

Entertainment

Film doesn't shed any light

AT THE MOVIES

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THE MIDDAY SUN: A Canadian film directed by Lulu Keating, *The Midday Sun* tells the tale of a Canadian minister's daughter (Isabelle Mejtas) in some unnamed African country (it was filmed in Zimbabwe) and her hapless efforts to do good.

Maggie Cameron is all of 20, but seems to have the maturity of a 14-year-old - she doesn't grasp the seriousness of her situation, the consequences of her actions and passions. Although warned by Father Julius (George Seremba), to be discreet, she goes ahead with a wild affair with Bruno, a sexy German (Robert Bockstael) of dubious background. Soon she finds herself in a desperate mess when she is robbed and her servant is unjustly accused and given a long prison sentence. Bruno punches out her employer, she creates a stink, and soon she's leaving on the next plane. Africa didn't quite work out the way she planned.

Full of noble intentions, *The Midday Sun* suffers from a feeling of déjà vu - the plot reminds one of every book or movie ever written or made about stupid white do-gooders in Africa. You know - the naïve Caucasian who finds the noble Africans, the decadent European left-overs, and the corrupt of-

ficials all rolled up in one sinister mixed bag. Oh to be home again where life is simple and material. No more of this mystical beauty and terrifying intrigue.

The *Midday Sun* has the best of intentions, but it is not served by its predictability or its moralizing. The African scenery is the real star in this film.



The Globe Theatre is preparing to take Halton Hills to the silver screen with its production of "Let's go to the Movies," which opens May 3 with shows on May 4, 5, and May 9-12. Here, musical director Betty Jamieson and artistic director and choreographer Rose Carnduff go over the score. Tickets for the musical are

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