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Refining May Not Be Necessary For Uranium Found in Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia (CP)—Australia of the richest form of uranium ore. Mining experts claim that pitchblende found at Wild Dog Valley, only 40 miles from this South Australian state capital, represents the first discovery in Australia.

Geologists define the deposits as massive resinous-looking pitchblende.

According to mines director S. B. Dickenson of South Australia, lumps of the ore contain 70 per cent or more of uranium oxide.

The pitchblende at Rum Jungle, Australia's major uranium field in the Northern Territory, is not in the massive form, but is finely disseminated through black slate.

EASILY REFINED

The advantage of the newly discovered ore lies in the readiness with which it can be refined to uranium oxide. Sir Douglas Mawson, one of Australia's top geologists, believes that if the deposits prove extensive, some of the ore may be capable of export without any refining.

A large refinery is under construction at Port Pirie, in South Australia, to handle the ore from another established state field at Uranium Hill. Shafts soon will be sunk at Wild Dog Valley in an effort to locate a pitchblende lode. If it is found a uranium mine will be established there.

Meanwhile, the South Australian government has awarded \$5,000 to the two brothers, W. F. and J. J. Wenham, who found the deposit, and has reserved mineral rights over a large part of the area.

Atomic experts say that, Australia, although she has achieved world status as a uranium source, cannot hope for her own power supply from atomic energy for at least 10 years.

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Bob Chidwick Purchases Van Meer Studio

R. W. A. (Bob) Chidwick, manager of the Van Meer photography studio here for the past two and a half years, has purchased the business and will continue to operate it under the same name.

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Change of Name Irks Foresters

SALEM, Ore. (CP)—Oregon's state foresters, miffed because the U.S. Forest Service has changed the name of the Douglas fir, are going to ignore the change.

The Douglas fir is Oregon's state tree by action of the 1939 Legislature. The law making it the state tree calls it "pseudotsuga taxifolia."

The U.S. Forest Service, in cooperation with forestry agencies of other countries, recently changed the name to "menziesii."

Homer G. Lyon Jr., State Forestry Department's publicity man, said his department does not like the change, and that Oregon can't recognize it without action by the legislature.

Lyon said the forestry men here don't like the idea of changing a name that has existed 150 years.

The argument is over which of two Scottish naturalists, David Douglas or Archibald Menzies, discovered the tree.

Lyon said many authorities say Douglas discovered it, naming it "pseudotsuga taxifolia." The discovery was made in British Columbia.

Other authorities give credit to Menzies, saying he discovered the tree in 1791 on Vancouver Island.

Lyon says Menzies did file his report first, in 1804. He claims Douglas, although filing his report in 1805, actually made the first discovery.

Army Officer Threatened As Former Prisoner Charged

WASHINGTON (CP)—Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, the former prisoner-of-war who changed his mind about remaining with the Communists and then was charged with unlawfully dealing with the enemy, is described by one of his lawyers as "quite a sick man."

Lt.-Col. Edward W. Hendrick said Sunday night the 23-year-old soldier from Crackers Neck, Va., is "obviously run down and nervous and was very much surprised and shocked when these charges were read to him Friday night."

An inquiry will determine whether the returned POW must face court-martial trial.

The case meanwhile continued to have repercussions both inside and out of the defence department.

TO CARRY GUN
Col. Norman F. Sprowl, public information officer for the Washington command who announced the filing of the charges Friday night, said he had received three threatening telephone calls and had been given permission to carry his service pistol at all times.

Sprowl said one man who called from somewhere in West Virginia early Sunday "said he didn't like the way we were handling the case—asked if we hadn't agreed to give 'these guys' liberty."

"The general idea was 'we'll get you for this,'" Sprowl added.

ACTION PLANNED
Assistant Defence Secretary John A. Hannah said the defence department has planned for some time to take action against returned war prisoners when their action justified it.

The charges against Dickenson, which are subject to further investigation by the army, are that he had unlawful dealings with the Communists and carried favor with his captors to the detriment of fellow prisoners.

