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RADIO MIRROR AWARD

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NILES: Oh, Lowell.

THOMAS: Yes, Ken.

NILES: There's a special guest in the studio tonight, Lowell...  
Miss Ann Daggett, West Coast Editor of RADIO MIRROR.  
Miss Daggett, may I present Lowell Thomas.

DAGGETT: How do you do, Mr. Thomas.

THOMAS: Hello, Miss Daggett.

DAGGETT: I'm here to present you with an award, Mr. Thomas.  
For the second year in succession you have won the  
Annual RADIO MIRROR Award as America's Favorite  
Newscaster. There are many radio awards each year,  
but this one is the result of the only large listener  
popularity poll now being conducted. I want to  
congratulate you on behalf of RADIO MIRROR and its  
many readers who voted for you.

THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Daggett. Incidentally, I'd like to  
congratulate you on the nice job you're doing with  
RADIO MIRROR.

DAGGETT: Thanks very much, Mr. Thomas. I'd like to mention  
that the complete list of awards can be found in the  
April issue of RADIO MIRROR.

ACHESON

The focus of international news continues to veer ~~xxxxx~~ in the direction of Iran - with Secretary of State Acheson issuing a denial of Soviet charges that the United States is building military bases in Iran, ~~upon~~ <sup>from</sup> which to attack Russia. This charge is part of a Moscow propaganda campaign against the ancient land of Persia. The Iranian government has informed our State Department that the Soviet pressure has increased - with bitter attacks by the Red press radio. "One type of Soviet allegation mentioned in the Iranian memorandum," says our Secretary of State, "is that American advisors intend to transform Iran into a military base to be used against the Soviet Union."

~~In denying this,~~ Dean Acheson told a news conference today that the number of American military officers and soldiers in Iran does not come to more than sixty-two - and they are merely advising the Persian army in problems of organization and supply.

At the same time, the Secretary of State made it clear that we retain our interests in Iran and other ~~countries.~~

countries of the middle East - areas that are so important in matters of strategy and of oil.

Persian oil, Arabian oil!

Acheson intimated that some people may misinterpret our part in the North Atlantic Security treaty, may think that we are concentrating on the North Atlantic sphere to such an extent that we may forget about the Eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. Not at all, says Acheson. The west continues to be wary about possible Soviet aggression in the Middle East.

## ISRAEL

The Armistice that has been signed between Israel and the Republic of Lebanon, follows the usual pattern of events in Palestine - summoning memories of venerable and romantic history. The new agreement calls for an end of all hostilities between the Jewish State and the country just to the north. Both sides accept the present frontier, and there's to be an exchange of prisoners during the next forty-eight hours. The terms are similar to those concluded between Israel and Egypt a month ago at the peace conference on the island of Rhodes.

But the Israel - Lebanon armistice was signed at a place near the border of the two countries, a Lebanese town called Ras En Naqura - and that location takes us back to Richard the Lion Hearted and his Crusaders. Seven hundred years ago, in the Third Crusade, Richard Couer De Lion lead his knights through that same town of Ras En Naqura - where today the Jewish State of Lebanon signed an armistice.

## RED TRIAL

In the big Red trial, the government today called its first witness - to testify against eleven top leaders of the Communist Party. In New York, the identity of that first witness was kept a secret until the last moment - but he is no surprise. Louis Budenz, now a professor of Economics at Fordham University.

But in June of 1945 Budenz was managing editor of the Daily Worker, official newspaper of the American Communist Party. And it was at that time, June 1945, that the Communist Political Association was dissolved, and became once again the Communist Party. The political Association was a creature of the War, when the United States was helping Soviet Russia so much against Nazi Germany - the Reds thinking it good propaganda to turn their revolutionary political party into a mere association.

The war over, the Reds reverted to type, and reestablished the Party - this in the procedure of going back to Red revolutionary principles.

The testimony of Budenz began with the statement that at least two of the defendants pledged their loyalty to Stalin in Moscow. He declared that Jacob Stachel, Educational director of the Communist Party, and Gilbert Green, Red chairman for Illinois, were among a delegation that, in the words of ~~the~~ Budenz on the witness stand "expressed loyalty to Stalin as the leader of the Marxist-Lenin, <sup>philosophy</sup> ~~philosophy~~ and the Communist movement".

