

# Crazylegs Hirsch's Life To Be Made Into Movie

**By Bob Thomas**

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A few months ago, pro football star Elroy Hirsch received an eloquent letter pleading for a dinner date. The writer said he wanted to bring along a boy from a broken home whose idol was "Crazylegs" Hirsch.

"I got several such requests every year," says the lanky Wau-sau, Wis., flash. "I put it off until my wife insisted that I go."

So he and his wife went to dinner with the writer and his young friend. When they parted, the man said, "Some day we ought to do your life story in the movies."

Elroy laughed it off. But he isn't laughing today. This is the day he's starting to enact himself in a film called "Crazylegs, All-American."

Can he act? Bartlett thinks so. He has been training the rams star for a couple of months, working three or more nights a week on his lines. His experience as a sports commentator on radio has helped him too. Elroy himself has no illusions that he is going to put Laurence Olivier to shame.

"I hope it's not too bad," he sighed. "After all, the only other acting I've done was in junior high school. And then the play only lasted a day and a night."

"Luckily I'll be playing myself, and I hope I can do that convincingly. The only thing that worries me is the love scenes with Joan Vohs, who will play my wife. But they've fixed it so I won't have to say 'I love you' or anything like that."

He emphasized that he will restrict his performing to the radio microphone and the gridiron after he completes his film. Like another Michigan All-American before him, Tom Harmon, Elroy has gone into the sports commentation field. Elroy, who also starred for Wisconsin, wants to specialize in play-by-play reporting of football, basketball and baseball.

When will he quit pro ball? "It's hard to say," answered the athlete, who is now 29. "When you have a good year, you always think you're good for one more. If you have a bad year, you say you don't want to end with a bad record. So you go on playing."

"I'm not nervous," said Hirsch, who has faced stadiums filled with yelling football fans. "I'm just scared stiff."

It turned out that his dinner host was Hall Bartlett, a young man with a knack for turning out movies inexpensively and well. The producer-writer made last year's "Navajo," which was well received by the critics.

Bartlett pursued his notion and got Hirsch to recite his life's history. It appeared to be script fodder to Bartlett.

"Elroy's story is the basic American saga of success," he remarked. "It has plenty of excitement in the football stuff, plus a good love story and a dramatic climax. That came when he was kicked in the head while playing for the Chicago Rockets."

"He received a skull fracture and doctors said he would never play football again. But he recovered and went on to the Los Angeles Rams, with whom he scored the greatest success of his career."

Elroy has been in a daze about the whole thing. He was dubious about the possibility of anyone filming his life and probably was still doubting it until the cameras started rolling today. He certainly has the physical attributes to star in a movie, being tall, blond and handsome. He looks like a healthy Sonny Tufts.

**June MIG Toll 75 Destroyed**

SEOUL (AP)—Fifth Air Force Tuesday boosted its record-breaking June toll of Communist MIG jets to 75 destroyed, 11 probably destroyed and 41 damaged.

One new MIG destruction claim was confirmed, as were two more claims of probable destructions and three damages.

Previously, the June count had been carried at 74 destroyed—11 more than in any other month of the Korean War—nine probable and 38 damaged.

**GERMANS ENCOURAGED**

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—The South Korean National Assembly Tuesday voted unanimously to send letters of encouragement to the government and Parliament of West Germany paying "high respect to the courageous people who recently stood up against Communist rule in East Germany."



**PEDRO PUIG FERNANDEZ**, a converted Franciscan monk of Cuba, will speak at the Klamath Temple, 1007 Pine, Wednesday, July 8, 7:45 p. m. After 11 years study in Catholic seminaries in Cuba and Spain, Mr. Puig was graduated from the theological seminary of San Sebastian, Spain. Upon his return to Cuba in 1950 he was assigned as Professor at St. Anthony's College, Placetas, Cuba. He has been called the "Martin Luther of Cuba." The public is invited to hear his stirring address, told to the Rev. Paul Hartman, missionary to Cuba, who translated for him.

# Russ Forced United States To Discover The Arabs

**By Fred Sparks**  
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CAIRO (NEA)—It took the Russians to make the United States discover the Arabs.