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CABINET STUDYING PLAN TO RAISE JUDGES' PAY

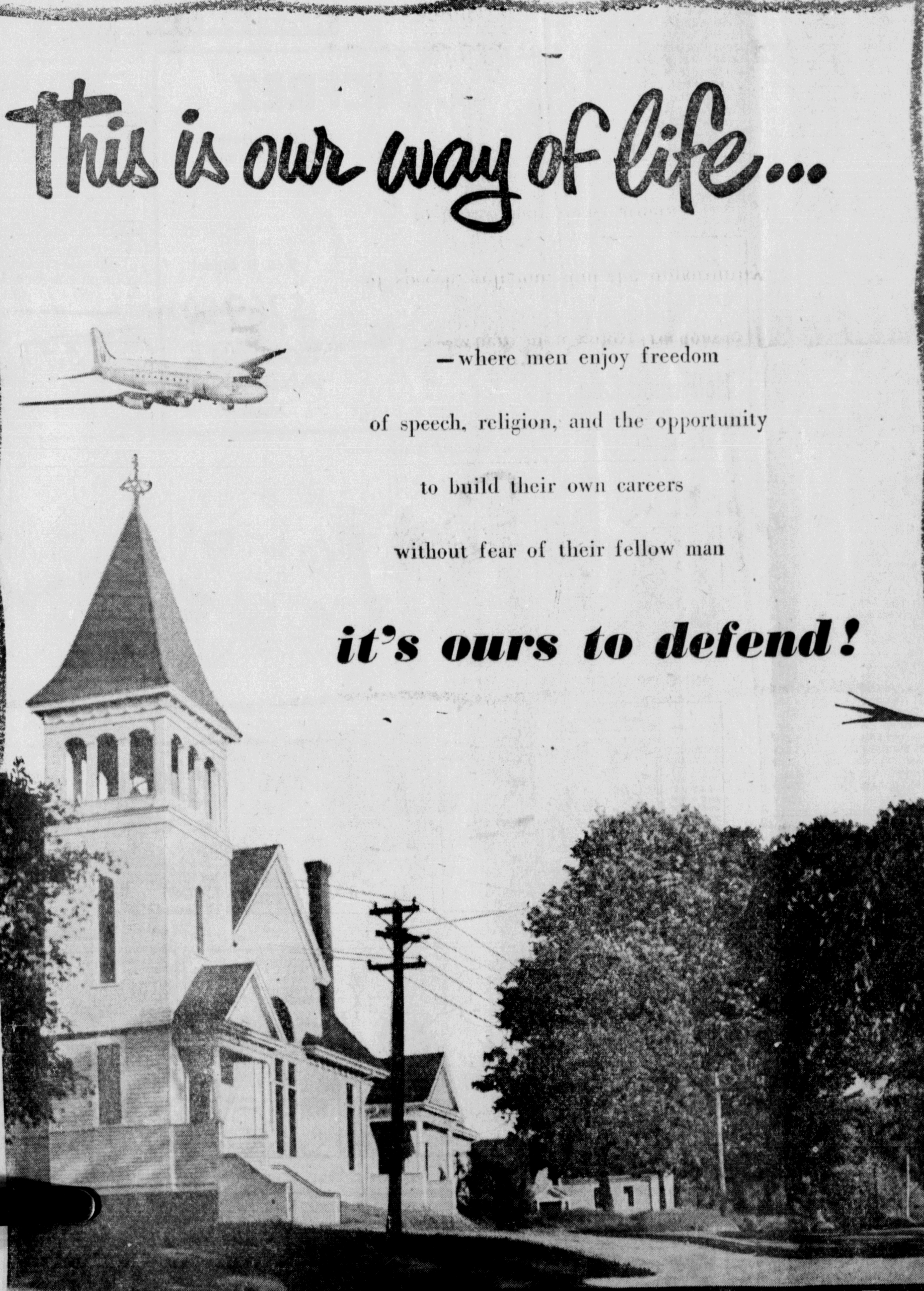
OTTAWA (CP)—The cabinet is studying a plan for a 2 per cent increase in salaries of judges of provincial supreme courts and county courts, it was learned here.

