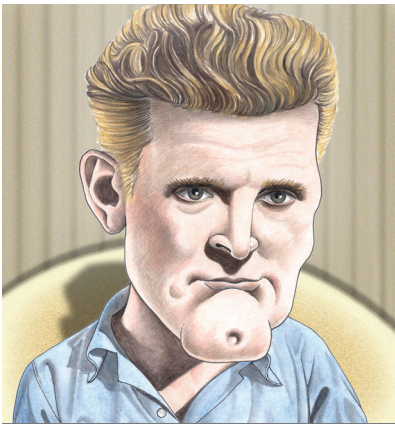


Kirk Douglas turns 95



■ **1916:** Born Dec 9, in Amsterdam, New York, as Issur Danielovitch, son of Jewish immigrants from Belarus

■ **1949:** Tough guy image established in breakthrough movie, ***Champion***

■ **1956-57:** Notable movies include ***Lust for Life*** and ***Paths of Glory***

■ **1960:** Star and executive producer of ***Spartacus***. Breaks Hollywood blacklist by crediting screenwriter Dalton Trumbo

■ **1976:** Israeli hostage drama, ***Victory at Entebbe***, one of seven movies with Burt Lancaster

■ **1988:** Publishes best-selling autobiography, ***The Ragman's Son***

■ **1996:** Receives Honorary Academy Award, weeks after major stroke

■ **Other awards:** Include Presidential Medal of Freedom (1981) and France's Legion d'honneur (1985)