crime, if you stay on that line, you will make me happy until the end of time.

And so I play my little game of make believe and pretend that I'm your friend.

So let's talk some more while we walk down the hallway.

Talk about what? We can talk about the game you think you're playing on me.

Each time you think you're slicker than me, I'll go up side your head with my stick.

I know you dislike me sometime, I would really like to set you free, because I know you will come back to me; talking the same old game about how good you were doing when you were in the street.

I'll pimp you for 20 years now that you're here in prison.

I would tell you my name, but you would see into my game.

I'll tell you this: I'm the big pimp in the World and you will see me anywhere you go if you try to be slick.

If you knew my name I would be afraid that you will not follow through with my

little game, and down deep, I'm afraid that I am just no good, and if you see this,

you would laugh and your laughter would kill me;

if you knew who I was!!!!

By: Oliver Forney

OFFICIAL NOTICE

FURLOUGH APPLICATIONS

Any inmate wishing to be considered for a furlough must submit a properly completed PRELIMINARY FURLOUGH APPLICATION form to his assigned Institutional Counselor. Inmates with applications presently on file in "Automatic Review" status must also complete and submit new applications.

PRELIMINARY FURLOUGH APPLICATION forms are available in the housing areas.

The above required refiling by persons already in "Automatic Review" status has been necessitated by the need to update the institutional status of each applicant.

Effective September 1, 1972 each application placed in "Automatic Review" status shall be considered active for a period of six months. After the six month period has expired, a new application must be submitted if the inmate still wishes to be considered for a furlough.

APLICACION De FURLOUGH

Cual quier recluso que desea ser considerado para un salida bajo licencia (Furlough) debe someter una Aplicacion de Furlough PRELIMINARIA PROPIAMENTE completa a su asignado Consejero insitucional. Reclusos con aplicaciones actualmente en el archivo "Automatic Review" status debe tambien completar y someter una nueva Aplicacion.

FORMAS PARA LA APLICACION DE FURLOUGH PRELIMINARIA son obtenibles en las areas de reivienda.

El requerimiento de se-archivar por personas ya puestas en el "Automatic Review Status" (Repaso Automatic de Condicion) ha sido necesanio por la necesidad de mantener al dia la condicion institusional de cada Aplicante.

Efectivo Sept. 1, 1972 cada aplicacion puesta en "Automatic Review Status" sera considerada activa por un period de seis meses. Despues que el periodo de seis meses ha sido terminado una nueva aplicacion debe ser sometida si el recluso desea ser considerado para un furlough.

Walk down a dark and damp and very boisterous alley, which is called a street. Try to say to a brother, "Hey Brother, why don't you dig yourself and take your fine black woman off this corner soliciting her body." SURVIVE the percussions of fighting off a razor or bullet, if you can. That is more than likely to be the only response from this brother.

Go into a local poolroom, and attempt to persuade a black brother, who is nodding off his twenty dollar shot of scag and thirty dollar quarter spoon of cocaine. Tell him what it means to the black people of amerika, for his knowledge and wisdom as a Doctor of Botany is desperately needed in that field of science. To find ways to cure such diseases as Sicke Cell Anemia, and albanoism. Ask him to be a trubute to the cause, instead of standing there in a very realistic nod. Oh yeah, it's real. 'Cause it's one of the problems that is destroying so many beautiful black sisters and brothers. A lot of you say, "Aaah man, that ain't nothing." But it is something, if you give it some serious thought. See if you can survive the hatred that is running through his veins now, because you have rudely interrupted his peaceful sleep. SURVIVE that if you can, without losing your wallet to the pickpocket sharp that has slid up behind you.

Come on down to Mrs. Sadie's house and ask her daughter to get off of Welfare, and go to work for OPERATION BREADBASKET. Which is very much in need of a statistical clerk. She has the capabilities to be the Chief Supervisor on their staff. Tell her what it would mean to her mother, children, and above all herself as a young Black Mother. Tell her to go out and be independent, and stop being a slave in waiting for the so-called masters' ration. She will tell you to get out of her face with that mess. She will tell you to go to hell talking like that. Try to go into serious rap to make her see the light of reality; that one day her check might be cut off. See if you can survive the slashing knife she has just snatched off the dining room table to cut your tongue out for even mentioning her check getting cut offffffff.