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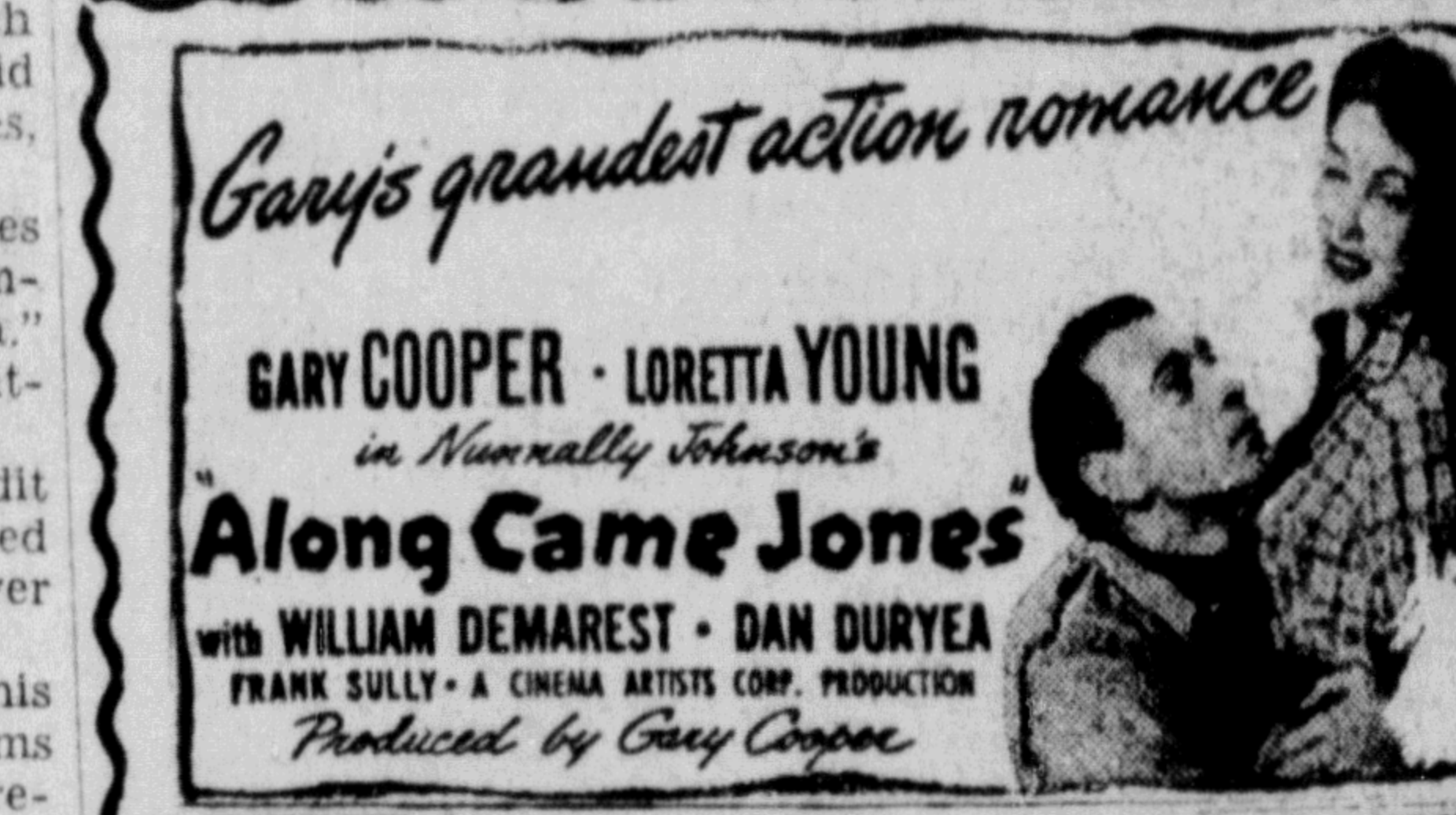
