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Set during the height of the Cold War, The Shoes of the Fisherman opens as protagonist Kiril Pavlovich Lakota (Anthony Quinn), the Metropolitan Archbishop of Lviv (or Lvov as it is spelled in the movie adaptation), is unexpectedly set free after twenty years in a Siberian labour camp by his former jailer, Piotr Ilyich Kamenev (Laurence Olivier), now the premier of the Soviet Union.

He is sent to Rome, where the elderly fictional Pope Pius XIII (John Gielgud) raises him to the cardinalate in the title of St. Athanasius. Lakota is reluctant, begging to be given "a simple mission with simple people," but the Pope insists that he kneel and receive the scarlet zucchetto that designates the rank of cardinal.

When the Pontiff suddenly collapses and dies, the process of a papal conclave begins, and Cardinal Lakota participates as one of the electors. During the sede vacante, two cardinals in particular, Cardinal Leone (Leo McKern) and Cardinal Rinaldi (Vittorio De Sica) are shown to be papabili. After seven ballots of deadlock, Lakota finds himself elected Pope as a compromise candidate (suggested by Cardinal Rinaldi) by acclamation after the Cardinals, unable to decide between the leading candidates, interview him and are impressed by his ideas and his humility. Lakota takes the name of Pope Kiril (using his baptismal name). Meanwhile, the world is on the brink of nuclear war due to a Chinese-Soviet feud made worse by a famine caused by trade restrictions brought against China by the United States.

The evening after his election, Pope Kiril, with the help of his personal aide Gelasio (Arnoldo FoÃ), sneaks out of the Vatican and explores the city of Rome dressed as a priest. By chance he encounters Dr. Ruth Faber, who is involved in a troubled marriage with a Rome-based television journalist, George Faber (David Janssen). Later, the Pope returns to the Soviet Union to meet privately with Kamenev and chairman Peng (Burt Kwouk) of China to discuss the ongoing crisis.

Pope Kiril realises that if the troubles in China continue, the cost would be a war that could ultimately rip the world apart. Knowing this, he must seek to convince the West as well as the Catholic Church to open up its resources to aid. At his papal coronation, Kiril removes his tiara (in a gesture of humility) and states this intent to give away a majority of Church's riches, much to the delight of the crowds in St. Peter's Square below.

A major secondary plot in the film (and the novel) is the Pope's relationship with a theologian and scientist, Father Telemond (Jean Telemond in the book, David Telemond in the film). The Pope becomes a close personal friend of Telemond (Oskar Werner). To his deep regret, in his official

capacity, he must allow the Holy Office to censure Telemond for his heterodox views. To the Pope's deep grief, the shock of the censure, combined with his chronic medical problems, eventually kills Father Telemond, who has been slowly dying all this time from a cerebral aneurysm.

He was born in London, England: Anderson's was a theatrical family. His parents were the actors Lawrence and Beatrice Anderson. His great-aunt was Mary Anderson of Louisville, Kentucky, who became one of the first American Shakespearian actresses; the Mary Anderson Theatre in Louisville was dedicated to her.

After serving in the Second World War, Anderson first developed his career in British films, becoming a director in 1949 and enjoying his first success with the war film The Dam Busters (1955). He directed the first cinema adaptation of George Orwell's 1984 (1956) and Around the World in 80 Days (1956), for which he was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for his direction. He also directed the 1968 film The Shoes of the Fisherman starring Anthony Quinn, Laurence Olivier and John Gielgud.

He settled in Hollywood, California, making such science fiction offerings as Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze (1975) and Logan's Run (1976). Logan's Run was an expensive box-office success, contributing a box office of \$50 million worldwide and boosting sales for its distributor, Metro Goldwyn Mayer. He also directed Orca (1977). Anderson's later work was mostly made-for-television miniseries, including The Martian Chronicles (1980), Sword of Gideon (1986) and Young Catherine (1991).

In 1988, he directed Bottega dell'orefice (The Jeweler's Shop), based on the 1960 play written by Karol WojtyÅ,a (later Pope John Paul II). Other films he has directed include All the Fine Young Cannibals (1960), Flight from Ashiya (1964), The Quiller Memorandum (1966), Yangtse Incident (1957) and a film adaptation of Conduct Unbecoming (1975).

