Preliminary Inventory of the Roy Pryor Radio Broadcast Collection, 1941-1942

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Roy Pryor radio broadcast collection,
Date (inclusive): 1941-1942
Collection number: XX650
Collector: Pryor, Roy
Collection Size: Number of Items: 57 phonorecords (5.7 linear feet)
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Abstract: Relates to American neutrality in World War II, the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines, and the first weeks of American participation in the war. Includes speeches by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain, and newscasts.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Language: English.

Access
Collection open for research.
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Biographical Note
Roy Pryor was a hobbyist who, from the mid-1930s until the late 1940s, recorded radio broadcasts onto transcription discs in his home. During the early part of World War II he and his family made a special point of trying to capture programs related to the conflict in Europe and the Pacific. As a teacher and dean of the Menlo School and Junior College, he used

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some of these recordings in class and made them available to other educational institutions.


**Related Collections**
Pryor collection, Archive of Recorded Sound, Stanford University

**Access Points**
Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), Attack on, 1941.
World War, 1939-1945.
World War, 1939-1945--United States.
United States--Foreign relations.
United States--Armed Forces.
United States--Neutrality.
 Phonorecords.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

#445 Sound recording of address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the 77th Congress, January 6, 1941  
Physical Description: (4 records)

#561 Sound recording of address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt at 4th of July ceremony, July 4, 1941

#587 Sound recording of speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the torpedoing and sinking of U.S. merchant ships by Germany, September 11, 1941
Physical Description: (2 records)

#625 Sound recording of speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Navy Day, October 27, 1941
Physical Description: (2 records)

#632 Sound recording of speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the International Labor Organization, November 6, 1941
Physical Description: (2 records)

#638 Sound recording of Armistice Day ceremonies and speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, November 11, 1941
Physical Description: (2 records)

#672 Sound recording of newscast by Upton Close on U.S. relations with Japan and Russia, December 7, 1941

#673 Sound recording of newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn with first report of Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941

#675 Sound recording of radio news bulletins on Japanese attacks, December 7, 1941
Physical Description: (8 records)

#678 Sound recording of newscast by Gabriel Heatter on Pearl Harbor, December 8, 1941

#679 Sound recording of local newscast after San Francisco blackout, and #680 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on Pearl Harbor, both December 8, 1941

#681 Sound recording of news report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila on Japanese attack on the Philippines, December 8, 1941; and #682 News summaries of the day, December 9, 1941
Sound recording of address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt reporting on the first three days of the war, December 9, 1941

Physical Description: (2 records)

Access Information
Use copy reference number: xx650_a_0002802

Scope and Content Note
Roosevelt speaks about the Pearl Harbor attack and how America intends to respond. He says the Japanese story has copied the arch of Germany under Hitler and Italy under Mussolini, saying Japanese aggression in the Pacific matches aggressions in Europe and Africa. He does not know how bad the damage at Pearl Harbor is. Roosevelt calls for the country to be prepared for strikes anywhere, including on both coasts, but notes the country has been gearing up for war for the past 18 months. He calls for the complete mobilization of the country, saying it will be a hard and grueling fight. He portrays service to one's country not at a sacrifice, but as a privilege. He believes there will be plenty of food for the war, but that other materials--metals, etc.--will be needed first for the war effort. He says this shows America can never isolate herself from the rest of the world ever again. Comparing the Axis powers to gangsters and recognizing the obvious conflict with the Japanese, he says America will also fight Hitler and Mussolini because it would be bad to have the rest of the world controlled by fascists. KPO - 7:00 pm

Sound recording of news summaries of the day, December 10, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 10, 1941

Sound recording of Congressional declaration of war on Germany and Italy, December 11, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Raymond Gram Swing on war news, December 11, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 12, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 13, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 14, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 14, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 15, 1941; and #713 Newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 21, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 15, 1941; and #703 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 17, 1941

Sound recording of news report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 16, 1941; and #706 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 19, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by Raymond Gram Swing on war news, December 18, 1941

Sound recording of newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 21, 1941

Sound recording of "Over Our Coffee Cups" commentary - News report on characteristics of the American people in an emergency, December 21, 1941

Access Information
Use copy reference number: xx650_a_0002803

Scope and Content Note
This program is commentary on the ability of Americans to change and adapt to new circumstances, focusing on the new war circumstances. KPO - 9:15 pm

Sound recording of news report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 22, 1941; and #720 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 24, 1941
#723 Sound recording of address by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to a joint session of the U.S. Congress, December 26, 1941
   Physical Description: (2 records)
   Access Information
   Use copy reference number: xx650_a_0002801
   Scope and Content Note
   KPO - 9:30 a.m.

#724 Sound recording of news report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 26, 1941; and #728 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 27, 1941

#734 Sound recording of news report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 29, 1941; and #736 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 30, 1941

#735 Sound recording of address by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the Canadian Parliament, December 30, 1941
   Physical Description: (3 records)

#737 Sound recording of reports of unsuccessful attempts to contact Royal Arch Gunnison in Manila, December 31, 1941 and January 1 and 2, 1942

#747 Sound recording of the State of the Union message by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the 77th Congress, January 6, 1942
   Physical Description: (2 records)

#815 Sound recording of radio address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 22, 1942
   Physical Description: (2 records)

#891 Sound recording of speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on seven-point non-inflation program, April 28, 1942
   Physical Description: (2 records)