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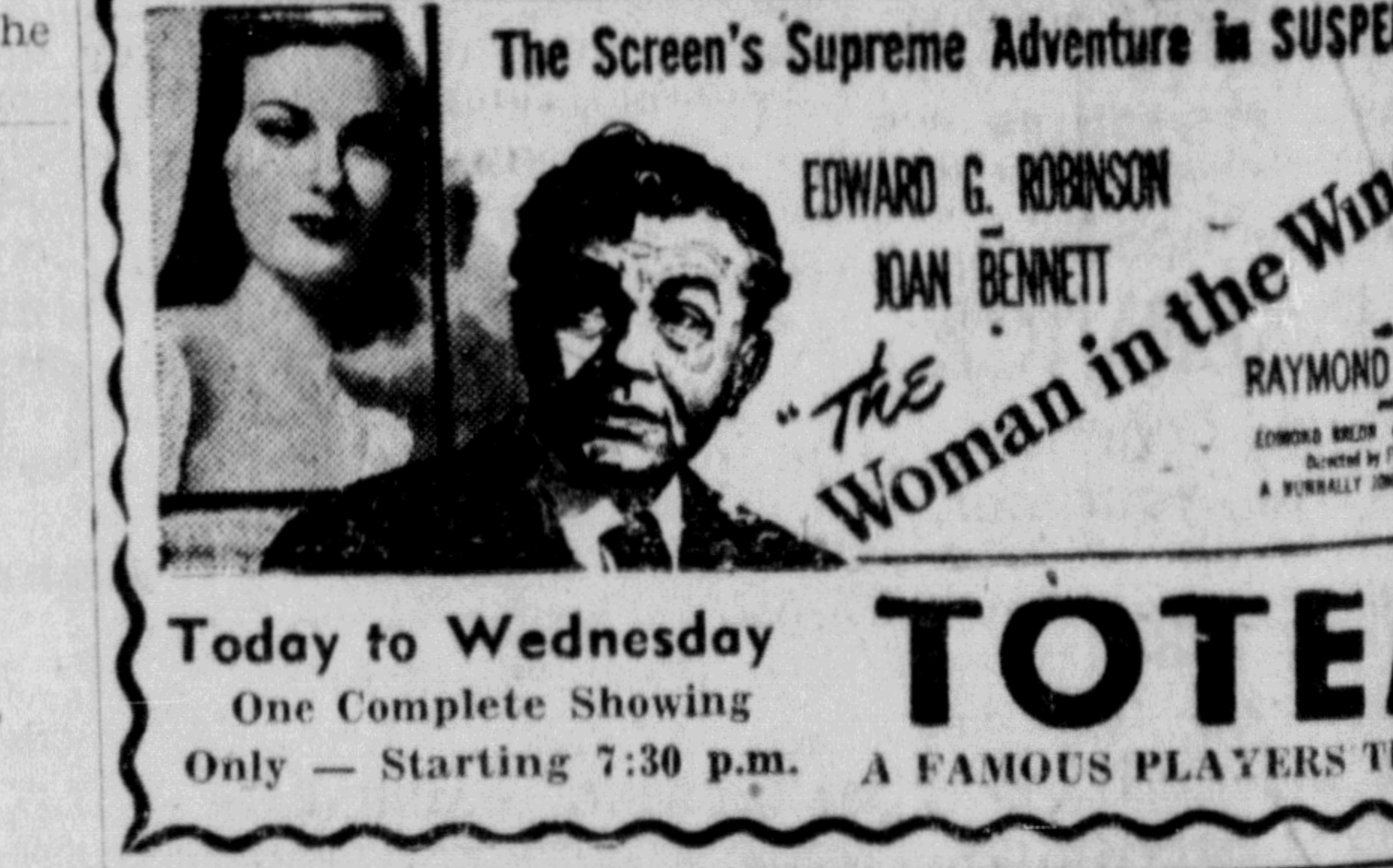
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