After you have been witness to the root of some of the problems and the ways of Blacks: Do this, if you can. Go down to Capitol Hill and address the Senate Floor. Describe to them, the knowledge and wisdom that you have just seen. Let them know that it can be valuable to some very important sources. For the people you have just seen can be a tribute to the black race. Tell them about the little black boys and girls that go to school naked; tell them about the black scholars and technicians you have seen nodding and soliciting their bodies on the street corners. THEN SURVIVE THE TIME THAT THE U.S. SYSTEMATIC GOVERNMENT GIVES YOU FOR INTERFERING WITH THE GOVERNING OF THE WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY!!!



HAPPINESS IS~

Finding Raquel Welch -

In Your Bunk !!

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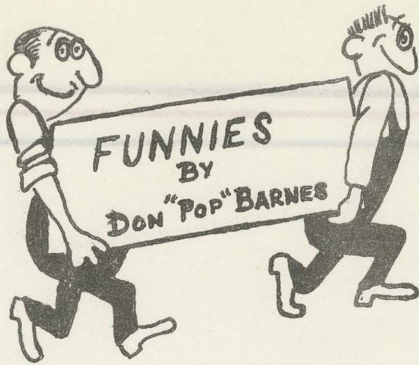
the little black and white black scholars and the great god of U.S. FEDERAL GOV. SURVIVE THE MAN'S CONVICTION !!!



Miss Weekly Scene

D. BARNES





RIGHT ON....



"I'M GONNA
EAT THE WHOLE THING"



"SAY, THAT'S
SOME REFLEX"



"HE'S BEGINNING TO SMELL
A LITTLE ALREADY"



