



**GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA**  
A genuine primitive charm

its other characters are a young carabinieri who's a rival for the Bersagliera's heart, the usual gossips, the priest, Luigi Comencini directed, and the apt and lively score is by Alessandro Cicognini.

## DESK SET

(20th Century-Fox)

G Cert.

**DESK SET** amuses in a different way from *Bread, Love and Dreams*, and no doubt it will attract longer queues. In a way this is a pity, for this new Katherine Hepburn-Spencer Tracy comedy doesn't make the most of its opportunities. Still, together and apart Miss Hepburn and Mr Tracy remain among the most talented and likeable players in Hollywood, and even in this film with its imperfections they have some very funny scenes: Miss Hepburn sitting an intelligence test set by Mr Tracy over sandwiches on a windy skyscraper roof, for instance—she has *expected* quite a different sort of setting for lunch—or Mr Tracy caught in a dressing gown in Miss Hepburn's flat when her fiancé unexpectedly calls.

Directed by Walter Lang, *Desk Set* is about life in the reference department of a big American broadcasting company when Mr Tracy is given the chance to show that one of his electronic brains can do more efficiently much of the work that has been done by Miss Hepburn and her staff. The humour includes a bit of mild slinging off at electronic brains, which should have had rather more edge. *Desk Set* will certainly keep you pleasantly entertained and in some places should give you some real laughs. But it does tail off a bit and could have been more consistently amusing.

## RUN FOR THE SUN

(United Artists-Russ-Field)

G Cert.

**HOKUM** is, I suppose, the word for *Run for the Sun*, but it's entertaining hokum, capably directed by Roy Boulting, with a quite distinguished cast which includes Trevor Howard, Peter van Eyck and Richard Widmark. Starting off in a Mexican township, the film quickly and very effectively establishes the first of its two main situations: a woman journalist (Jane Greer) has come looking for a story about Mike Latimer (Mr Widmark), an author who seems to have forsaken the world. In the second situation, equally well built up, these two, after a crash landing in a jungle clearing, find themselves in the hands of two refugee Nazis and a sort of Lord Haw Haw character—Mr Howard, of course.

I would always go out of my way to see any film in which Trevor Howard appears, and for his performance alone—what a fascinating villain he makes!—this one is worth seeing. The others give very adequate support. Some of the plot devices are rather improbable, and a chase through the jungle when Latimer and the girl try to escape is rather too long—by this time the film seems to have become a thoroughly conventional chase thriller. But on the whole it's quite exciting entertainment, well-played, generally well-scripted, and quite good to look at.

## Shell Quiz No. 1

# Well, what do you know?

1 Through what famous scenic valley does the road to Milford lead?

- A Esk
- B Eglinton
- C Dome
- D Victoria

2 The differential of a car is ...

- A An apparatus which allows the outside rear wheel to rotate faster than the inside wheel when turning corners
- B An instrument for controlling the flow of oil
- C The difference between a good driver and a poor one
- D A device for limiting maximum engine speeds

3 The initials I.C.A. stand for ...

- A Institute of Contemporary Arts
- B Inside Central America
- C Insole's cricket average
- D Ignition Control Additive

4 How does the number of fatal accidents on New Zealand roads so far this year compare with 1956?

- A More
- B Fewer
- C About the same

5 If a car goes into a skid, the driver should ...

- A Change gears and accelerate
- B Brake gently, turning the wheel in opposite direction from the skid
- C Take foot off the accelerator and, without braking, turn the car in the direction in which the wheels are skidding
- D Slam on the brakes and hope for the best

6 The distance by road from Auckland to Invercargill is approximately ...

- A 850 miles
- B 900 miles
- C 950 miles
- D 1000 miles (N.B Shell saves m.p.g\*)

7 Radar traffic patrol cars are identified by ...

- A A round flat grey disc mounted on the rear fender
- B An unusually high aerial
- C A loudspeaker mounted on the right front fender
- D The "radar" badge on the driver's cap

8 The annual New Zealand Grand Prix is held at Ardmore during the month of ...

- A December
- B January
- C February
- D March

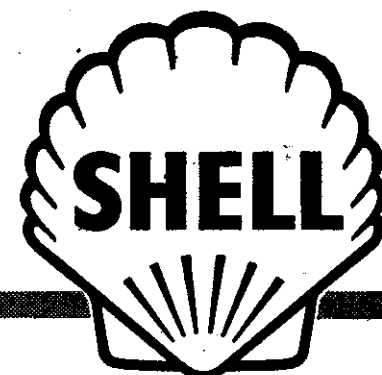
**WHAT IS YOUR SCORE?** (Ten points for each correct answer). 70-80 — Excellent: 50-60 — Good: 30-40 — Poor: Below 30 — Failed.

Turn upside down for correct answers

'B (8) 'V (7) 'A (7) 'D (9) 'C (5) 'A (4) 'D (3) 'V (2) 'B (1)



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