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The people of Arizona and particularly the Salt River Valley not only do not want the Japs because they do not want them to settle in Arizona, but they fear the presence of the Japs there, even temporarily, after leaving the relocation centers, Lin Orme told the committee. The reason for this fear, he said, is that in the Salt River Valley area and Phoenix there are a number of dams, power plants, military installations, airfields and other activities attendant upon and upon which the war effort is depending.

Orme is a long-time resident of Phoenix. Turn to Page 7, Column 1, Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough, board chairman.

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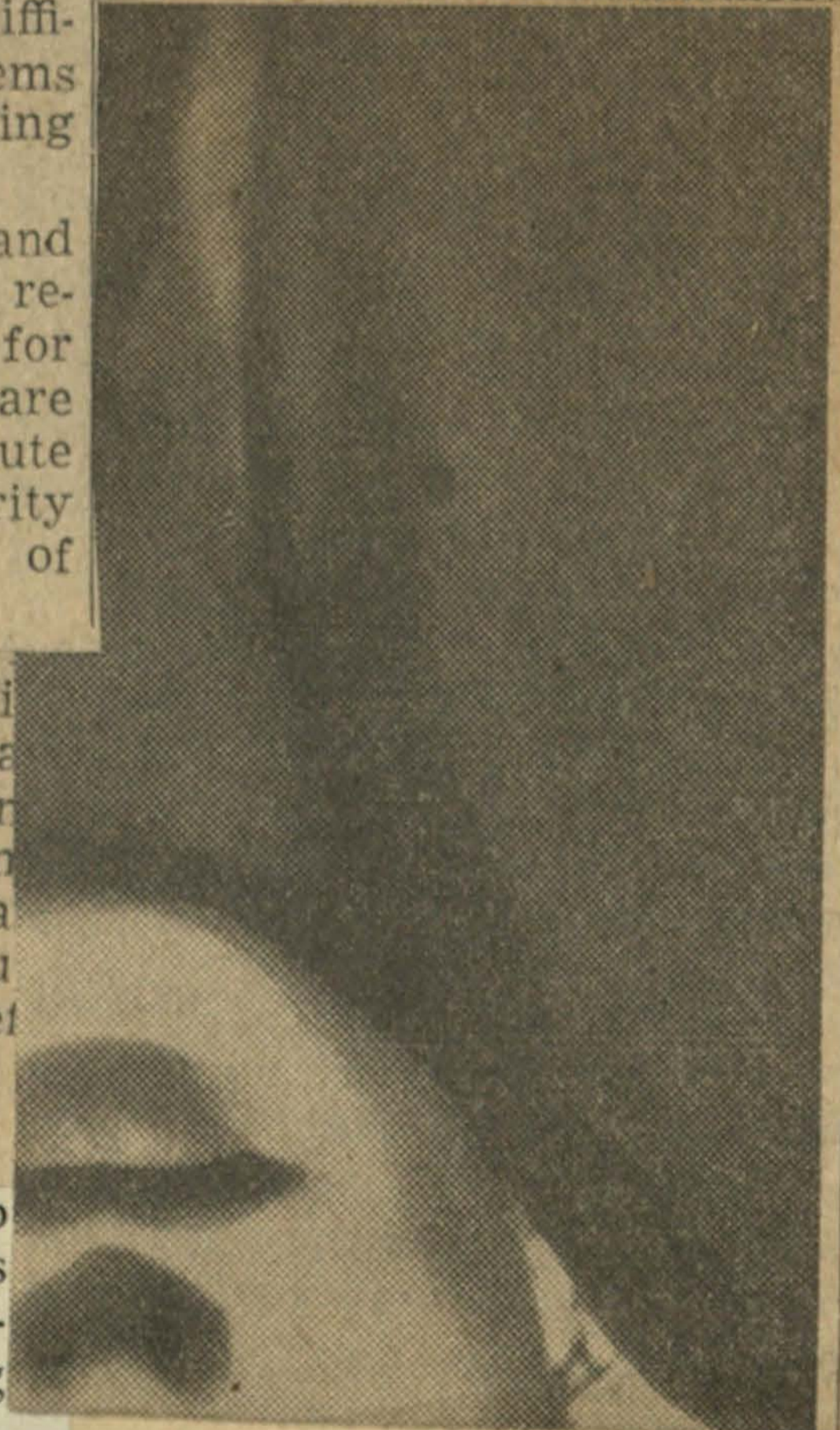
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