As far as the average American goes, the Arabs were colorful characters wearing headress like knitted towels and dashing on camels firing barber-pole striped rifles.

After building frantically against Russia in Europe and the Orient,

our government saw a side door open—the Middle East.

That's why Secretary of State John Foster Dulles visited Arab countries offering membership in the American financed Anti-Communist Club. That's one club you get paid for joining.

The answer was flying tomatoes and speeches knocking Harry Truman for being pro-Israel. Knocking Harry Truman to a Republican is champagne for breakfast, but Dulles kept a straight face.

The Arabs suspect there are strings attached to loose wallets, like on April Fool's Day, and Dulles now agrees that any kind of "Middle East Defense" must be delayed.

This is unfortunate, for Arabs make good infantrymen if properly guided. They have amazing physical stamina. Their songs are not of love and moon but of blood and battle.

I have been touring North Africa, Egypt and the Levant for more than a month speaking to Sheikhs, fellahs, and bubble pipe salesmen.

They are concerned with crushing Israel, muscling the British out of the Suez Canal Zone and the French from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. They seem to have no fear of attack by Russia.

The Arabs hate us and our European allies more than they hate Russians. They don't know many Russians.

Well, nobody loves the telephone company but everybody does business with it. The West must explain how the Russian anti-Christ would be just as anti-Mohammed.

Why is this important to you? Remember when Marshal Rommel was breezing toward Cairo and the Japs were chopping through Burmese jungles en route to India? If it had happened we might now be defending Nebraska with table knives.

Today Red China faces India and alongside Russia is Iran. Malenkov and Mao might plan reunion in the Middle East, which would place four thumbs on our Adams Apple.

Assuming Ivan would detour tough Turkey and bash over feeble Iran, he could stroll through every Arab country down North Africa to Tangier without meeting a native force strong enough to make him "don his tin hat."

Of course, from the first our fly-boys would be clobbering Ivan from British and American airfields in Iraq, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Cyprus, Morocco, Suez and Libya. But needless to say, Russian pilots would not be practicing loops at the time. And our desert strips are as exposed as the open sands.

Ivan's only ground obstacle would be the British Suez depot where 80,000 Tommies, trained to ballet precision, serve three boring years without a day off. Minus Suez, which fed Montgomery's 8th Army, Rommel would have ferried the canal, turned left through the Holy Land and Turkey to join the main Wehrmacht in Greece, making Hitler the biggest man in the Mediterranean since Alexander the Great.

If Malenkov stops trying to kiss and make up and tosses his weight around, Suez could again play a life saving role.

The British Suez base is history's biggest machine shop and storehouse. Another 80,000 troops could fly to Suez in their underwear and overnight be dressed and armed.

London has a lease through 1954. But Cairo says it was inked under duress. Egypt want Tommy to scam pronto.

England, who knows that sitting on other people's property without popular consent is currently frowned on, contract or no, offers to go if she can leave 5,000 technical housekeepers and return in strength if Ivan marches.

Egypt wants her own technicians. Meanwhile, peace-maker Dulles runs to both sides pleading: "Gentlemen, gentlemen..."

The U. S. worries: "What if

# Solon Objects To 'Too Many' Democratic Bills

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Clevenger (R-Ohio) said today the Eisenhower administration is asking Republicans to vote for too many bills they opposed when the Democrats sponsored them.

"We're working on too much legislation that has been carried over from the Truman administration," he said.

Clevenger listed as examples the foreign aid bill and the extension of authority for reciprocal trade agreements. He voted against both of these measures, which passed.

He said he also would oppose such administration measures as appropriations for foreign aid, federal aid to education and amending the Taft-Hartley Act.

"The people in Ohio don't want these things," he said.

Clevenger said it was his opinion that a lot of the Eisenhower legislative program is promoted to please some of the Republicans in New York state.

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**GRUMBLERS LEFT**

LONDON (AP)—Two reductions in personnel at the U.S. embassy here have cut the American staff from 245 to 200. An official said this is causing concern among some staff members and dissatisfaction over the increased work load.

some of our North African leaders decide to burn the issues?"

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