The Rank Organisation
presents

JEANNIE CARSON
DONALD SINDEN

in
Basil Dearden and Michael Relph's
production of

MAD LITTLE ISLAND

From the novel by Compton Mackenzie
In Eastman Colour
Also Starring
ROLAND CULVER
NOEL PURCELL
IAN HUNTER

Screenplay by Monja Danischewsky
Produced by Basil Dearden
Directed by Michael Relph
MAD LITTLE ISLAND

The Players

Janet Macleod
Hugh Mander
Capt. Waggett
Mrs. Waggett
Father James
Air Commodore Watchorn
Duncan Ban
Mrs. Campbell
George Campbell
Joseph MacLeod
Dr. Hamburger
Andrew Wishart
Constable MacRae
Drooby
Kenny MacLeod
Reverend Angus
Kirsty
Mumford
Meetching
Capt. MacKechnie
Roderick
Catriona

JEANNE CARSON
DONALD SINDEN
ROLAND CULVER
CATHERINE LACEY
NOEL PURCELL
IAN HUNTER
DUNCAN MACRAE
JEAN CADELL
GORDON JACKSON
ALEX MACKENZIE
CARL JAFFE
NICHOLAS PHIPPS
JAMESON CLARK
RONALD CORBETT
JAMES COPELAND
JOHN STEVENSON LANG
NELL BALLANTYNE
REGINALD BECKWITH
ARTHUR HOWARD
JOHN LAURIE
JACK SHORT
GABRIELLE BLUNT

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Director of Photography Reginald Wyer, B.S.C.
Art Director Jack Maxsted
Editor John Guthridge
Production Controller Arthur Alcott
for Pinewood Studios
Production Manager Jack Hanbury
Assistant Director Bert Batt
Camera Operator David Harcourt
Continuity Penny Daniels
Costume Designer Yvonne Caffin
Make-up R. L. Alexander
Sound Editor Arthur Cox
Sound Recordists Geoffrey Daniels
Music Composed by Bill Daniels
Played by Cedric Thorpe Davie
Conducted by Sinfonia of London with the
London and Greenock Gaelic Choirs
Muir Mathieson

Made at Pinewood Studios and on the Isle of Barra, Outer Hebrides
Executive Producer Earl St. John
The Story

The idyllic Isle of Todday is just a dot on the map. But its peace is threatened by the invasion of officials from the mainland. They plan to turn it into a rocket base.
The Ministry of Protection send Hugh Mander to explore the island and report on the people. His mission is hush-hush.
On the boat he meets and falls in love with Janet, a schoolteacher on the island.
Hugh is immediately accepted by the islanders. Even Father James welcomes him enthusiastically.
But while Hugh is establishing good relations, rocket experts Watchorn, Dr. Hamburger and Wishart are ready to put their plans into operation. They land by helicopter and call a meeting in the village hall. Todday is to be a rocket base. Hugh is exposed.
Wishart tells the islanders the base will bring prosperity. But few are impressed. Plans to thwart the scheme begin to take shape.
A guided missile from the mainland becomes misguided and lands on Todday. Any doubts the islanders might have had are swept away. The establishment of the base must be prevented at all costs.
Janet, now no longer speaking to Hugh, is leader of the rebels. As her father’s shop is also the post office, calls to the mainland suddenly become difficult.
Sheep and goats are always in the wrong place at the right moment. Even the children join in the sabotage.
And when a bulldozer is landed on the island it is not an accident that sends it hurtling into the sea.
Only Captain Waggett, living in retirement on the island, is worried. He welcomes the new base. Anything connected with the army fascinates him. Eviction orders begin to pour into Todday. People must leave homes which have been in their family for hundreds of years. Rebels barricade their doors.
Only public opinion can save us, thinks Janet. And suddenly, as she watches a nesting gull, she has an idea. You can do anything with people, but who would dare to disturb the nesting of a rare bird? A Government decision to evacuate Todday spurs Janet on. Pink gulls must be discovered!
They are!
Within days the gulls are headlined in newspapers all over the world. Public opinion is so strong that even the Government cannot hold out against it. Pink gulls must be saved for posterity. Todday must be reprieved!
It is. And the only surprised people are Janet, Hugh (now reconciled with the girl he loves) and Father James. For when the gulls lay their eggs they, too, are pink!
Approximate length 8460 feet
Approximate running time 94 minutes