

Movieland Epoch Comes To End; 'Spartacus' Cost \$9 Million to Film

By VERNON SCOTT
UPI Hollywood Correspondent

Hollywood — (AP) — A movieland epoch came to an end this week when Kirk Douglas shouted his final "cut and print" orders to the crew of "Spartacus," most jinxed picture ever filmed.

Wracked by illness, injury, temperament and replacements, the movie became the most expensive to be made in Hollywood.

The project began last January as a run-of-the-mine super-colossal. The budget: 4 million dollars. The schedule: three months.

"Spartacus" hit the finish line four months late and, get this, 5 million dollars over budget. Grand total: 7 months and 9 million dollars.

Where did the money go? Most of it was burned up in 247,834 man-hours of labor. There were 129 bit parts, 4851

extras and 30 stars and feature players. Several sets cost more than \$100,000 each, constructed by 300 carpenters.

Must Gross 20 Million
Douglas, somewhat w a n from his efforts, paced his dressing room surveying the record-breaking marathon he's just completed.

"It was worth it," he said flatly. "The picture has to gross 20 million dollars to break even. But I think it can make 50 million."

How many movies have earned that much money? "None that I know of," Douglas grinned. "Not even 'Gone With the Wind.' This picture can do it, though. I'm sure of it."

Kirk's epic struggles began in January, 1858, when he announced the project. Yul Brynner simultaneously stated he would make the same film. After lengthy sparring, Douglas beat the opposition to the draw and signed his stars.

"For the first time I managed to get everyone I thought was perfect for their roles — Lawrence Olivier, Charles Laughton, Peter Ustinov and Tony Curtis," he said.

But his troubles were just beginning. Once the film was rolling director Anthony Mann, who clashed with Kirk, was replaced by Stanley Kubrick. The leading lady Sabrina Bethman ("She wasn't up to it") was dumped in favor of Jean Simmons.

Tony Curtis Sidelined
Jean was operated on in mid-picture, missing six weeks of work. Kirk came down with the flu ("first time I've been sick on a picture") and was out for 10 days.

Tony Curtis cut his heel while playing tennis with Douglas and was sidelined for another four weeks.

"All the while we were adding million of dollars to the budget," Kirk sighed. "It's been a helluva gamble. No picture has gone so far over its original schedule. Naturally, I was concerned, but I didn't get jittery about it."

"You might say that I had a light workout a couple of years ago when I made 'The Vikings.' We only went 134 million dollars over the budget for that one."

"But 'The Viking' earned 15 million bucks and cost a third of that to make. So I'm not worried. 'Spartacus' is a great picture, and now that it's over I feel sort of sad. It had become a way of life with us."

Montague Group Plans Annual Play Day Sunday

Montague — The Montague Trail Riders will stage its fourth annual "Play Day," and will be the host group to the Gazelle Horsemen and the Squaw Valley Riders of McCloud, Sunday, Aug. 9.

Each year the three riding groups hold three Play Days, with each hosting the other two units once during the season. All are striving for the perpetual traveling trophy.

Prior to the traveling trophy, the Montague Trail Riders won the first trophy at the first annual play day, which they retained in 1956. In 1957 the three groups decided to have a traveling trophy set up so that the group winning it for three years in succession would be able to keep it permanently. In 1957, Montague won the trophy, and in 1958 the Gazelle Horsemen were triumphant.

Jackpot Roping
This Sunday the Play Day is slated to open at 11 a.m. with a jackpot roping event, where all participants "chip in" for the purse. This event will last until noon.

At 1 p.m. events will start for the scoring points, when each unit will have its best riders participating. The events will include pole bending, baton race, potato race, equipment race and balloon race.

Open events for all who wish to enter, with ribbon awards to winners, will include calf daubing, barrel racing, four leaf clover and barrel crawling.

Prineville Girl Dies After Struck by Car
Prineville — (AP) — Seven-year-old Deborah Joy Puckett was fatally injured Thursday when she was struck by a car on a country road about 5 miles north of Prineville.

John Ridenaur, 20, driver of the car, said he did not see the girl until she was directly in the path of his car. Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Puckett of the Prineville area, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital here.

STOCKING UP
Niagara Falls, Ont. — (AP) — Alexander MacDonald, 42, who has a farm, got three months in jail for stealing three pigs; MacDonald was previously convicted for the theft of a cow.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Martin G. — We shouldn't tell my sister what her little girl told us.

Edna G. — The parents should know what goes on in her mind.

Martin G. — My wife and I are having a disagreement about a problem that concerns my sister and her husband.

Recently her 12-year-old little girl came to stay at our home for a week. One night she came into our room and started crying, telling us she was very unhappy because her parents didn't love one another.

We comforted her as best

Bartholomew Sees No Damage in Talks
San Francisco — (AP) — Frank H. Bartholomew, president and general manager of United Press International, said today there was reason for "some cautious optimism" in the forthcoming meetings of President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Bartholomew said in a speech prepared for delivery before the Commonwealth Club of California that he believed that "no damage and possibly great good can come of the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meetings will result at least in an agreement to continue the status quo in Germany for a couple of years, or if fortune smiles and common sense prevails, an equitable permanent solution may evolve."

The Indian Railways now have more than 35,000 miles of tracks.

Nice to Budgets!

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

Snider's Quality DAIRY FOODS

want to hear and too quick to poo-poo the things they prefer not to hear. If the teller in the second case is a child it is easier to belittle it.

