D5517 DIGA SUL PACIFICO (ITALY/FRANCE, 1957)
(Other titles: Barrage contre le Pacifique; Sea wall; This angry age)

Credits: director, Rene Clement; writers, Rene Clement, Irwin Shaw; novel, Marguerite Duras.

Cast: Anthony Perkins, Silvana Mangano, Richard Conte, Jo Van Fleet.

Summary: Melodrama set in Vietnam and Thailand in the 1950s. Mme. Dufresne (Van Fleet) is a widow operating a rice plantation in Vietnam that is in constant danger of being flooded by the sea. She has two children (Perkins and Mangano). The son folds under the pressure and runs off to Bangkok while the daughter becomes involved with a government official (Conte) who can help save the plantation. In the end the son returns to rebuild the sea wall after a flood damages the area.

“Cinema: ... New picture: This angry age” Time 71 (Jun 9, 1958), p. 94, 96.
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