

# *Is "Fail Safe" as safe as they say?*

**"WHAT is "Fail Safe"?**

**It is the point of possible attack for American nuclear bombers alerted by a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) on their base radar screens.**

Once the bombers get to "fail safe" they are poised for a nuclear attack on Russia.

This film tells what could happen if the bombers accidentally pass "fail safe" and every possible means of recall is tried and fails.

The pilot is hurtling towards Moscow. First the voice of his President, his wife, beg him to turn round.

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of no-one

"The enemy could imitate the President's voice," and even his wife.

The President has no alternative, he must prevent a nuclear war even though Moscow will be destroyed.

Why is the attack a mistake?

"Fail safe" shows the intricacy and complexity of the computer-controlled war machine.

It says that if we automate war, then the control of war could get out of our hands.

Once the mistake, mechanical or not, has been made, nuclear apparatus moves too fast for men to handle.

"Fail safe" brings up one argument after the other for man against war.

The nuclear professor plays the game of nuclear chess giving and taking twenty million casualties in one breath.

He says that if New York is destroyed it would be no use dig-

destroyed it would be no use waging for people, we must first look for "the records of big corporations."

Who does the professor work for? The Government or the corporations?

"Fail Safe" shows the mental preparedness of the U.S. Air Force to wage total war.

One colonel tries to take over the attack and refuses the President's orders.

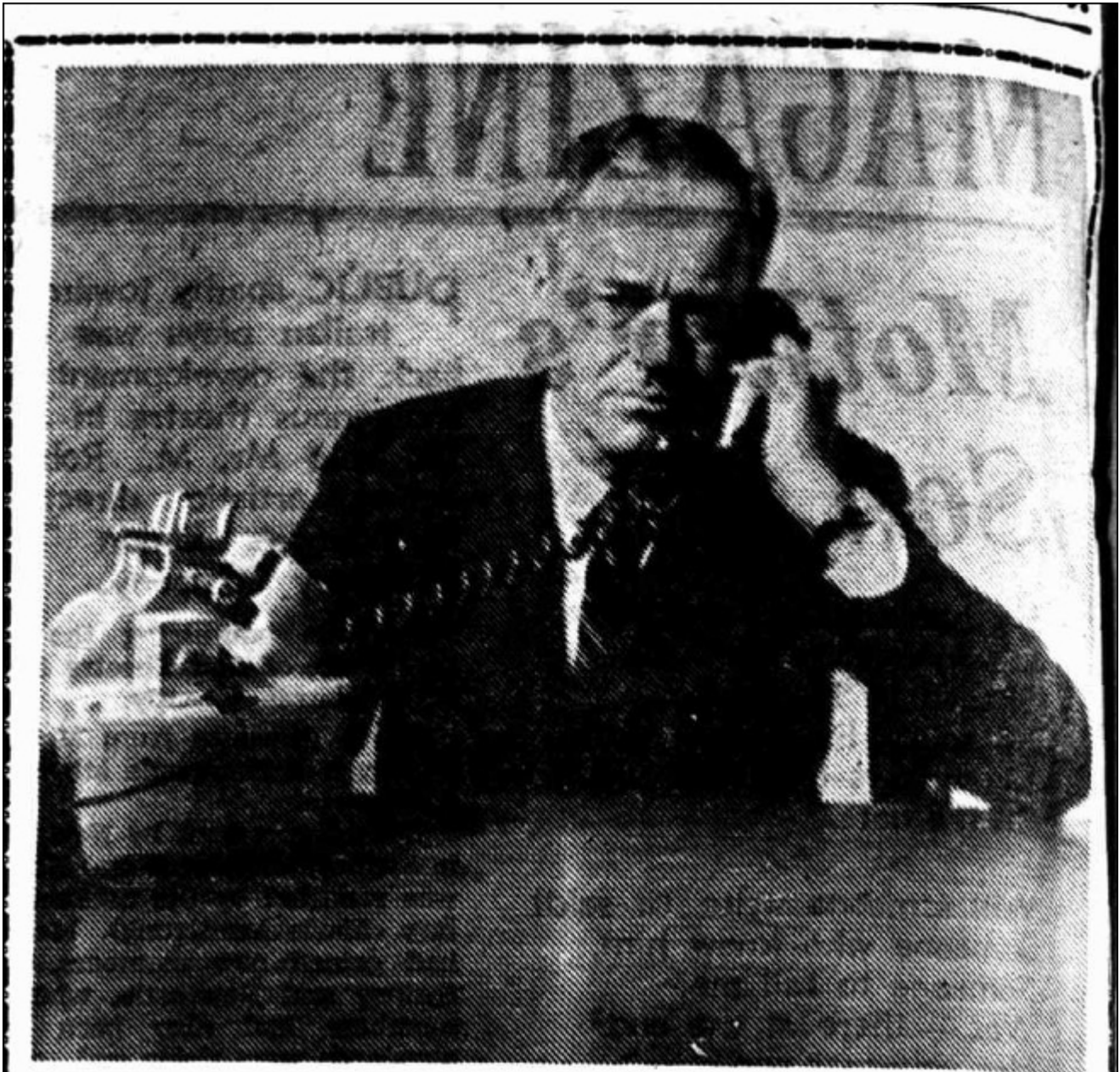
"Fail Safe" shows how the war machine de-personalizes human relations.

It shows the war chiefs waging war by radar, far out of touch with the flesh and blood beneath the bombs.

What it does not point out, is that the flesh and blood beneath the bombs must stop the military on-track mind and break the barriers down that cause fear and mistrust between different social systems.

"Fail Safe" is being shown at the Victory Theatre in Sydney.

—D.K.



**"It is an accident, you've got to believe me", says the President (Henry Fonda) to the Soviet Premier, while nuclear bombers are streaking towards Moscow.**