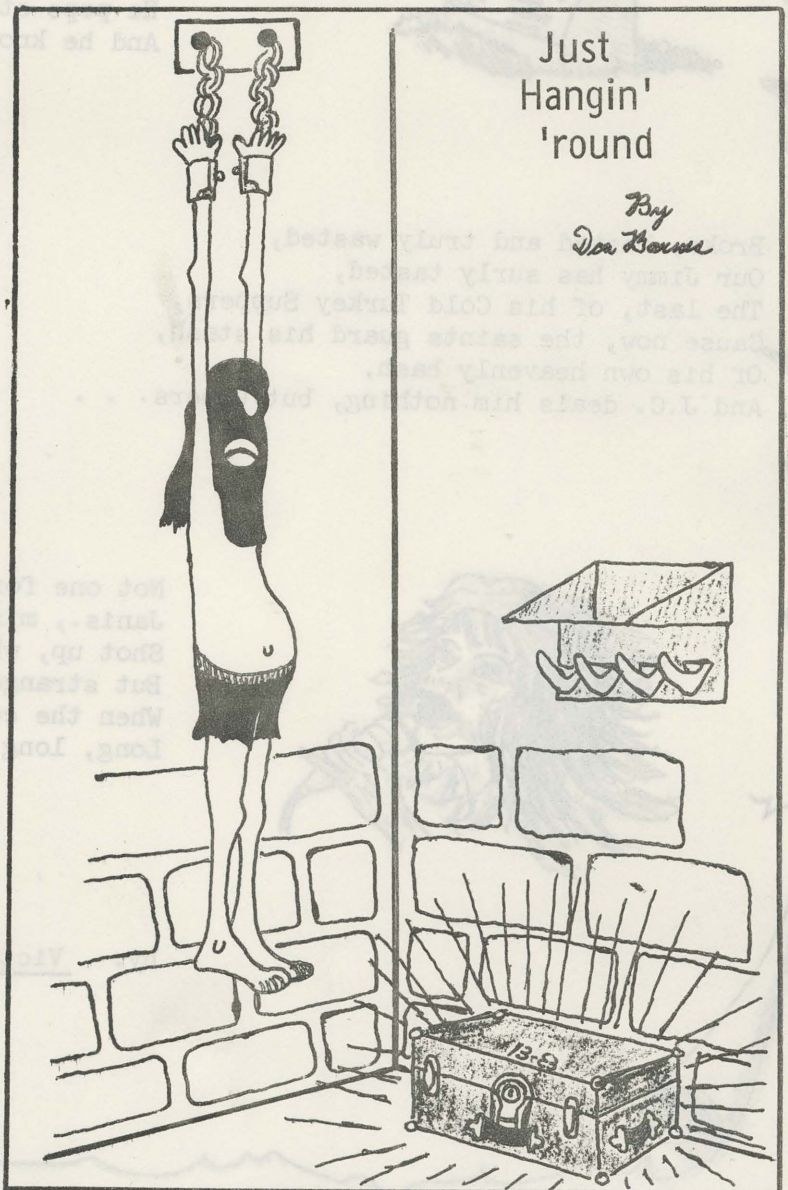
JUST FOR LAUGHS

When the press did a series on the joint recently, that was fine. It wasn't true. You had a few facts wrapped up in yards of journelese. It would take a book to reveal the truth about this joint. But they sell newspapers. Everybody is happy. After all, we did get a few facts wrapped up in fiction. That's fine. I like to be entertained also. But: I also write, or scribble. My point of view makes me an S.O.B. To talk about freedom of speech, is to think that freedom is a one-way street. Whatever doesn't fit into your bag of prejudice should be repressed. All of which proves that intolerance in here is like pepper and salt. Everybody seems to use it. Here now, are some more views. I rap to guards. I see no sense in sitting on my butt and mouthing about what kind of louse he is. Granted some are a pain in the butt, but there are also a few who are decent and intelligent. So if I crack one of the rules they have around here, I will get busted as quick as you. So What? This is a prison. It is an institution. So is the Army and the Navy. They have their own brand of nonsense. Again, so what? Should I waste time hating everyone who wears a uniform? You don't like him? I don't either. Again so what? He is a human being. He doesn't see me as a human being. Again so what? I don't have to accept his, or your brand of stupidity. I will continue to think that all men are human beings. I do learn more. That is all I do. Talking is my way of learning about people. Some will agree; most will not. He's a cop; the enemy. So let's hate him. Talk about strikes and riots! Someone pushed a button and here they come: The army, navy, marines and the troopers. The National Guard will be added as an afterthought. After all there are a lot of troops out there. That's the state. How big is it? Too big for me to even think of fighting. So I'll talk. I hurt no one. Talking is the way to know people, and we're not going to see people so long as we think in terms of good guys and bad guys. Cons or cops. This is stupidity. My thing is to talk and try to think.

Now if that suggests that I should be punched in the mouth, or have my skull cracked, that is your option. I am not going to change. I am going to keep talking, and writing, about whatever I think will help make the joint run smoother. Some don't want that. They say, "Let's burn the joint down. Well, good luck. The State will simply build another joint. It

