FRANKIE VAUGHN as Frankie, has intimate chat with Julie (Anne Haywood) as they sit together in Julie's night club in scene from Anna Neagle production "The Heart of a Man." Vaughn, Britain's leading "pop" singer, who teams with Miss Heywood and Tony Britten plays the part of a young ex-sailor who tries to make good as a singer, helped by the beautiful night-club singer Julie. The film is produced for the Rank Organization.

MOVIE COLUMN

Cheers, tears greet "Spartacus" anniversary as epic film helps pay off many mortgages

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—There were cheers and tears when Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis cut a big cake marking the first anniversary of production on "Spartacus."

The cheers came from hundreds of movie workers who have found employment in the marathon film; one of them claims to have a Spartacus shrine before which he gives thanks for helping to pay off the mortgage.

The tears were induced from Douglas and Curtis by ammonia vials and shed for gag photos.

But someone hazarded a guess that there might be real tears among universal bigwigs who have scraped together $10,000,000 to keep the movie going and going.

"Absolutely not," declared producer Douglas. "Never once when I have told them I had to go back for retakes and spectacle scenes has there been one word of disapproval. In each instance they have said 'go right ahead.'

"This is in contrast to when I was making "The Vikings," which cost about $4,000,000. There was great weeping aid wailing every time I announced I had to spend some more money."

His epic has already been filming longer than any Hollywood movie in recent times, and the end is not yet. Why has it taken so long?

"Well, there are certain things you can't foresee, such as Jean Simmons getting sick and Tony hurting his ankle," Douglas explained. "Then there is the immense job of getting a cast of such magnitude free from other commitments.

"But most people don't realize the speed with which we got this project together. MGM had people working on "Ben Hur" for five years. I read the book "Spartacus" exactly two years ago. We started filming one year ago.

"Don't forget we were racing against Yul Brynner. He had pictures of himself printed in the trade papers in the costume of Spartacus. We had to work fast to beat him."

Though "Ben Hur" is supposed to have cost $5,000,000 more, Kirk claims he'll have a better picture.

"I'm proud that we have made no concessions to spectacle," he remarked. "I don't think crowd scenes mean anything today, unless they progress the plot. I'm more interested in the human story."

B.C. ROUNDUP

Dr. Peter Kelly retiring soon

NANAIMO (CP)—Rev. Dr. Peter Kelly of Parksville, B.C., a spokesman for Indians for many years, will retire as a United Church of Canada minister this year.

Dr. Kelly, an Indian, in his 50th year in the ministry, gave notice of his intention at a recent meeting of the Comox-Nanaimo presbytery of the church.

Premier home

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett Tuesday was discharged from hospital where he underwent a kidney operation 11 days ago. A spokesman said the premier now is in "routine convalescence" at home.

Power for north

VICTORIA (CP)—Acting government leader Attorney-General Bonner said Wednesday the government agrees with Dr. Gordon Shrum that Peace River power should be used in the north.

Speaking in Vancouver Monday, Dr. Shrum, chairman of the B.C. energy board, said the proposed Columbia River power output should be earmarked for the Lower Mainland metropolitan areas and Peace power should be used for on-site industry in the North.

Order lifted

PENTICTON (CP)—City council Tuesday night lifted a hold order on $80,000 worth of equipment for the city's new $305,000 sewage disposal plant when Mayor Charles Oliver said an alternative system was not satisfactory. The mayor flew to Beaconsfield, Que., to investigate the new system.

Reach agreement

CRANBROOK (CP)—The city of Cranbrook and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Employees (CLC) have reached agreement on a 1960 work contract. Wages in all categories will be increased five per cent to make the basic hourly rate for laborers $1.63 and for groundsmen $1.83.

Jockey jailed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Herbert Mance Bulleyment, 47-year-old jockey recently deported from the United States for the fifth time, was jailed Wednesday for 15 months when convicted of skipping bail. Evidence showed Bulleyment skipped $1,000 bail January 9 last year when charged with attempting to pass forged cheques. He received a further two years concurrent on the cheque counts.

Denies rift

VICTORIA (CP)—Northern Affairs Minister Hamilton has denied that he differs with some of his colleagues in the federal cabinet about which hydro development should come first—the Peace River or the Columbia.

Mr. Hamilton said: "I maintain . . . that at the present time, and under the existing circumstances, it is in the nation's economic interest to proceed first, at the earliest opportunity, with the development of the Columbia River."

More lights

VANCOUVER (CP)—Council has approved the addition of 1,500 street lights to the 17,000 already operating in the city. Authorities consider 50,000 lights are needed to "adequately" light the city. The new lighting will be installed on the application of property owners before a court of revision.

