

SEWÉ DAE BY DIE SILBERSTEINS
'EMEEN - Etienne Leroux

Etienne Leroux's books to be filmed

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AN American film company has bought the rights to the controversial Afrikaans book "Sewé dae by die Silbersteins" by Etienne Leroux, and, according to the contract between them and the publishers of the book, the film must be completed within three years.

This will be the first Afrikaans book to be filmed by an international film company and a spokesman for the publishers said that they were extremely pleased for Leroux's sake.

"Sewé dae by die Silbersteins" is selling very well in America, England and the Netherlands, and the French publishers Lafont are busy with transactions to translate the book into French," he said.

"We also received word today that the most famous of soft cover publishers in the world want to translate all his works into English," he said.

The rights to the book were bought by the American Morris West, whose best film was possibly "Shoes of the Fisherman". The film will be directed by Peter Glenville who produced "The Comedians" in which Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton played.

OTHER FILM RIGHTS

At the same time Morris West also bought the film rights to the novel "Een vir Azazel", also by Etienne Leroux.

A storm burst loose when Etienne Leroux was awarded the Hertzog Prize for "Sewé dae by die Silbersteins", but according to the publishers, his books sold even better after this.

Leroux, who also produced such well-known novels as "Die derde oog" and "1844", is at present working on his latest book which he hopes to complete in the near future.

It is not yet known when filming is due to start but his publishers hope that it will be soon. They also expect that the filming will be done in the Boland, which forms the backdrop of the book.