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## 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

**Extent:** 57 phonorecords

**Repository:** Hoover Institution Archives

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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.

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

Source of information: "Pryor Collection," Archive of Recorded Sound, Stanford University, available at <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ars/collections/pryor.html>, accessed October 23, 2009.

### Related Collections

Pryor collection, Archive of Recorded Sound, Stanford University

### Access Points

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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.  
Churchill, Winston, Sir, 1874-1965.  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

**#445 Address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the 77th Congress, January 6, 1941**

Physical Description: (4 records)

**#561 Address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt at 4th of July ceremony, July 4, 1941**

**#587 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 Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Navy Day, October 27, 1941**

Physical Description: (2 records)

**#632 Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the International Labor Organization, November 6, 1941**

Physical Description: (2 records)

**#638 Armistice Day ceremonies and speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, November 11, 1941**

Physical Description: (2 records)

**#672 Newscast by Upton Close on U.S. relations with Japan and Russia, December 7, 1941**

**#673 Newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn with first report of Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941**

**#675 Radio news bulletins on Japanese attacks, December 7, 1941**

Physical Description: (8 records)

**#678 Newscast by Gabriel Heatter on Pearl Harbor, December 8, 1941**

**#679 Local newscast after San Francisco blackout, and #680 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on Pearl Harbor, both December 8, 1941**

**#681 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**

**#683 Address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt reporting on the first three days of the war, December 9, 1941**

Physical Description: (2 records)

- #684 News summaries of the day, December 10, 1941
- #686 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 10, 1941
- #687 Congressional declaration of war on Germany and Italy, December 11, 1941
- #688 Newscast by Raymond Gram Swing on war news, December 11, 1941
- #691 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 12, 1941
- #692 Newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 13, 1941
- #695 Newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 14, 1941
- #696 Newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 14, 1941
- #699 Newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 15, 1941; and #713 Newscast by Upton Close on war news, December 21, 1941
- #701 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 15, 1941; and #703 Newscast by Fulton Lewis, Jr. on war news, December 17, 1941
- #702 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 16, 1941; and #706 News report by Royal Arch Gunnison from Manila, December 19, 1941
- #704 Newscast by Raymond Gram Swing on war news, December 18, 1941
- #714 Newscast by H. V. Kaltenborn on war news, December 21, 1941
- #716 News report on characteristics of the American people in an emergency, December 21, 1941
- #717 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 Address by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to a joint session of the U.S. Congress, December 26, 1941  
Physical Description: (2 records)
- #724 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 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 Address by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the Canadian Parliament, December 30, 1941  
Physical Description: (3 records)
- #737 Reports of unsuccessful attempts to contact Royal Arch Gunnison in Manila, December 31, 1941 and January 1 and 2, 1942
- #747 State of the union message by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the 77th Congress, January 6, 1942  
Physical Description: (2 records)

**#815 Radio address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 22, 1942**

Physical Description: (2 records)

**#891 Speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on seven-point non-inflation program, April 28, 1942**

Physical Description: (2 records)