Edna's desire to use this child's confession to bring something to a head in another household is wrong. It is also wrong to break the promise to the child. But Edna's maternal instinct that tells her the parents ought to be made

we could and then scolded her for talking like that. I explained that a child can't understand the feelings of grownups and that parents sometimes have disagreements, but that doesn't mean they don't love each other. Shirley wasn't convinced no matter what we said. She made us promise not to tell her mother and I don't think we should. It's a child's foolishness. Why upset my sister?

Edna G. — I feel that I would want to be told if this happened with my child. It's important for parents to know what is going on in their children's minds.

Aside from this, I have been suspecting that things are not as they should be in that household. My brother-in-law has always had an eye for women and I'm sure it doesn't make his wife any too happy. Maybe if he knew these ideas were in his daughter's mind he would change. Of course I'm not saying the child really understands anything, but this might just be the thing to bring him into line.

What is most important is the fact that this child is going around talking like this. She might do the same thing with her schoolmates or adult strangers. Her mother should give her a good talking-to.

The Council: Neither Edna's reasons for telling nor Martin's against telling are entirely to the point.

In the first place, we don't think this child should have been scolded nor does she need "a good talking-to." And it was wrong to make a promise to her with the idea of breaking it.

It is true that children often imagine things that aren't so — but adults do the same thing. Most adults are too quick to accept what they

aware of their child's unhappiness is on the right track.

The right thing to do in this case was to have comforted the child and told her she could be mistaken. The statement that parents sometimes have their disagreements but can go on loving one another was a good one. It should have been supplemented by telling the child to talk to her parents the next time she

has these feelings. When she demanded the promise that her mother not be told, she should have been advised to have no fear, but to tell her mother herself.

We feel that there is much to be gained by treating children with respect and by recognizing that they are extremely sensitive to the feelings of adults. Children are also very sensitive to moral

issues and bitterly resent broken promises and unfair treatment. It would certainly be unfair to reprimand this child for her unhappy feelings and her sad insight — whether or not they are founded on fact.

(Copyright 1959, General Features Corp.)

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. 3
Friday, August 7, 1959

Ten Drivers Get Licenses Suspended

Salem — The department of motor vehicles has released names of 437 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning July 27, and ending July 31.

Length of suspension varies depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving court recommendations may have been re-instated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED—
(Includes any conviction for violation of traffic laws, involving operation of motor vehicle, while driving privileges were suspended):

Glenn, Richard Dean, 29, of 235 DeBarr st., Medford, no operator's license, suspended 12-29-59, 1 year.

Ladd, Denver Ralph, 23, of rt. 1, box 235, Rogue River, driving while license suspended 5-25-61, 1 year.

Larson, Leo Franklin, 49, of rt. 1, box 459, Central Point, no operator's license, suspended 4-7-61, 1 year.

DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR—
(Mandatory suspension).

Oviatt, Lawrence Demont, 25, of 1965 East Main st., Ashland, suspended 7-24-59, 90 days.

Pierce, Clyde Haskell, 4860 Hope dr., Central Point, suspended 7-27-59, 90 days.

Vaught, Clyde Noel, 47, of 530 Crater Lake ave., Medford, suspended 7-27-59, 90 days.

COURT RECOMMENDATION—
(Following traffic violation convictions)

Kelley, Herbert Eugene, 36, of 310 South Second st., Talent, violation of driving restriction, suspended 7-30-59, 2 years.

DISCRETIONARY ACTION OF DEPARTMENT—
Ingle, Angel, 19, of 1978 Table Rock rd., Medford, driving record, suspended 7-31-59, 30 days.

Jensen, Jens, 72, of 418 Park st., Medford, suspended for failure to pass tests, suspended 7-24-59, 1 year.

Monia, David Russell, 19, of 47 Laurel st., Central Point, driving record, suspended 7-30-59, 90 days.

MADE IN 1 MINUTE WHILE YOU WATCH KEYS

BUY AN EXTRA KEY FREE PARKING

ACME HARDWARE

SPECIALISTS IN HOMEWARES! 245 S. Central at 10th

DOWN

Ever Stop to Think What a GARBAGE DISPOSAL Can Do For You?



No more messy garbage pails to empty... no more odor in your kitchen... no more breeding grounds for flies and insects. Your new Disposal removes food waste easily, quickly, before it becomes garbage. You get a neater, more sanitary kitchen — the most important place for cleanliness!

All food waste quickly swirls down the drain. Easy to install, nothing to cause you additional expense. Works equally well on sewer or septic tank.

PRICES AS LOW AS \$59.95 TERMS TOO

DOWN THE DRAIN WITH GARBAGE AND DOWN GOES YOUR WORK LOAD AND UP GOES THE TIME TO DEVOTE TO RECREATION ON THE YARD OR WATCHING TV OR WHATEVER MAKES FOR CONSTRUCTIVE PLEASURE AT YOUR HOUSE...

THIS SATURDAY VISIT HAPPY — HE CAN SAVE YOU REAL MONEY ON YOUR APPLIANCE NEEDS.



What 2 Appliances go together like bread and butter?

ANSWER: Dishwasher and disposal. The routine that prevailed since dishes came into fashion was throw out the slops and wash the dishes. Your disposal takes your food waste right out of the kitchen clean-up routine!



HAPCO.

5 Home Appliance Co. Stores growing with Oregon

115 E. MAIN in MEDFORD

115 E. MAIN in ASHLAND

BANISH DISHWASHING DRUDGERY FOREVER!

Budget Terms

A new G-E Automatic Dishwasher will start saving you time (233 hours a year) and work (39,420 dishes a year used by average family). Now you can devote more time and energy to your family and to your home.

\$199⁹⁵

THE MOBILETTE

