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Duvall's Stalin a chilling presence; E! Entertainment goes shopping

"I will never forget the moment," says director Ivan Passer. "The first day of shooting in Russia, when Mr. Duvall came out of the makeup trailer made up as Stalin." Duvall, who has the title role in HBO's three-hour film *Stalin*, also recalls that day, when he emerged after four hours of wig fitting, nose plastering and eyebrow painting. But Passer, who grew up in Czechoslovakia during the Stalinist era, says the effect was worth it.

"We had about 80 soldiers — extras, Russians, dressed up as soldiers — and about 60 people in the crew, and they just froze. And he walked through them and they couldn't look at him, they looked down and they parted so that he could go through, and they stopped talking. I got the chills."

Passer also notes that Duvall stayed in character between takes, which must have been a fine way to maintain discipline on the set.

One good turn deserves another. Fashion critic Mr. Blackwell will play himself in a talk-show sequence on an upcoming episode of ABC's *Civil Wars* titled "The Triumph of DeVille." Blackwell recently granted series star Mariel Hemingway a place on his annual Best Dressed list and has apparently earned a reward.



Robert Duvall in makeup for *Stalin*

Cable's E! Entertainment Television appears to be shifting its focus away from its 24-hour *Entertainment Tonight*-type programming with the acquisition of two outside programs. Beginning Friday, Nov. 27, *The Howard Stern Interview* has the shock rock, entertaining offending in a late-night talk-show format. Then E! will tap into controversy past on Jan. 4 when it begins its exclusive run of 71 original episodes of *The Snooters Brothers Comedy Hour*. The episodes have not been aired since CBS fired the satirical talk singers in 1961.

Name nation's largest cinema

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. What's the largest movie theater in the U.S.?
2. Name the actor and director who starred in *The Great Waldo Pepper*.
3. Who played Whip Hoxworth in 1974's *The Hawaiians*?
4. Doris Day and Rock Hudson's first film together was ...
5. How many *Boys From Brazil* were there?
6. In what Southern city was Bette Davis' *Jezebel* set?
7. Name the Oscar winner who plays a vampire in 1939's *Return of Dr. X*.
8. What is referred to in the title of 1977's nerve-wracking *Sorcerer*? (Bonus: Who directed the film?)
9. Who played *The Fuller Brush Man*?
10. Besides *Rape*, name another film based on the Leopold-and-Loeb murder case.

Answers:

1. Radio City Music Hall
2. Robert Redford played the pro-
3. William Friedkin directed.
4. A truck carrying nitrophenols.
5. 8.
6. Humphrey Bogart.
7. New Orleans.
8. *Sorcerer*.
9. *Yellow Tail*.
10. Charlton Heston.
11. *next aviation*.
12. Robert Redford played the pro-
13. *Radio City Music Hall*.
14. *TV Listing Inc.*



Barbara Hale and Raymond Burr star in *Perry Mason: The Case of the Ruthless Reporter*, Friday on NBC.



Country star Randy Travis performs on *The Stiller Bros. Show*, Saturday on The Nashville Network.



Candice Bergen appears Thursday in the ABC retrospective *Great Television Moments: What We Watched*.