

FRIDAY - 5th NOVEMBER"THE BOY"

Japan, 1969, Colour.
Dir: Nagasi Oshima.

The boy is ten years old. His father has been out of work some time and together with the mother they have been practising a form of extortion: the mother brushes against moving cars and feigns injury; damages are then collected from the nervous, but innocent drivers. Now the boy is old enough he is groomed also for the job which he carries out skilfully enough - until he begins to have doubts about his parents' way of life and what he is expected to do so one evening he runs away....

The director, a major new Japanese talent, states that the events of his story are fact and actually took place in 1966, making headlines in all the weekly magazines and newspapers for one week only and then it was completely forgotten. This haunted the director sufficiently to feel compelled to make the film to remind people of the pathos suffered when people are living like this. An unforgettable film!

FRIDAY - 19th NOVEMBER"LA FEMME INFIDELLE"

France, 1969. Col.

Dir: Claude Chabrol. With: Stephane Audran, Michel Bouquet.

Chabrol, one of the most stylish and prolific of French directors, was once a film critic on "Cahiers du Cinema" and co-author with Eric Rohmer on a book on Hitchcock, whom he greatly admires. This is one of his best and as in many of his 60's films, starred his wife, who appears of course as the unfaithful and bored wife, in all the usual elegance which is typical of Chabrol, with the sinister Hitchcock tendencies and tricks to make it an enthralling movie.

FRIDAY - 10TH DECEMBERFILM GROUP XMAS PARTY - This year featuring:-"WHISKY GALORE"

Britain, 1948

Dir: Alex. Mackendrick, with: Basil Radford, Duncan Macrae, Joan Greenwood, Gordon Jackson.

One of the most successful of regional comedies, this lively romp from Ealing Studios was taken from Compton Mackenzie's novel about a boatload of whisky wrecked on a remote Scottish island. Brilliantly photographed and directed, with a first rate cast of well known actors. A most enjoyable film to end the year!