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Defector

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## 'Defector' Is Friday TV Movie

"The Defender," intrigue-packed cold war thriller, starring Montgomery Clift and Hardy Kruger, will be the color presentation on "The Friday Night Movie" this week on CBS-TV (9 p.m., Ch. 6).

Toddy McDowall, Macha Meril, David Opatoshu, Christine Delaroche and Hannes Messemer have important roles in the 1966 Seven Arts release.

Clift, as an American professor on a visit to East Germany, is persuaded by CIA Agent Roddy McDowall to undertake an important espionage assignment, to help a famous Russian physicist defect to the West.

Aware of the assignment, the Russians send one of their Secret Service men, Hardy Kruger, to cover Clift. Through beautiful Macha Meril, who has fallen in love with him, Clift learns he is marked for death. With the girl's help, he manages to survive nightmarish flight that does not necessarily rid him of his pursuers.