That was in Nineteen Thirty-five -- the ~~Budenz~~ Budenz testimony just beginning today.

## SUBMARINE

The news this afternoon gave details in a thriller of the under sea - <sup>when</sup> ~~on~~ the submarine Perch was rammed by a destroyer in fleet manoeuvres off the coast of Southern California last night. The Perch was in a shallow dive, a little space below the surface of the water, when hit by the bow of the destroyer. Which is one of the best ways to sink a submarine - by ramming.

So what did the under sea Commander do, when the bow of the speedy surface ship crashed into ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> craft? Did he try to come to the surface in a hurry? Not at all. He did the opposite - and gave an instant order for a fast dive. That got the submarine underneath the <sup>rushing</sup> ~~Russies~~ destroyer, far enough down to get clear - but not until the super structure was considerably damaged. <sup>anyhow</sup> ~~But~~ the boat was saved.

One dramatic feature was this. Aboard the Perch was a party of Marines, leather-necked paratroopers, who had volunteered <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ experience in submarines. Well, the under-water would certainly seem to be the opposite

element for the soldiers of the sky - diving into the deep, when they are accustomed to jump <sup>from</sup> on high. There were one-hundred-and-twenty-five of them in the submarine, the boat crammed with Marine paratroopers, which would have made it a grim tragedy indeed, if the ~~boat~~ <sup>sub</sup> had taken the fatal plunge to the bottom.

*R* The commander of the leather neck party, Captain Kenneth Houghton, tells of the crash, <sup>and</sup> says: "I heard a noise like the crunching of metal. I looked up, and expected to see a bow coming through the submarine."

Immediately, an order was given to the Marines - which certainly must <sup>have</sup> tried their nerves. The idea was to get the crowd of them out of the way, so as not to impede the submarine men, as they manouevered their craft ~~and~~ rammed by the destroyer. So the hundred-and-twenty-five leather necks were ordered to their bunks - a nerve wracking place to go, when you figure <sup>the</sup> submarine may be sinking. "But, says Captain Houghton, there was no confusion whatever, though it would have been a good time to pray." After which he



compares the life of a paratrooper with existence  
in a submarine: "I'd rather jump down, than up,"  
says he.

## ROSICRUSIANS

At San Jose, California, a woman has entered suit, asserting a claim to half ownership of the <sup>m</sup>ystic order of Rosicrucians. She is Mrs. Myra Kiimalehto, a widow who declares that her late husband was co-founder of the Rosicrucians Lodge in the United States. She says he was half owner, and demands a fifty percent share of the two-million dollar property of the occult order, which has an extensive estate in San Jose.

Her contention is that back in Nineteen Fifteen her husband, in partnership with the late H. Spencer Lewis, founded "The Supreme Grand Lodge of the ancient and mystic order of Rosae Crucis." That is, the Rose Cross -- Rosicrucians.

~~She says that her husband put up the money and Lewis did the promotion -- the two establishing the Lodge for what the news dispatch calls "The purpose of Disseminating knowledge for profit". They had an abundant success, the Rosicrucians~~

developing into a two million dollar affair at San Jose. <sup>R</sup> Then, last year her husband died. The widow claims that she ~~■~~ inherited his half interest. But she charges that thirteen other persons took over the Order, and denied her the right to participate, in its affairs. ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>A</sup> So now, she asks the court to grant her half of the property -- and an accounting.

But, ~~now~~ the question -- who are the Rosicrucians? That is, <sup>R</sup> one of those mysterious things, about which you may get various answers. The name, ~~is~~ a mystical term, has been famous for centuries. <sup>R</sup> One version of the history, given as authoritative, tells of a German scholar several centuries ago who got the idea of an occult brotherhood with secret members in the highest places of Government and authority -- these as an under-cover fraternity, doing a hidden job of making the world better, elevating governments and nations to higher spiritual levels. <sup>R</sup> This German scholar, is said to have written an account of such

a brotherhood, as if it actually existed, and was working. He signed the paper with the name of Rosen Krenz. German - for Rose Cross. The idea attracted followers. These began the mystical orders of Rosicrucians, with all kinds of secrecy and occult notions. <sup>π</sup> Such, at any rate, is one version of the history of the Rosicrucians -- the American branch of which is now being sued by the widow of the alleged co-founder ~~re-founder~~ she demanding half of the Two Million Dollar property.

