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P2750 THE PARK IS MINE (USA, 10/6/1985) [TV]

Credits: director, Steven Hilliard Stern ; writer, Lyle Gorch.

Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Helen Shaver, Yaphet Kotto.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary New York City. Dramatizes a Vietnam veteran's attempt to make the country take notice of the veterans who have come home to indifference and countless problems. The veteran, Mitch (Jones), uses his knowledge of jungle warfare and guerilla tactics to 'take' New York's Central Park. Frank Eubanks (Kotto) is a sympathetic police commander whose cops are unable to take back control of the park. Mitch is soon joined by TV news reporter Valerie Weaver (Shaver) who talks him into a peaceful resolution, but a deputy mayor has other plans, sending in a mercenary to find and eliminate Mitch.

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