

JEFFREY HUNTER DIES



Actor Jeffrey Hunter died on May 27 at Valley Hospital, Hollywood. He was forty-two. The star, best known for his portrayal of Jesus in the 1961 film "King of Kings," was the victim of a fatal brain injury sustained when he fell down a flight of stairs in his home. Emergency brain surgery failed to save him. Hunter, whose career began in 1951, appeared in more than thirty feature films. Among his best known roles were: the son in a 1955 film, "Seven Angry Men"; the outlaw Frank James in a 1957 flick "True Story of Jesse James"; a newspaper reporter in the 1957 drama, "The Last Hurrah"; an American raised by the Japanese in the 1960 war picture, "Hell To Eternity." In recent years, Hunter had been active in television and in European movies. He leaves his third wife, actress Emily McLaughlin, three sons and a stepson. He was formerly married to actress Barbara Rush and to Dusty Bartlett.