

V6700 THE VISITORS (USA, 1972)

(Other titles: Besucher; Home free; Visitantes)

Credits: director, Elia Kazan ; writer, Chris Kazan.

Cast: Patrick McVey, Patricia Joyce, James Woods, Chico Martinez, Steve Railsback.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Connecticut. Bill Schmidt (Woods) is a Vietnam veteran turned pacifist living a peaceful existence on a Connecticut farm with his girl friend (Joyce) and their infant son. Then two uninvited visitors (Martinez and Railsback), appear at their door. They are former Army acquaintances of Bill who have just gotten out of prison after serving time for raping a Vietnamese woman. Bill's testimony was what got them convicted. They have come to visit for either revenge or forgiveness (they are not sure which), but ultimately they beat up Bill and rape his girl friend. Intended as a treatise on the problems of violence prone soldiers returning from Vietnam. Filmed by the Kazans in 16mm at their Connecticut home.

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