Actor's Education
Starts After College
Says Cliff DeYoung

By Ruth E. Thompson

Cliff DeYoung, who created the role of Sam Hayden in the original TV movie version and continues as Sam in NBC's new "Sunshine" series, winces when you say Sam is nicer this time than when his poor wife was dying. The sadness of the movie, which was based on actual diaries of a terminally ill woman, is past.

Says Cliff, "I felt that the guy Sam in the movie was nice even than. When something, a crisis, comes up in your life, you don't always act as nobly as the soap operas would have it."

"Now it's two years after his wife's death. He's a rock musician trying to find ways of making a living and raising his little girl, who is five at this point. It's evolving naturally; his showing a growing maturity."

After a few of what he calls "sidetracks", Cliff is settled again in his hometown, Hollywood, for the filming of "Sunshine".

And he says that without the sidetrack to New York he wouldn't have his own series today, and he is plainly pleased with its quality.

He majored in drama at California State, took a year off to earn money, as a rock singer, for the rest of his schooling, got an M.A. at Illinois State and says, "I realized there was no point in sitting around California waiting to be discovered. It doesn't happen that way. I knew if I were to succeed I would have to go to New York and really learn my craft. Colleges, I think, only train you to return to them and teach. But if you get credentials in New York, if you're good enough, they will seek you out."

In substance he adds, "However, plan to starve awhile first. Yeah, there were times I wondered what I was doing with my life. After five years of college I was earning $60 a week as a messenger for the 'Village Voice.'"

His first showy role, "Trials of Oz," won him the Obie Award as Best Actor of the Year. His next movie was a ten-months' run in "Hair" and he tightens all the muscles in his face when he tells you it's not because it was such a fun show, because it wasn't. "I did it simply because I needed money."

Then an Italian producer offered him a movie, "I hadn't done one before so I thought swell. It was autobiographical about a rich boy who is rejected by his parents but who finally meets the right girl. As I said, it was my first movie so I didn't realize while I worked in it, that it was a real bore. It was shown at Cannes but has never been released here. But by then I had married and my wife Kathleen came over to Rome."

But waiting for him was the role of the bitter, blind soldier in "Sticks and Bones." "That is a wonderful thing about Joseph Papp (who produced it)... he will take a chance on a newcomer. The word is apt: 'Sticks and Bones' won Cliff 'The Most Promising Newcomer' award and the show moved out of its off-Broadway theater and uptown to Broadway."

After the play ended and an another had come into Cliff's life and also closed, his self-prophesy about what being in New York could do, began coming true. Hollywood producer George Eckstein came to town searching for his 'Sunshine' lead, an actor who could handle both the heavy drama and the rock music inserts. He had never seen Cliff act... but that was the name people kept mentioning. Museiff, "I had two days to get ready for the audition. And it wasn't the acting that worried me. I didn't have a guitar to accompany myself and I didn't want to blow it because of that, so I ran around trying to borrow one." And got it. And the role.
Saturday, April 12, 1975

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

1:00 PM

(CBS) What's The Senate All About?

The broadcast takes a look at how that legislative body works with News Correspondent Roger Mudd.

1:30

(CBS) NBA Play-Off Game

2:00

(NBC) Major League Baseball

Oakland Athletics vs. Texas Rangers

2:30

(ABC) Professional Bowlers Tour

Today's show will feature the Ebeneezer Open from Toledo, Ohio.

4:30

(ABC) Masters Golf Tournament

39th annual Masters Golf Tournament

5:00

(CBS) Wide World Of Sports

8:00

(CBS) All To The Family

A daily salesman lectures Archie into signing a costly conest school contract for his schoolhouse to be sheathed in aluminum siding.

9:00

(CBS) Bob Newhart Show

Carol's announcement that she's going to marry Don Feeler, an embalmed pest with foot feet, brings negative reactions from all for whom she dates who find Don a little weird.

10:00

(CBS) Carol Burnett Show

Guests: John Byner and Helen Reddy.

Movies continued...

3:30

(12) "The Steel Jaw" George Montgomery, Charo Luna. (1961) Marine Corps Captain can't get use to the idea of losing his hand.

9:00

(2-3-6-5) "Brook" Jack Pauley, Barbara Eden. Homeless detective undergoes a background check of a narcotics case and finds Frank Converse, Michael D胆eana. Two young doctors work under extreme pressures of a hospital to save lives.

11:30


4:30

(5) "Topkapi" Melina Mercouri, Peter Ustinov, (1964) Gang of crooks plan to rob the Topkapi Palace Museum.

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Sunday June 18, 1975

(CBS) NBA Play-Off Games 8:30

(NBC) World Championship Tennis 3:30

(ABC) Stanley Cup Play-Off Game 9:30

(ABC) American Sportsman Jerry Lewis goes blue marlin fishing in the Bahamas. 9:30

(ABC) Masters Golf Tournament Final round of the 72-hole tournament 4:15

(ABC) Howard Cosell's Sports Magazine 4:30

(CBS) Wide World Of Sports The events are “The Moscow International Gymnastics Championships” 7:30

(CBS) Chir Guests: Kris Kristofferson, Rita Coolidge, Billy Swan and Jean Stapleton 9:30

(NBC) World Of Disney “The Yellowstone Cub” A pair of overly curious bears take conduct their own mishap-filled tour of Yellowstone National Park 11:30

(ABC) The Six Million Dollar Man “The Deadly Reply” (5) Steve Austin is determined to rectify the plane that almost killed him. 6:27

(CBS) Bismarck Memorial Tournament Narrator: Raymon St. Jacques. 9:30

(CBS) Kojak “Stay-Ride” Kojak investigates the “Suicides” of several men. 9:30

(NBC) Sunday Mystery Movie “Baptism of Fire” Jessica Walter, an old family friend of Chief Amos PBS seems to be implicated in industrial espionage. 9:30

(ABC) The Sunday Night Movie “The Big Source” Ryan O’Neal, Leigh Taylor Young, Tale of a troubled-prone drifter and an unstable girl 11:30

(CBS) Mannix “Handful” Joe Mannix acts as a tool for a criminal’s revenge in order to save L. T. Malcom’s life. 9:30

SUNDAY’S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday April 13, 1975

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