Inventor of radio tube left $1,250

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dr. Lee De Forest, inventor of the vacuum tube — which made radio possible — left an estate of only $1,250.

This became known Thursday when his widow, Maria, was appointed executrix.

She said De Forest, who died last month at the age of 87, frequently did not bother to recover royalties from his more than 300 inventions.

Superior Judge Clarke E. Stephens remarked that it was odd that a man "who has given so much to the world" left so small an estate.

Mrs. De Forest, who married the inventor 31 years ago, said that a lawyer is trying to collect unpaid royalties.

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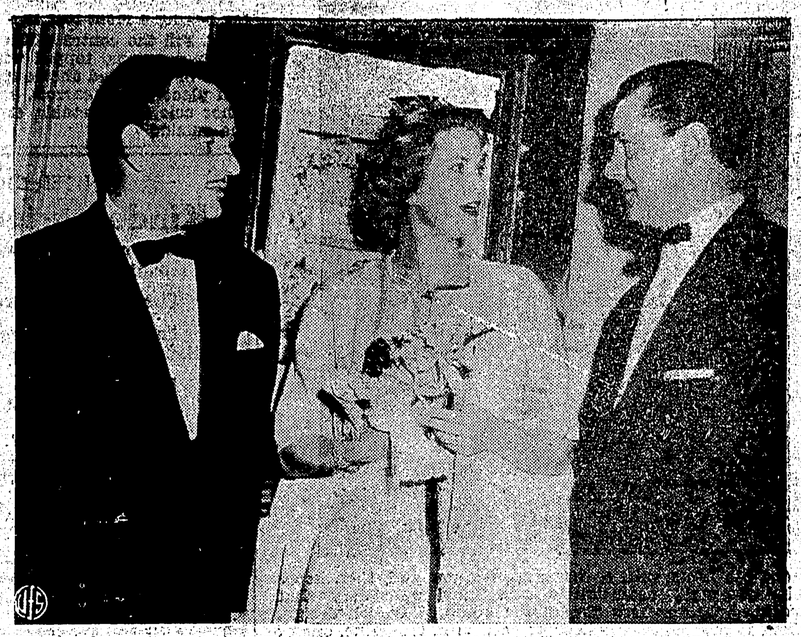

RETURN TO COURTSHIP SCENE — Reliving the days of their courtship, Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace visited the Hanwyn Club in New York recently. Here they chat with owner Ed Wynne (right). Their Serene Highnesses visited the club on the eve of the announcement of their engagement. Now they make a point of dining there whenever they visit the States.

Radioactive wristwatch said killing U.S. navy man's family of seven

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. navy officer, contending he, his wife and their five children had been exposed to deadly radioactive rays from a wristwatch, sued the manufacturers Thursday for $11,100,000.

Lt.-Cmdr. William Mound, 38, of Palmyra, N.H., said in the federal district court action that he bought the watch while stationed in Hong Kong and wore it, from December, 1958, to Jan. 21, 1960.

Named as defendents were the American Rolex Watch Corporation; Montres Rolex S.A., Rolex Uhren A.G., and Rolex Watch Company, Limited, each a Swiss corporation.

Mound's lawyer, Harry Lipsig, said each was connected "in one form or another" with the production and sale of the type of watch involved.

Lipsig said the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission found in December of 1959 that watches of the type involved "contained excessive dosages of strongium 90, and ordered their recall from the market as well as recovery from all those who might have acquired them."

"Unhappily, however," he said, "the deadly rays to which the plaintiffs by that time had been exposed had so infected their bodies with radioactivity as to make probably ultimate death from cancer or other lingering malady.

'Already, certain outward physical changes, such as skin lesions and failing eyesight, have manifested themselves."