More revenue

VANCOUVER (CP)—Licence and business tax revenue for the city during 1959 totalled $4,229,641, an increase of $300,279 over 1958. The figures were contained in a report by city licence inspector Milton Harrell.

Better system

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police said Wednesday an experimental system of handing out accident reports to the public at accident scenes, instead of requiring those involved to visit the court house, has proved successful and may be extended to cover the whole force. Officials said the system speeds up the accident report system and the public file a better report in the leisure of their own homes.

Hosiptal extension

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mainland Construction Company Limited of Vancouver have received a $291,409 contract for an extension of the Shaughnessy Hospital out-patient department. The extension will increase general office and examination room facilities.

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Names in the News

NEW YORK—An angry magistrate Wednesday held 16-year-old **David Campanella** for trial on a petty larceny charge, saying the former baseball star's stepson deserves "whatever he gets." The boy was sent back to jail where he has been held since his arrest January 26. Magistrate James LoPiccollo was angered because the Campanella youth was in court after his third arrest in less than a year.

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SUDBURY, Ont.—Two bearded Boy Scoutmasters from New Jersey are passing through the Sudbury area on the last lap of a year-long, 4,200-mile journey with a canoe. **Al Welenofski** and **Ted Nothaft**, both 22, set out from Oregon on their coast-to-coast trip last April 5. They paddled nearly 1,800 miles to reach Portage la Prairie, Man.

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MONTREAL — The RCAF's **Steinhardt Memorial Trophy** for the most efficient all-weather interceptor squadron has been won this year by **409 Night Hawk Squadron, Comox, B.C.**, Air Defence Command announced today.

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PRINCE GEORGE—**Dr. Hugh Keenleyside**, chairman of the B.C. Power Commission, said here Tuesday B.C. Hydro would buy power developed in the Peace River if it is cheaper than that produced in other centres. Dr. Keenleyside and **Commissioner F. A. Smith** were here to open a new 105-mile power line that will serve Vanderhoof and Fort St. James.

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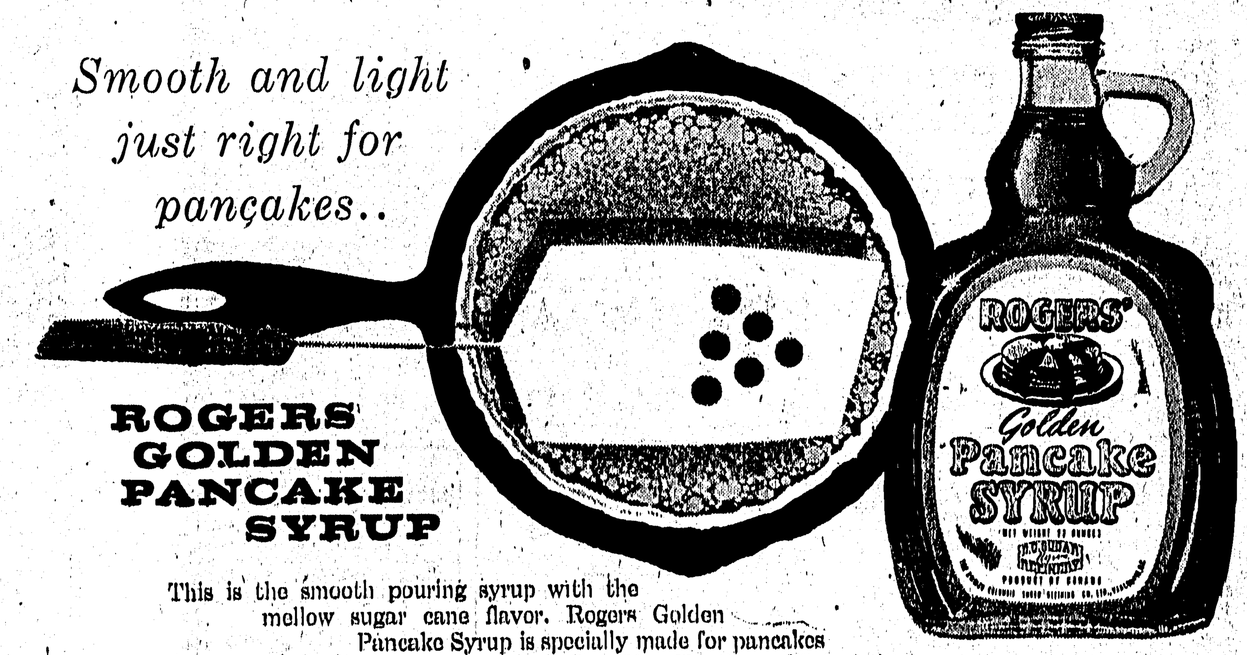

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