It's 2274 and on the surface, it all seems to be an idyllic society. Living in a city within an enclosed dome, there is little or no work for humans to perform and inhabitants are free to pursue all of the pleasures of life. There is one catch however: your life is limited and when you reach 30, it is terminated in a quasi-religious ceremony known as Carousel. Some, known as runners, do try to escape their fate when the time comes and it's the job of Sandmen to track them down and kill them. Logan is such a man and with several years before his own termination date, thinks nothing of the job he does. Soon after meeting a young woman, Jessica-6, he is ordered to become a runner himself and infiltrate a community outside the dome known as Sanctuary and to destroy it. Pursued by his friend Francis, also a Sandman, Logan and Jessica find their way to the outside. There they discover a beautiful, virtually uninhabited world. Logan realizes that he must return to the dome to tell them what ... Written by garykmcd

Before "Stars Wars" enraptured audiences with its stunning special effects and created a precedent for a string of similarly effects-laden knock-offs and genre wanna-be's (mirroring what "The War of the Worlds" had done for audiences in the 50's), true science fiction films such as "Logan's Run" were giving us stories simply complimented by special effects, not about them. I say "true" because "Star Wars" is of the fantasy genre; it is not a science fiction story, though it does share some common elements.

"Logan's Run" presents us with a vivid, somewhat horrifying vision of a possible future. It doesn't take place "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away." It happens on earth in a believable time frame. It doesn't ask us to greatly suspend disbelief by accepting alien races and magic powers. Instead, it presents us with a chilling fast forward of our own technology, attitudes, and policies. Concerning the latter, the film includes an almost creepy euthanasia undertone to it.

Beautiful cinematography and settings greatly compliment the film's mood and timeframe, from the sterile domed city to the decimated Washington D.C., which still provides one of (if not) the best visuals of a post-apocalyptic world that I've ever seen. It's right there with "The Planet of the Apes'" Statue of Liberty.

Though minor, another thing I, in particular, enjoy about LR are the weapons. Unlike every other weapon in and out of science fiction history, LR's "blasters" do not actually shoot anything. There is simply an explosion at their designated target. It may be campy (or corny), but it's definitely different and a fine example of real, working props.

The Elder boys return to Clearwater, Texas for their Mother's funeral. John the eldest is a well known gunfighter and trouble follows him wherever he goes. The boys try to get back their ranch from the towns gunsmith who won it from their father in a card game with which he was shortly murdered there after but not before getting through the troubles that come with the Elders name. Written by Christopher D. Ryan <cryan@direct.ca>

Well this film is perhaps not in Waynes top 20 it remains very watchable and can be veiwed on many occassions. Katie Elder had 4 sons it is asking a lot to accept the age range but it works well. Dean Martin gives a good performance as Tom and Duke is John the other brothers play their parts well but are dwarfed by the two stars. Hathways direction is tight and tho a bit on the slow side you can't switch off once watching. Filmed just after Waynes lung had been removed you can see its importance in his career, the action scenes took a lot out of him but being the man he was he got them done with help from an oxygen mask, and many of the crew were impressed by his professionalism and bravery. A box office succes, it kept Wayne in the publics mind. So not quite a classic but worth watching for the two stars and the bravery of John Wayne no one else has ever filled the screen like the Duke. 7/10

With his rumpled raincoat, ever-present cigar, bumbling demeanour and Sherlock Holmesian powers of deduction, disarmingly polite homicide detective Lieutenant Columbo took on some of the most cunning murderers in Los Angeles, most of whom made one fatal, irrevocable mistake: underestimating his investigative genius.

Jessica is invited to dine with East German concert violinist Greta Mueller, her overprotective brother Franz and security chief Colonel Gerhardt Brunner, and next is joined during the concert by British secret agent Michael Hagarty, working as Dennis McKelvy, who has blood on his hand when he abducts her and the Mueller's limousine to the South African embassy at gun point, asking for sanctuary, in fact Paul's staged defection, again a cover for his work as SAS agent, which was rightly expected to be discovered. Then fellow spy Jack Kendall is found stabbed dead in the embassy garden, holding a white rose, the code name of an operation Jessica earlier overheard him mention over the telephone, an Apartheid opponent Benjamin Kumbasa's stabbing. First Secretary Henry Claymore agrees in the ambassador's absence to 'Dennis' and Jessica investigating freely, presuming a connection between both murders, but... Meanwhile Greta refuses to join Franz's defection even before their family in the... Written by KGF Vissers

At a restaurant in Washington, DC, East German Colonel Gerhardt Brunner (Eric Braeden) scrutinizes the gathering of Briton Andrew Wyckham (Bernard Fox) and East German siblings Franz Mueller (John Glover) and Greta Mueller (Maria Mayenzet), who are scheduled to perform as instrumentalists in a forthcoming concert.

When Jessica informs the group that she plans to attend the concert, at which Greta performs on violin and Franz on piano, Andrew Wyckham escorts her, while Hagarty awaits backstage, to telephone British Agent Jack Kendall (Warwick Sims) to chauffeur a limousine and to meet his party before the concert hall between Acts.

A wounded Hagarty then points the barrel of his pistol to Jessica and Andrew, to enter the limousine, before it is trailed on a high speed chase across Washington, DC, toward the British Embassy, at which Hagarty has notified a trim staff to receive him for sanctuary as a British citizen, and to have resident Doctor Lynch (Michael Anderson Jr.) on hand to tend to his wounded arm.

