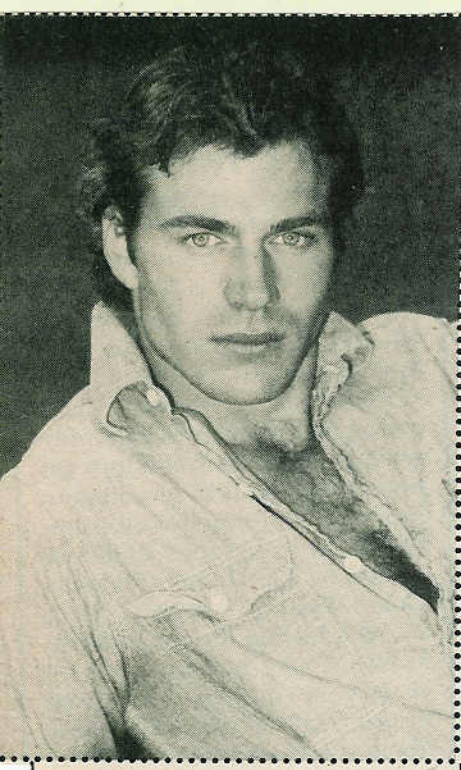

COVER UP (Saturday, 10:00, CBS)

Since there are a lot of gorgeous faces on TV this fall, Jon-Erik Hexum fits into the new season perfectly in his new series *Cover Up!* In this hour long adventure show, Jon-Erik (who starred in TV's *Voyagers*) plays a high-fashion model . . . or does he?? Actually, Jon-Erik only pretends to be a model to cover up his real profession—a private eye! By posing as a model, Jon-Erik tracks down criminals who aren't suspicious of his true profession! Pretty Jennifer O'Neill co-stars as Jon-Erik's photographer, and the two manage to get themselves in all sorts of outrageous situations!

Jon-Erik Hexum Covers Up

What does Jon-Erik Hexum have to cover up? Certainly not his new show!

BY ORLI KOHN

If you're madly in love with TV's hunk of hunks, Jon-Erik Hexum, you may find yourself staying home on Saturday nights this fall. Each week, Jon-Erik will star as male model/CIA agent "Mac Harper" in his new CBS series *Cover Up*. The show is an hour-long adventure-drama about an undercover investigative team who travel all over the world as agents for a secret government office.

In his role as "Mac Harper," Jon-Erik plays an ex-Green Beret—a tough, super-soldier who has special training in the martial arts, advanced skills in chemical interrogation, marksmanship citations, advanced field experience in weaponry, and language fluency in French, German, Spanish, and Chinese. (Not too impressive, is he?)

"'Mac' is a highly-skilled soldier," Jon-Erik told *STAR*, "but he is also incorrigible. He doesn't listen to his sergeant and he smokes and drinks." Yet, despite his hard-boiled personality, "Mac" is still a likeable character. "He's very James Bondish," continues Jon-Erik. " 'Mac' is his own person, but I don't want to make him terribly serious. I want to make him charming and a little bit of a goof-off."

In the show's plot, "Mac" is ordered to do a promotional poster for the Marines (since he is so attractive). He does the poster and is later thrown out of the marine force. Soon after his release, "Mac" is picked up by a modeling agency that spotted him on the poster. He is trained and groomed, and eventually becomes a top international model.

While "Mac's" modeling career is booming, someone in the CIA sees him and decides that with "Mac's" military knowledge and his "cover" as a model, he could become a great spy. Needless to say, "Mac" is soon enlisted in the CIA and teamed up with an undercover fashion photographer named "Dani Reynolds" (played by Jennifer O'Neill). "Dani" and "Mac" first work together to discover why "Dani's" husband was murdered. " 'Dani' relays the orders from the CIA," says Jon-Erik, "and we fight all the time, but our relationship soon develops into a workable partnership."

Cover Up is initially being presented as a made-for-TV movie. The series will follow the film. Despite its title you can be sure that Jon-Erik will not keep the body covered up. "I have no doubt the producer will want me cavorting shirtless," he says, "but I'll try keeping it to a minimum. I hate overdoing it."

Well, Jon-Erik may be tired of taking his shirt off for the cameras, but his fans sure don't mind looking. As for his "hunk" status, Jon-Erik concludes, "I don't want to be a Tom Selleck clone, but on the other hand, it ain't so bad." ★

< **Jon-Erik and co-star Jennifer O'Neill find that life becomes more interesting when they *Cover Up* together.**

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COVER-UP

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