

## Finding Aid for the Radio Daily Newspaper Collection

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### OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

**Origination/Creator:** Radio Daily  
**Title of Collection:** Radio Daily Newspaper Collection  
**Date of Collection:** July 3–December 29, 1939  
**Physical Description:** 1 box, 0.42 linear feet  
**Identification:** Special Collection #22  
**Repository:** American Film Institute  
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**Acquisition Method:** Unknown

### BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORY NOTE

*Radio Daily* was founded in 1937 by John W. Alicoate in New York City. The publication's subtitle states that it is "the National Daily Newspaper of Commercial Radio and Television" and it was published daily except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays at a cost of five cents per issue. The publication ceased in 1964.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of volumes 8 and 9 totaling 125 issues. All but four issues are eight pages in length. The content of the publication includes radio and television news in reference to individual regional radio stations, major national networks, agencies, advertising trends, union negotiations, broadcasting company stock exchange information, regulations, reviews of specific programs, birthday announcements, and advertisements for broadcasting equipment and services. The multilingual nature of the United States and Canada is reflected in the advertisements from radio stations that feature programming in Italian, Yiddish, Polish, and more. Real-time debates and developments in the medium of television take shape throughout the issues, particularly regarding televised sports, special events, and possible war applications.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 1–10, New York City, 1939, July 3 – 17

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 11–20, New York City, 1939, July 18 – 31

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 21–30, New York City, 1939, Aug. 1 – 14

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 31–40, New York City, 1939, Aug. 15 – 28

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 41–50, New York City, 1939, Aug. 29 – Sept. 12

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 51–60, New York City, 1939, Sept. 13 – 26

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 8, No. 61–65, New York City, 1939, Sept. 27 – Oct. 3

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 3–10, New York City, 1939, Oct. 4 – 13

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 11–20, New York City, 1939, Oct. 16 – 27

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 21–30, New York City, 1939, Oct. 30 – Nov. 10

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 31–40, New York City, 1939, Nov. 13 – 27

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 41–50, New York City, 1939, Nov. 28 – Dec. 11

*Radio Daily*, Vol. 9, No. 51–63, New York City, 1939, Dec. 12 – 29