# Russians Are Coming, Russians Are Coming, The: A Hilarious Cold War Comedy

Released in 1966, The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming is a hilarious Cold War comedy that follows the misadventures of a group of Russian sailors who accidentally land on a remote New England island.



### Russians Are Coming, Again, The: The First Cold War as Tragedy, the Second as Farce by John Marciano

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The film stars Carl Reiner as Walt Whittaker, a small-town police chief who is tasked with keeping the peace while the Russians are in town. Jerry Lewis plays Alexei Kolchin, the captain of the Russian submarine that ran aground on the island. Jonathan Winters plays Alexei's bumbling first officer, Nikolai. Alan Arkin plays the town's drunken doctor, Paul Vizzini. Eva Marie Saint plays Walt's wife, Ellen.

The film is a satire of the Cold War paranoia that was prevalent in the United States at the time. The Russians are portrayed as bumbling and

incompetent, but also as surprisingly human. The Americans are portrayed

as well-meaning but also quick to panic.

The film is full of slapstick humor, but it also has a lot of heart. The

characters are all well-developed, and the film does a great job of exploring

the themes of fear, prejudice, and friendship.

The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming is a classic comedy

that is still relevant today. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times,

laughter can be found.

Cast

Carl Reiner as Walt Whittaker

Jerry Lewis as Alexei Kolchin

Jonathan Winters as Nikolai

Alan Arkin as Paul Vizzini

Fva Marie Saint as Ellen Whittaker

Crew

Director: Norman Jewison

Producer: Carl Reiner

Screenplay: William Rose

Cinematography: Joseph Biroc

Music: Ernest Gold

**Awards** 

- Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay
- Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture Musical or Comedy
- BAFTA Award for Best Film

#### Legacy

The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming is considered one of the best comedies of the 1960s. It was a critical and commercial success, and it has been praised for its humor, heart, and social commentary.

The film has been remade twice, once in 1988 and again in 2019. The 1988 remake, Red Heat, starred Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Belushi. The 2019 remake, Stuber, starred Kumail Nanjiani and Dave Bautista.

The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming is a timeless comedy that continues to be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, laughter can be found.



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