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The Film Library cordially invites you to attend a press screening of a new Yugoslavian film, THE SKY BATTALIAN (NEBESKI ODRED), 1961, on

Thursday, October 19 - 4:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Projection Room
Museum of Modern Art
21 West 53 Street

About 90 minutes

This invitation admits two.

THE SKY BATTALIAN will have its first public showing in the United States on October 23-24 in the Museum auditorium, as part of the current exhibition, Recent Films From Yugoslavia. It is the first feature film by two young directors, Bosko Boskovic and Ilija Nikolic, produced by Lovcen Film, Budva. The script was written by Djordje Lebovic and Aleksander Obobrenovic, music by Bojan Adamic. The cast includes Ljuba Tadic, Ljubisa Stojcevic, Vitomir Ljubicic, Milan Srdoc, Stole Jankovic, Branko Tatic, Bogic Boskovic, and Karlo Bulic. This year the film was the official Yugoslavian entry at both the Moscow and Edinburgh Film Festivals.

THE SKY BATTALIAN is a macabre study of the demoralizing effects of mass murder on a group of men in an expressionistic "liquidation camp". They are volunteers who accept the Nazi offer of thirty days of life in exchange for assisting with work of killing thousands in gas chambers, where they themselves will die at the end of their reprieve. Photography with the raw immediacy of newsreels, the repetition of images of the faceless camp commander, the smoke-belching chimneys, the long line of victims, the electrically-charged fences, the surrounding desolate swamp, powerfully express the horror of guilt with no escape.

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