SAN FRANCISCO BRIDGE

At Sacramento ~~today~~ tonight authorization was given for a second bridge across <sup>San Fran -</sup>~~Sacramento~~ Bay - a "twin" of the present famous bridge. The second one -- to be located only a few yards north of the span that now ~~reaches~~ reaches from San Francisco to Oakland. Federal approval will be necessary.

## JOE LOUIS

There is an old figure of speech for the retirement of a prize fighter. He says -- "He's hanging up his gloves. Well, heavyweight champion Joe Louis has retired from the ring, and he has taken a fine sympathetic way of saying so. His final gesture -- Joe's way of saying that he has hung up his gloves.

Today at St. Paul, Minnesota, he repeated that he ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> through, not only with championship contests, but also with mere exhibition bouts. He appeared in one last night, at St. Paul, and today he said: "They called it my last exhibition and it sure will be".

But now for the gesture of hanging up the gloves. The last Joe Louis exhibition was with a boxer from Chicago named Hubert Hood. They went six fast rounds, with the retired champ giving Hood quite a thumping. Then Joe left the ring -- and, as he did so, a small boy ~~fell~~ pushed his way through the crowd, ducking through the spectators, and stood gazing in awe, at the Champ. He was in Joe's

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way and a policeman was pushing the youngster aside. But Joe Louis called: "Let him through I want to see him". The boy approached. Whereupon, Joe ripped his boxing gloves from his hands, handed them to the lad, and said: "They're yours to keep".

So there is one small boy in this country who has the gloves used by a great boxing champion, in his ~~re~~ last professional appearance. I It was the Joe Louis way of: "Hanging up his gloves".

## COLLIERS

I received a telegram this morning telling of the appointment of a ~~new~~ new publisher of Collier's Magazine -- Edward Anthony. He takes the place of William Chenery who for some time has been ~~was~~ wanting to retire. Ed Anthony, has, for the past six years, been the publisher of the Woman's Home Companion -- and now the announcement by ~~President~~ Tom Beck ~~and~~ ~~about~~ ~~Winger~~ of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company. Ed Anthony, an old friend of this program, becomes ~~the~~ publisher of Collier's.

This is a headline in the world of writers -- and besides, it gives me a chance to tell about a birthday party last year; ~~It was~~ the Fiftieth birthday of Gene Tunney, former Heavyweight Champ -- and Gene decided to have a most appropriate kind of celebration. For guests, he invited "ghosts." -- That is, the writers who years ago, turned out the copy for Gene, when he was ~~was~~ challenger and then champ. You know how <sup>W</sup> newspapers have articles signed by top-ranking sports figures. Babe Ruth, for example,



was a prime favorite. Of course, the Babe never wrote any of it, merely suggesting opinions - if even that. Some newspaper man was assigned to the task of grinding it out.

It was much the same with Gene Tunney, when he was challenging Jack Dempsey for the title, and during the time when he was champ. Gene, actually, was quite capable of good writing -- wasn't he the great ~~Shax~~ Shakespearian? During that period, he *did* write the Encyclopedia Britannica article on ~~boxing~~ *fighting* pugilism. *fighting*

But, he was busy with training and ~~boxing~~ *fighting* and wasn't the type to grind out the daily articles, the run of the mill for the sports pages. So writers were assigned to the job, and these were the ones he chose for guests, at his Fiftieth birthday party -- ghosts out of the past.

One of them was Brad Kelly, now one of the top men in the Hearst organization -- another, Ed Anthony, who now becomes publisher of Collier's.

They were the appropriate guests of honor, according to the Gene Tunney way of thinking - the ghosts ~~out~~ at the party. *And now Ken N - who is no ghost*