

Our Favorite Movie Posters #106: Teenage Mother (1967)

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Our Favorite Movie Posters #106: Teenage Mother (1967) - (AKA The Hygiene Story) - A 1967 American exploitation film directed by Jerry Gross and starring Arlene Sue Farber. The film is about teenage pregnancy and hygiene. It was billed as "The film that dares to explain what most parents can't." The film also features a graphic scene of a birth. (Director Gross reportedly paid a hospital \$50 for the graphic footage of a baby being born.)

Films of this type were circulated throughout the drive-in and grindhouse circuit during the 1950s through the 1970s. Many times the films would play the circuit, and then the distributor would rename the film for another round. (Thus, "the Hygiene Story" title.)

While most of the movie is typical 60s potboiler exploitation fare, near the end of the movie is a filming of the birth of an actual baby. Quite graphic for the time. (Many films of this sort would include a scene such as this, to give the movie socially redeeming educational value. Ironic that a close-up shot of a splayed vagina could give a movie socially redeeming value.)

The plot revolves around the arrival of a new Swedish biology teacher at a New York high school who was brought in to teach "anatomical biology." The plot also involves horny high school kids, (most of who look to be in their late twenties at best), stock car racing, drugs, and a fake pregnancy.

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And the lead actress (Arlene Sue Farber) truly has an impressive head of Elvira-worthy hair.

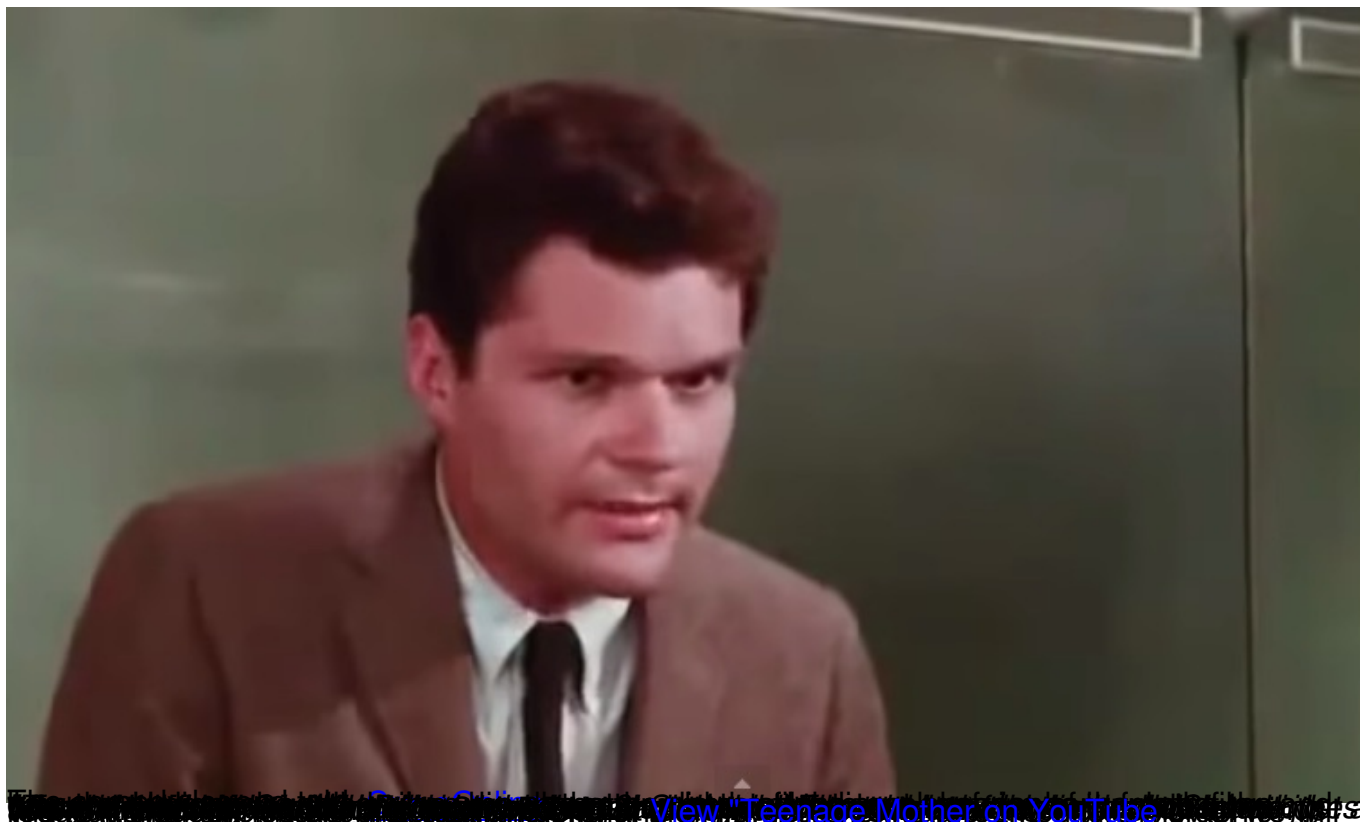


One interesting bit of casting in the film is that of a young [Fred Willard](#) as a squeaky clean coach who protects the new teacher from an attempted rape.

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