

The jungle scene

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John Bishop said:

I think all or most of the little asides are a reference
to something; the airplane is a clue which I can't decipher,

I always felt that this scene is a tribute to the genre of pulp adventure, rather than a specific reference to a historical event. The plane, I thought was a device to show that the characters have been moved both in space, as in the desert garden, and now in time, too. A prop plane is jarringly incongruous in the glassed-in dome of the Gardens and for me invoked the Tarzan movies of the 50's and King Solomon's Mines.

Later, when I read The Last Thrilling Wonder Story and The Island of Doctor Death, I was reminded of the jungle scene. All three are, at least in part, an homage to a genre.

Craig