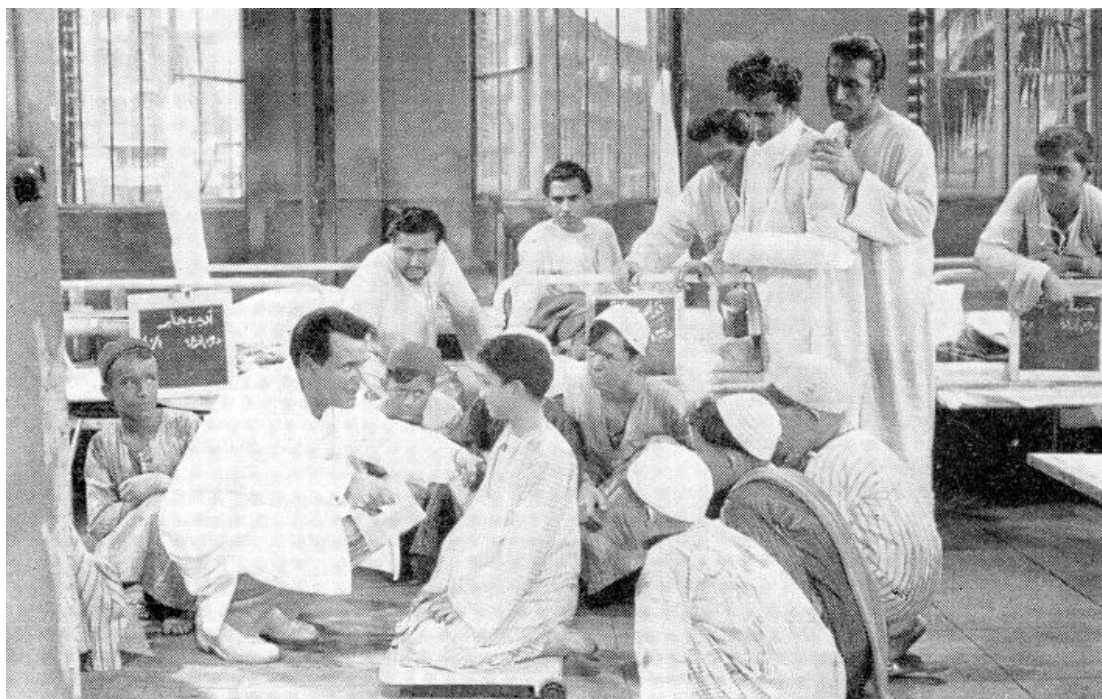


El Hakim

W Germany : 1957 : dir. Rolf Thiele : 110 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
 Michael Ande
 Otto Wilhelm Fischer; Nadja Tiller; Robert Graf; Elisabeth Müller; Giulia Rubini

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"Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You..."

Source: Films & Filming, Aug 58

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"An incredibly exotic melodrama, so false, so chauvinistic, and so narrow-minded, such as could only have been produced by our German neighbours. Arab Doctor Ibrahim becomes rich and famous, abandons his illiterate wife Aziza and gets lung cancer. Aziza becomes famous as a belly dancer in a Parisian nightclub and ultimately brings her dying husband back home. From the bestseller by John Knittel. Nil"

Films and Filming - August 58 - caption:

"ARAB BOYS: a scene from Rolf Thiele's new film, "EL HAKIM", starring the noted German actor O.W. Fischer. It is an adaptation of the John Knittel book."

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993",

No further information currently available. Perhaps of only slight interest here, although it brings to mind **"THE CITADEL"** (38) where Robert Donat played an idealistic young doctor who sells his soul to become a high society consultant. The boy pictured overleaf is Michael Ande, 13, with his tousled locks shorn. Ande was a major German boy star. He played in two films about the singing Trapp family, a member of the Vienna Boys' Choir in **"DER SCHÖNSTE TAG MEINES LEBENS"** (57), a boy king in **"MAJESTÄT AUF ABWEGEN"** (58) and Jim Hawkins in the TV serial **"Die Schatzinsel"** (66 - at the ludicrous age of 21!). In his thirties he was still doing regular TV work in the police series **"Der Alte"**. See also **"DON VESUVIO UND DAS HAUS DER STROLCHE"** (58), **"DAS HIRTENLIED VOM KAISERTHAL"** (56) and others.

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