

Conflict

(aka: "The Abysmal Brute")

US : 1936 : dir. David Howard : Universal

: 60 min

prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

[Tommy Bupp](#); [Leonard Kibrick](#)

John Wayne; Jean Rogers; Eddie Borden; Ward Bond; Harry Woods; Frank Sheridan;

Bryant Washburn; Frank Hagney; Margaret Mann

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The appetite for conflict begins young..

Source: original front-of-house still

Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

"Wayne is a lumberjack and a boxer. In the latter trade, under the influence of Bond, he's become a swindler. When Rogers enters his life he decides to follow the straight and narrow. It remains a so-so production. * "

The Universal Story note:

"Virile adventure top-starring gentle giant John Wayne who takes "dives" for touring heavyweight Ward Bond but turns moral under the influence of blonde reporter Jean Rogers and orphan Tommy Bupp."

[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", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]



All conflicts are lubricated by stout alliances..

Source: original front-of-house still

No further information currently available. Not to be confused with the 1945, 1966 or 1973 films of the same title. As the above publicity stills indicate, it's based on the Jack London story "The Abysmal Brute".

Even the redoubtable *Moving Picture Boy* cites only one boy for this obscure title, when as we can see there were at least four. Tommy Bupp, here 11, is on the far left in both stills. I cannot positively identify the others, though the freckled redhead bruiser (who looks uncannily like a young Spencer Tracy) is almost certainly Leonard Kibrick. Bupp made his debut at 14 months in a film fruitily called "**MATING TIME**" (26). Hugely prolific boy actor, he claimed 75 film appearances before the age of 5, and dozens more in the Thirties. He died in 1983. Look out for him in "**BABES IN TOYLAND**" (34), "**AH, WILDERNESS!**" (35), "**THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER**" (35), "**CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS**" (37 - at Freddie Bartholomew's school), "**TEX RIDES WITH THE BOYS SCOUTS**" (37) and "**MR SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON**" (39). Brother Sonny Bupp played Orson Welles' son in "**CITIZEN KANE**". See subject index under **ORPHANS / ADOPTION, SPORT** and (maybe) **WESTERNS**.