by Armand Kashmanian

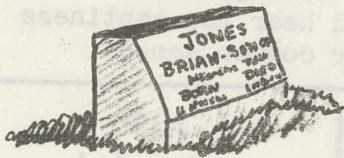
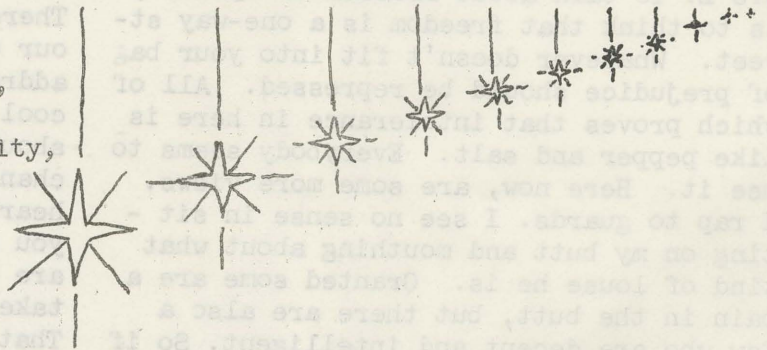
seems more reasonable to work with what we have. It of course does no good to have half the joint talking about what nice guys we are. The other half is busy talking strike. I think you know the warden has hundreds of pipelines to what goes on in here. Which half do you think he'll listen to? He's going to concentrate on those talking strike. That means we all suffer because there are those who think with their mouths rather than their heads. Some guards are dopes? So what? There are just as many, if not more dopes on our own side of the fence. This message is addressed to those who think. The joint is cool and it should stay that way, and we should keep shouting and writing about the changes that are necessary. They don't hear? They are deaf? Granted! But so long as you shout, you are using ideas, and ideas are always more effective than muscle. It takes time but the message will penetrate. That is if you have a message worth hearing. Most, I'm sure are the messages. Just listen, and you'll see and hear the emptiness of much that passes for common sense.



POETRY

I DREAMT I WAS THERE, IN OVER - DOSE HEAVEN

I dreamt I was there in over - dose heaven,
Where a white boy, a black, and a girl,
Are wiped out on infinity, a new Holy Trinity,
Brian, Jimmy, and Pearl...



For poor Brian Jones of the Rock Rolling Stones,
Life below was a habit to feed,
But now, in his home in the sky,
He pops stars to stay high,
And he knows, what they mean by God's speed. . .

Broke, busted and truly wasted,
Our Jimmy has surly tasted,
The last, of his Cold Turkey Suppers,
Cause now, the saints guard his stash,
Of his own heavenly hash,
And J.C. deals him nothing, but uppers. . .



Not one for half measure,
Janis., mixed her pleasures,
Shot up, what she couldn't drink down,
But strangely, no angels protested,
When the cool young lady requested,
Long, long sleeves, for her heavenly gown. . .



by: Victor Zigmund

THE FLICKS

"The Big Bird Cage"

New World Pictures

Rated R

92 minutes

Pam Grier, Anitra Ford, Candice Roman, Carol Speed, Sid Haig

Revolutionaries, under the guise of a Nightclub band, rob their employer and kidnap a customer; a sexy American girl who has had her problems with sex scandals. After being kidnapped again she is put in prison. Gay guards and gaudy girls make for a bad scene, and an action packed finish.



"Light at the Edge of the World"

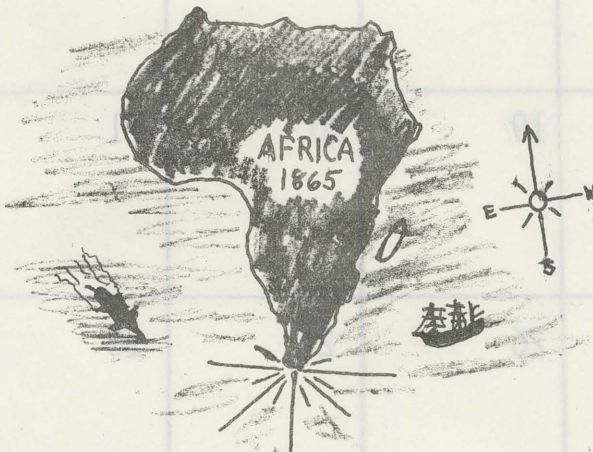
National General

Rated GP

120 Minutes

Kirk Douglas, Yul Brynner, Samantha Eggar, Renato Salvatori, Jean-Claude Druot, and Fernando Rey.

Adventure on the high seas. Yul Brynner as the captain of a pirate ship and Kirk Douglas as his adversary make Jules Verne's epic come alive in the old-fashioned tradition. Looting, killing and torture along with the coercive power of Samantha Eggar add up to two hours of action off of Cape Horn.









SEPTEMBER

" See you next Summer. "

1972

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