

Translation of Star Wars Newspaper Article

Headline: At Finse on holiday- became the star's stand-in.

18-year old high school student Jeffrey Mills from Seattle unexpectedly became an important part of the sequel to Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back.

While on an outing to Finse, he was spotted by the American crew- they had suddenly discovered a lookalike for the film's star, Mark Hamill.

This was extremely serendipitous for both the film crew and the adventurous young American. Jeff Mills exactly matched the height of the American Star Wars actor, who was 10 years his senior.

They also share nearly identical looks, which have led to them being confused with one another, which VG (name of newspaper) - as the first paper to be allowed near the production- could witness.

18-year old Mills is part of a group of 14 students from The Overlake School in Seattle, USA. For nearly six months the students have visited different parts of Norway, under the supervision of a Norwegian-speaking American. They had no knowledge of the film shoot when they arrived at Finse last week.

Chased off.

-I only went over to the hotel to get a closer look at the shoot. At first I was shooed away but one of the crew had obviously taken notice of me. The next day he came over to Finsehytta and asked me if I would consider becoming a so-called double-act (sic) for Hamill.

This meant he would help shoot some of the more demanding scenes. Among other things, he's had good practice running through deep snow...

Jeff Mills was dressed up in similar garb to that of Luke Skywalker. Jumpsuit and laser pistol (!) as well as extensive make-up effects being applied to his face.

-Even if we bear a likeness to each other, the crew worry that audiences will be able to spot the differences. If there is any doubt whatsoever about me not convincingly passing for Luke Skywalker, those scenes are dropped.

-Was this sudden transition into being an actor difficult for you?

Remote controlled

-No, it wasn't that difficult. I obviously don't have any lines of dialogue, and I was given instructions over a radio receiver inside my suit, says Mills. He has first-hand experience of

being a member of the crew. He has been given 10-hour workdays, even if his salary is microscopic compared to Hamill's. Regardless, the money is a welcome addition to a student's slender means.

-Unfortunately I'll have to go back to the States already next week. Up until recently I really looked forward to going home, but right now I wouldn't mind an extended stay one bit, says the lookalike.