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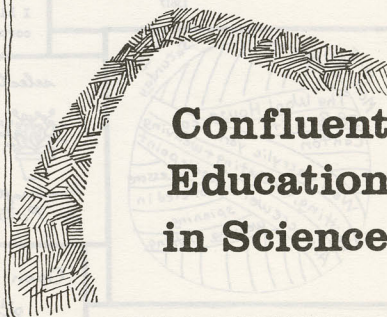
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synopsis of the movie

CHINATOWN by douglass sharpe

J. J. (Jake) Giddes

Mrs Evelyn Mulwray (nee Cross)
& daughter / sister Katherine 15 years
younger.

Albacore fishing club.

'Applecore' is written on Hollis Mulwray's
documents in the office.

Lady making quilt at Mar Vista rest home
owns 'an empire of land' even though
she doesn't know it, but her grandson
is a member of the Albacore f. c. as
evidenced by the insignia on quilt.

address in Chinatown: 1217 Alameda

Noah Cross, Evelyn's father & her now-deceased
husband's former partner.

Jake says to her, just after scene w/ gardener
(water very salty, 'bad for glass'),
'listen mrs mulwray i'm not in business
to be loved but i am in business.'

#3½ million bond issue that is scheduled to pass
on Tuesday for aqueduct / dam / reservoir
project. dam is to be 112 ft high, & the
reservoir is to be 1200 surface acres in
capacity. bonds to be sold against Hollis
Mulwray's insistence that it is unsafe
because of dangerous shale bedrock that
could give way as it had done in a project
of earlier years, & he says at the hearing
he won't make the same mistake twice. Just
then the sheep are herded into hearing room.
turns out that Cross has been struggling with
Hollis Mulwray, tried to ruin him by using
Giddes (Ida Sessions posing as Mrs Mulwray,
telling stories of sexual misconduct), &
Cross hasn't spoken to Mulwray in years--
except for argument photographed by one of
Giddes' men.

Noah Cross wore bifocals. Hollis Mulwray did not.
Lieutenant Escobar, Giddes' former street partner
in Chinatown, during which time a vague incident
occurred that got a woman killed & ended while
Giddes' career on the force.

the new chief of 'Water & Power' department of
L.A. municipal govt (now that Mulwray has
been fished out missing a shoe) has a tuna
on the wall. tells Giddes water will save

the orange groves in the 'northwest valley,'
but when Jake checks it out he realizes
Cross' people (farmers think it is the work
of Mulwray) are blowing up water towers,
have poisoned three wells, & are driving
out the farmers through sabotage, then buy-
ing up the land through deceased names & the
infirm at Mar Vista.

Noah Cross' body guard is named Claude Mulvenny.

The voters think the bond issue means more water
for L.A. it is actually due for the land
the farmers are being run off of. in fact
at the end of the movie, when J. J. asks
Cross what it is a man so successful could
want, Cross says, 'why the future, boy, the
future is what I want. If we can't bring
the water to L.A., then we'll bring L.A. to
the water.' he plans to have the northwest
valley incorporated into Los Angeles proper.
developer at work. land being subdivided.

The name of Mrs. Mulwray's chinese valet is Kahn.
A different branch of the river is used for dump-
ing fresh water into the ocean at night--
this while farmers are denied water for their
livestock. Hollis Mulwray learned of this
& he knew too much. the drought was faked
largely.

In Chinatown (advice from the D.A.) you do as
little as possible. you don't always know
what's going on.

Something, a tiny black spot in the iris of her
eye, a flaw, a birthmark.

Hollis Mulwray & Noah Cross--photo taken 1929.

Ida Sessions' I.D. in wallet by body in kitchen.
drivers licence, social security. Giddes
had gotten the anonymous call at home just
on the verge of sleep--'You know Ida Sessions?
she's waiting for you (address). when he
gets there he finds the body & his own phone
number above her telephone, MA something.
but it was the cops who called him from
there.

Escobar thought Giddes was extorting Mrs. Mulwray,
forcing money from her under threat of turn-
ing her in for the murder of her husband.
driving the car just after the getaway scene
at Mar Vista where Claude tried to do in
Giddes, Mrs. Mulwray dabs her eye--there's
something in it--with Giddes' handkerchief.

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