British Embassy First Secretary Henry Claymore (Tony Bonner) and his wife, Margo Claymore (Jenny Agutter), receive their guests after the iron gate sequesters the group from East German

attack. As they disembark from the limousine, it is revealed that Greta and Franz have stowed away for the purpose of defection.

But when Jessica cannot seem to obtain a straight answer from Hagarty, she steps outdoors to comfort the weeping Greta, who stumbles across a body near the sidewalk, holding "One White Rose for Death." British Sergeant (Julian Barnes) is on hand to investigate, as none but the ten have been able to enter nor to exit the British Embassy except for the guards at the gate.

Hired by local robber barons, Harvard Law Graduate Brisco County, Jr. searches for the members of the infamous John Bly gang, the same men who killed his father, a famous marshal and western legend. Accompanied by his one-time rival and fellow bounty hunter Lord Bowler, Brisco rides through the West trying to bring his father's killers to justice. Along the way, he encounters mysterious golden orbs with strange abilities and colorful characters who help or hinder his mission as he hunts down the Bly gang one by one. Written by Kevin <Kibble@vm.temple.edu>

In the Special Features DVD, writer Carlton Cuse said that when coming up with ideas for the series, he was studying various B-movies from the 50s and 60s, and noticed that many of them were Westerns or Sci-Fis. Cuse then decided to create the series as a combination of the two, creating it as a Western, but with sci-fi elements. See more »

Adventures took the TV Western in a direction that hadn't been seen since Maverick and The Wild Wild West: light-hearted comedy. As an additional twist, they tossed in the TV-parodying elements of Maverick (we see 'Dr. Quintano, Medicine Woman' and Terry Bradshaw leading a team of football players/bounty hunters), and the futuristic (by 1890's standards) gizmos of the West (motorcycles, dirigibles). Throw in the story arc of John Bly, master villain of the future, and you've got a story that is a very weird blend of so many elements its hard to describe. Bruce Campbell show she has the stuff to be a series regular, but another strength of Adventures... is the continuity and the supporting cast - many of which are given a chance to show up often and get some character development. Catch it on TNT.

Set in a futuristic vision of the late 1980's, Ukrainian Archbishop Kiril Lakota is set free after two decades as a political prisoner in Siberia. He is brought to Rome by Fr. David Telemond, a troubled young priest who befriends him. Once at the Vatican, he is immediately given an audience with the Pope, who elevates him to Cardinal Priest. The world is on the brink of war due to a Chinese-Soviet feud made worse by a famine caused by trade restrictions brought against China by the U.S. When the Pontiff suddenly dies, Lakota's genuine character and unique life experience move the College of Cardinals to elect him as the new Pope. But Pope Kiril I must now deal with his own self-doubt, the struggle of his friend Fr. Telemond who is under scrutiny for his beliefs, and find a solution to the crisis in China. Written by Anonymous

As Pope operas go, The Shoes of the Fisherman is pretty enjoyable. Dated but shot on a lavish scale in the days when doorstop novels were turned into star-studded epics rather than TV miniseries, it skirts close to guilty pleasure territory without ever providing any unintentional laughs as Anthony Quinn's political prisoner is freed to act as a mediator between the Church and Russia only to find himself elected Pope. Laurence Olivier delivers the bacon as the Russian premier in one of the first of his hammy blockbuster supporting turns he took to supplement his meagre £150 a week salary at the National Theatre, with John Gielgud turning up for one scene as an ailing pontiff while Oskar Werner, Leo McKern and Vittorio De Sica get the more substantial roles. Too much screen time is wasted on David Jansenn and Barbara Jefford's marital problems, an irrelevant subplot that simply gets discarded entirely in the last third, and the political crisis in the background with a starving China threatening world war isn't entirely convincing. Yet there is some substance there even if the politics, both theological and secular, are somewhat confused - how many roadshow pictures feature a philosopher-priest (Werner) under investigation for developing the theories of Teillhard de Chardin? There's even one surprisingly touching scene between Leo McKern and Quinn near the end of the film about loneliness, and Alex North's grandiose score, incorporating as its main theme part of his rejected score for 2001, is guite magnificent. And if you've ever wanted to see Zorba the Pope reciting the Shema Yisrael, this is the movie for you.

In the Australian Outback, the Carmody family--Paddy, Ida and their teenage son Sean--are sheep drovers, always on the move. Ida and Sean want to settle down and buy a farm. Paddy wants to keep moving. A sheep-shearing contest, the birth of a child, drinking, gambling and a race horse will all have a part in the final decision. Written by Jeanne Armintrout <jeannee@uwyo.edu>