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fans. But most notable of all were the directing talents of William Witney and John English. Together they directed 17 consecutive serials, honing an approach that allowed Republic serials to far outdistance the competition --- They adopted a no-nonsense approach that treated the serial material with respect and rarely gave any clues that we shouldn't consider the stories seriously --- Other directors would allow an element of goofiness to gradually seep into the serial. For example, few people would point to a Witney/English serial as an example of camp, unlike the Flash Gordon serials.

SPECIAL FEATURES: BIOS:

1. William Witney (Director) Date of Birth: 15 May 1915 - Lawton, Oklahoma Date of Death: 17 March 2002 - Jackson, California
2. John English (Director) Date of Birth: 25 June 1903 - Cumberland, England, UK Date of Death: 11 October 1969 - Los Angeles, California

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