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Rome. Open City.

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ROME/ OPEN CITY

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But later, after the liberation of the capital, some of us came in contact with former members of the Resistance movement and were told the story of Rome's underground struggle.

The film, ROME/ OPEN CITY, has the accuracy and freshness of such a firsthand account. It's a factual report -- enacted by people who have witnessed, or participated in, the real drama.

Anyone who has lived in Rome will find familiar faces among the characters appearing on the screen. This brave and humorous priest, this passionate, sturdy girl, this spirited little boy, all these children, housewives, workers, intellectuals -- they are indeed the plain people of Rome: we recognize their features, gestures, voices.

That is not to say that all Romans were actively opposed to Fascism or that the city's population consists only of freedom-loving heroes. Quite the contrary, there is a lot of corruption, selfishness, obscurantism and snobbery -- in Rome as anywhere else. But it would be unfair and superficial to think that a ~~few~~

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ROME/ OPEN CITY will be welcome to the American public as a significant document and as a promising, candid message from liberated Italy.

Cpl. KLAUS MANN,
of The Stars and Stripes,
Mediterranean Edition,
ROME, AUGUST, 1945

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PRESENTS

**OPEN
CITY**

Directed By
ROBERTO ROSSELINI

Story By
SERGIO AMIDEI

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A FACTUAL FILM BASED
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ALDO FABRIZI

Don Pietro

ANNA MAGNANI

Pina

MARCELLO	VITO ANNICCHIARICO
THE SEXTON	NANDO BRUNO
BERGNANN	HARRY FEIST
INGRID	GIOVANNA GALLETTI
FRANCESCO	FRANCESCO GRANDJACQUET
MANFREDI	MARCELLO PAGLIERO
POLICE SARGEANT	PASSARELLI
MARINA	MARIA MICHİ
LAURETTA	CARLA ROVERE
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