

Action-thriller, DeVito comedy miss the mark

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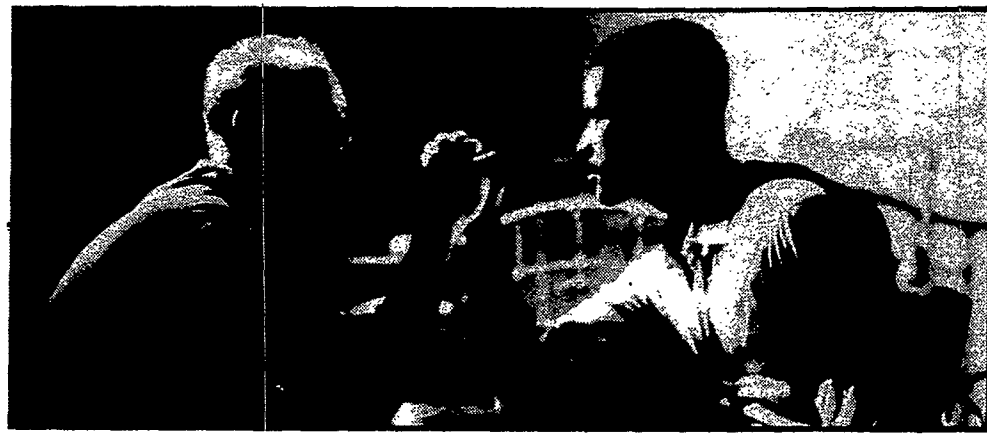
NEW YORK — The action-thriller *Ricochet* (Warner Bros.) marks Denzel Washington's emergence as a character in the Bruce Willis mold. But as in Willis' *Die Hard* movies, the emphasis is on nasty violence.

Co-star John Lithgow portrays psychopath Earl Talbot Blake, whose breath-stopping capture by rookie cop Nick Styles (Washington) propels the cop/law student up the career ladder and into media stardom. By the time revenge-crazed Blake escapes the pen seven years later, now husband and father Nick has become such a prominent and popular prosecutor he could be elected mayor.

Assisted by a young thug (Josh Evans), who worships Blake as a role model, the two manage to drug and videotape Nick in bed with a hooker and implicate him in murder and kiddie porn.

Nick's outlandish plan to clear himself involves enlisting the help of the local drug lord (Ice T) for an explosive and grisly conclusion.

Ricochet is a competently shot action movie with chilling performances from Lithgow and Washington, but director Russell Mulcahy's plot developments just aren't credible and get glossed over in favor of liberal doses of graphic



Earl Talbot Blake (John Lithgow) matches strength with Assistant District Attorney Nic Styles (Denzel Washington) in Warner Bros.' action-thriller *Ricochet*, which the U.S. Catholic Conference classifies as morally offensive.

violence. Lurid implications of child pornography, vicious menace to the cop's little girls and the repeated playing of the forced sexual encounter *ricochets* this one back to the gutter.

Due to excessive violence, the repeated use of a rape scene with nudity and much rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

'Other People's Money

Danny DeVito stars as Larry the Liquidator, a Wall Street corporate raider who delights in acquiring *Other People's*

Money (Warner Bros.).

His latest target is the New England Wire & Cable Co., whose benevolent chief executive, Jorgy (Gregory Peck), is indignant at the thought of a hostile takeover and the loss of jobs that would follow.

And so Kate Sullivan (Penelope Ann Miller), the attorney daughter of his long-time assistant Bea (Piper Laurie), agrees to defend the company.

Larry is defenseless against Kate's sultry demeanor. He wants to win, badly, but he wants her badly, too. And she's willing to let him think whatever it takes to distract him. Their teasing tete-a-tetes occupy most of the movie until Jorgy and

Larry make impassioned speeches to the stockholders and the die is cast.

With sensitivity to on-the-job sexual harassment at an all-time high, the laughter is tainted in director Norman Jewison's comedy.

In fact, Miller is weak in her role and no match for DeVito, making their romantic jockeying an unconvincing affair.

Of much greater interest is the whole issue of greedy financiers strip-mining venerable companies. Too bad it's given short shrift here. Peck's altruistic character is underdeveloped, so by the time he makes his big pitch to save the company there's little of the emotional impact that Jimmy Stewart had when he pleaded for the little guys in *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*.

The movie also suffers from unclear relationships. Jorgy and Bea seem to be a couple, and one wonders if they are married and, if not, why not. Mention is made twice of a strained relationship between Bea and her lawyer daughter but never explained.

The movie never glamorizes the wealthy financier's empty lifestyle nor justifies his immoral intentions, but with its manipulative hanky-panky it's hardly good, clean family fun.

Due to some crude sexual references and minimal rough language, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R — restricted.

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