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rubber (movie)

Rubber is a 1938 German adventure film directed by Eduard von Borsody and starring René Deltgen , Gustav Diessl and Vera von Langen . Alternative title is *The Green Hell* .

The film tells the story of Englishman Henry Wickham , who smuggled rubber seeds into England in 1876 to break the Brazilian monopoly. The film was awarded the title "political and artistically valuable".

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Storyline

The film is set in 1876 and begins in London. Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker , Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew , has an audience with the Lord Chancellor . Hooker points to England's need for natural rubber and Brazil's monopoly on it , which constitutes an "unbearable" dependency. The Lord Chancellor points to trade deals in the pipeline, but Hooker fears that in 50 years, high rubber mining will push rubber prices to gold levels. Hooker therefore proposes rubber tree in the British colonies -to create plantations. In Brazil, however, the export of rubber seeds is subject to long prison sentences. The Lord Chancellor refuses any support from the Crown to an illegal export. Hooker therefore

	Movie
original title	rubber
production country	<u>Germany</u>
original language	<u>German</u>
Publishing year	<u>1938</u>
length	104 minutes
age rating	<u>FSK 6</u>
	<u>Rod</u>
directing	<u>Edward von Borsody</u>
script	<u>Franz Eichhorn</u> <u>Eduard von Borsody</u> <u>Ernst von Salomon</u>
production	<u>Ernest Krueger</u>
Music	<u>Werner Bochman</u>
camera	<u>Willy Winterstein</u> <u>Edgar Eichhorn</u>
	occupation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>René Deltgen</u> : <u>Henry Wickham</u> ▪ <u>Gustav Diessl</u> : <u>Don Alonzo de Ribeira</u> ▪ <u>Herbert Hübner</u> : <u>Consul Waverley</u> ▪ <u>Vera von Langen</u> : <u>Mary</u>, his daughter ▪ <u>Hans Nielsen</u> : <u>Captain Murray</u> ▪ <u>Roma Railway</u> : <u>Lady Betty Mortimer</u> ▪ <u>Valy Arnheim</u> : <u>Lord Reginald Mortimer</u> ▪ <u>Hans Mierendorff</u> : <u>Lord Chancellor</u> ▪ <u>Paul Wagner</u> : <u>Sir Joseph Dalton Stool</u> ▪ <u>Karl Klüsner</u> : <u>President of the Military Court</u> ▪ <u>Werner Scharf</u> : <u>Prosecutor</u> ▪ <u>Edwin Jürgensen</u> : <u>coroner</u>

mentions a confidant, Henry Wickham , who wants to carry out the illegal enterprise on his own, but the Lord Chancellor does not want to hear about it and ends the conversation.

Wickham travels from Liverpool to Pará on the steamer *Victoria* . Also on board is Mary Waverly, daughter of the British Consul, on her way back to Brazil from a stay in London. Despite protests from her Aunt Betty, who was also on board, Mary spends most of her time on board with Henry Wickham. Lady Betty points out to Henry that Mary is as good as engaged in Pará to the wealthy cattle breeder and landowner Don Alonzo de Ribeira.

- Erich Ziegel : Professor Hickleberry
- Walther Suessenguth : Captain of the jungle fort
- Ernst Rotmund : Capitano of the police boat
- Friedrich Gnass : Vaquero Antonio
- Robert Dorsay : Photographer
- Philip Manning : Butler
- Otto Krone : Secretary to the Governor
- Aribert Grimmer : Helmsman Wilkins

Back in Brazil, Mary tells her father that she no longer wants to marry Don Alonzo. Her father is outraged, also because of the impending rubber deals with Don Alonzo. But he assures her of his support, but she shouldn't rush anything. In the evening Don Alonzo arrives at the consul for a big reunion. Also present is Wickham, who coincidentally runs into his old college friend, Captain Murray, who is to survey the Amazon with his ship, the Wellington. Under the pretext of wanting to look for a rare butterfly, the *laternaria phosphorea*, and with the intercession of Mary, Wickham obtained permission from Don Alonzo for an expedition on the Rio Araguaia .

In the jungle, Wickham manages to collect a number of rubber seeds. He saves the native José from drowning, who from now on stands by his side. While trying to tow their boat over rapids upstream, they lose a container of rubber seeds, which is found downstream by a fisherman and eventually taken to Don Alonzo. He storms to Governor Paras with his find and demands that Wickham be arrested on his return. The governor wants more evidence, though. Don Alonzo then has Indian tribes hunt down Wickham, who is still in the jungle. On the run from the poisoned arrows of the Indians, Wickham and José have to face various adventures and fight with crocodiles, giant snakes and piranhas. Finally he manages to catch a specimen of *laternaria phosphorea* to make his story believable when he returns. In the meantime, Don Alonzo has gone in search of Wickham himself. Wickham falls ill with a fever and, at his request, is dropped off at a fort by José, where Don Alonzo soon arrives. Since Wickham left the rubber seeds with José, Don Alonzo only finds the butterfly on him, which he secretly stole from him. When Wickham is about to be captured, he manages to escape again. Since Wickham left the rubber seeds with José, Don Alonzo only finds the butterfly on him, which he secretly stole from him. When Wickham is about to be captured, he manages to escape again. Since Wickham left the rubber seeds with José, Don Alonzo only finds the butterfly on him, which he secretly stole from him. When Wickham is about to be captured, he manages to escape again.

Back at the consul, Don Alonzo tells him and Mary that Wickham is probably dead. In the meantime, however, Wickham has made his way to the mouth of the Amazon and meets José there as agreed. Together they want to bring the rubber seeds to Wellington with Captain Murray on board. He has agreed to pick up the seeds there – just outside Brazil's territorial waters – and bring them to England. However, a storm surge prevented that Wickham reached the Wellington with his boat. Wickham then throws a canister of seeds into the sea because he saw that the current would carry them straight onto the Wellington. The canister is fished out of the water by the Wellington's crew with grappling hooks. When a Brazilian patrol boat shows up and José is shot by the crew, Wickham sinks the remaining canisters.

Wickham is arrested, but again no seeds have been found by Brazilian authorities, so there is no evidence in court of the rubber theft. Instead, Wickham is now being charged with espionage because the butterfly he drew coincidentally resembles the layout of the jungle fort. However, Wickham can no longer produce the actual butterfly as proof of exhaustion and Don Alonzo denies in court that he has ever seen it. Wickham is sentenced to death.

Shortly afterwards, when the governor questions Don Alonzo about Mary's allegations that he committed perjury in court, Alonzo openly admits that he did it for the good of Brazil. The governor reversed Wickham's judgment and the Wellington sailed for England with the Seeds.

Reviews

According to the encyclopedia of international film, gummi is a "historical adventure film with fascinating nature shots." ^[1]

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Background

Scenes from a documentary about the Amazon by Franz and Edgar Eichhorn are worked into the film . They offered the film to UFA , whereupon the screenplay was written based on Franz E. Anders' (a pseudonym of Franz Eichhorn) novel "In the Green Hell". ^[2] ^[3] ^[4]

It was shot from July to October 1938 in the Babelsberg Studios and in Travemünde. The premieres were on November 1, 1938 in the Ufa-Palast Hamburg and on November 8 in the Ufa-Palast am Zoo in Berlin. ^[4]

Locals speak Spanish , although a variant of Portuguese is spoken in Brazil.

The " laternaria phosphorea " is not a butterfly, but a suborder of the Beak Kerfe . ^[5]

See also

- List of German feature films premiered in the German Reich during the National Socialist era

Web Links

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