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THE STORY

Marco, an engineering student, is constantly looking for money in order to satisfy his needs. He has a friend Andrea, the son of a rich furniture manufacturer. Both young men are searching for "kicks" out of life. They concoct a plan whereby Andrea will pretend to have been kidnapped, hoping that Andrea's wealthy parents will pay ransom money.

They plan this in detail. Andrea will stay in Marco's flat whilst his parents are away. From there they phone Andrea's father, using a disguised voice, and inform him that he must pay the money or else Andrea will be killed.

Whilst awaiting results they invite two girls to the flat. The first, Micki, is Marco's girl friend, the other is Guiguitte, a young French student. Both are unaware of the plot. Andrea is introduced as "Antonio."

Whilst Micki and Marco are flirting in one room, the lawyer of Andrea's father calls to enquire if Marco, being the friend of Andrea, knows where he is as the lawyer says Andrea has disappeared. Whilst talking to Marco the lawyer notices Guiguitte. Both say, however, that they have no knowledge of Andrea's whereabouts.

During this conversation in the other room, Andrea is making love to Micki and both are caught when Marco suddenly walks in. Though they "explain it away" Marco decides to himself to settle accounts later. In fact, however, Andrea and Micki fall in love and meet each other secretly. Micki finds out his identity, though not why he is masquerading under a false name.

Marco discovers that Micki has betrayed him. That night he questions Andrea, who is in the bath, and in a fit of rage Marco attacks Andrea, strangles him and drowns him in the bath water.

The next day when Micki calls at the flat, he tells her that Andrea has left. The two once again become lovers, though Micki still yearns for Andrea and wants to meet him again.

Since she knows Andrea's name and address she phones through to the factory to speak to him. This call, however, alerts the lawyer, who decides to get in touch with her in order to question her, whilst at the same time he arranges for the ransom money to be paid in the manner prescribed by the "kidnappers."

Marco confesses to Micki that he had murdered Andrea. He urges her to help him, promising her plenty of money when the ransom is paid. Micki therefore becomes his accomplice.

The ransom is paid, but Marco dumps Andrea's body where it is found by the police. The papers print the picture of the murdered boy and his photograph is seen by Guiguitte, who recognises the picture as being the so-called Antonio whom she had met that evening in Marco's flat. Marco also realises this possibility and wishes to silence her.

Fate intervenes, however. When the lawyer is speaking to Micki he casually recognises Guiguitte as the girl in the flat. She confesses that she had known Andrea, though under the name of Antonio.

The police arrest Marco and Micki at the flat, where part of the ransom money is recovered, and Guiguitte, too, is arrested, but after questioning is set free to face the concerted attack of newspapermen, reporters and photographers.
PRESS RELEASES

STARTLING CRIME FILM COMING

"ONE OF THE MOST STARTLING CRIME FILMS EVER FILMED"—is what ARCHWAY FILMS—the Distributors claim in respect of the film "THE ACCOMPLICES" which is due to play at the Cinema, on

With a cast of largely unknowns, this is an original story by a famous Italian author, "THE ACCOMPLICES" was shot in Milan in actual locations and no studios were used whatsoever. The story was so ingenious that the author, accompanied by the Director, cleared the plot with the Milan authorities before actually commencing filming, as it was felt desirable in case the story actually gave teenagers "ideas" of carrying out a similar plan themselves.

In addition to there being a special meeting of the Milan authorities heads of the Milan police department were also consulted and gave original suggestions which have been incorporated in the story, thus lending an air of authenticity.

One of the leading roles in the film is played by an unknown Italian. He plays the part of a lawyer. The strange fact is that he actually is a lawyer in real life and was able to guide the Director on certain intricate legal problems connected with the film.

"THE ACCOMPLICES" is an 'X' Certificate, (adults only) film, and is released by ARCHWAY FILM DISTRIBUTORS LTD.

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FILMED ON ACTUAL LOCATION IN MILAN

A new English-speaking film with a difference entitled "THE ACCOMPLICES" commences its run at the Cinema on

This is Italy's first attempt at the "new wave" which is sweeping Continental studios at the moment. "THE ACCOMPLICES" is a terrifying indictment of youth searching for "kicks." Police authorities in Italy were worried at the production because they felt it would give some of their youth "ideas." It deals with an ingenious plot for kidnapping which turns into a murder, but ARCHWAY FILMS—who distribute the picture in this country—have asked the Press not to disclose the details.

When shown privately in Italy recently, an Italian group of journalists was so struck by the brilliance of the film that they are pressing for "THE ACCOMPLICES" to receive a special award.

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