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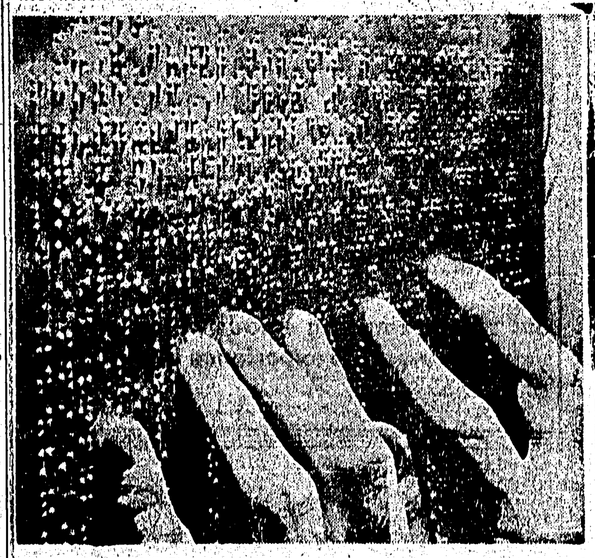

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Offshore oil rights likely to provoke major Ottawa, Victoria battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The kind of federal - provincial dispute that may be shaping up in Canada over off-shore mineral rights is an old and bitter story in United States courts.

With resources potentially worth billions at stake, some coastal states have delved back before 1800 for records supporting their off - shore claims.

In a climactic decision in May of 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Texas and Florida were entitled to lands, minerals and other resources underlying the Gulf of Mexico to a distance of three marine leagues—about 10½ miles — from their coasts.

At the same time the court held that the seaward boundaries of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi extend only three geographic miles — about 3.45 ordinary land miles — into the gulf.

The reason for the seeming inequality lies in the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, which granted the gulf states offshore lands within the boundaries of each state as it existed when it joined the union, but not more than three leagues.

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It was on the interpretation of this provision—and not on any constitutional matter—that last year's court decision was based.

While the matter was before the courts, the U.S. interior department continued to let leases in the disputed areas, putting the money into escrow. At the time of the decision, there was more than $300,000,000 in the kitty, nearly all of it from lands in dispute off Louisiana.

But the battle probably isn't over yet. Congressman from the Louisiana - Mississippi - Alabama group have promised a legislative fight to give each state equal rights.

In last year's decision, which climaxed 20 years of federal-state wrangling, the federal government contended that as soon as the individual states joined the union, their boundaries became the same as those of the United States.— three miles seaward.

SEARCHES HISTORY

The states reached back into history to establish wider claims.

Louisiana pointed to the 1803 treaty of Paris under which the United States purchased the Louisiana territory as acquired by France from Spain in the 1800 treaty of Ildefonso. State lawyers said this meant a claim on the coastline going out much further than three leagues.

Florida, Alabama and Mississippi said their title originated in 1763 when King George III of England set the seaward boundary of the area at six leagues or 21 miles.

In addition, Florida argued that its claim was approved by Congress when it was admitted to the union in 1838. In 1868 Florida, along with other states that seceded from the union at the time of the civil war, was required to submit a new constitution to Congress. This constitution including the three-league boundary in existence before it was annexed by the U.S. in 1845. It also pointed to the 1848 treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo between the U.S. and Mexico, which called for a three-league boundary for Texas.

Refugee camp said closing

BERLIN (AP) — By next week the Marienfelde refugee camp, through which more than 1,000,000 human beings have passed in their flight from communism, may be little more than a ghost town.

The East German regime's barbed wire and heavily armed police between the two Berlins mean virtually the end — at least for the time being — of the historic gateway to a new life.

Today, the complex of grey administration buildings and dormitories in West Berlin shows no hint of what lies ahead. The backlog of refugees is still being processed. But since their average time in the camp runs to only eight or 10 days, by next week they will all be gone.

Then, Marienfelde will get only the occasional East German who manages to sneak over the border. Perhaps 500 to 600 have made it since the closure early Sunday morning. They warn that the ways out are getting fewer, that every escape alerts the people's police to an oversight which is then corrected. The usual story is: "I made it just in time. Nobody else will be able to get through there."

These latecomers are lost in the great mass of humanity now patiently going through the camp's red tape. There have been 10,000 registrations since the crackdown, but most of these already were in West Berlin at the time. Some of them were East Berliners on a visit who became refugees by not going back home.

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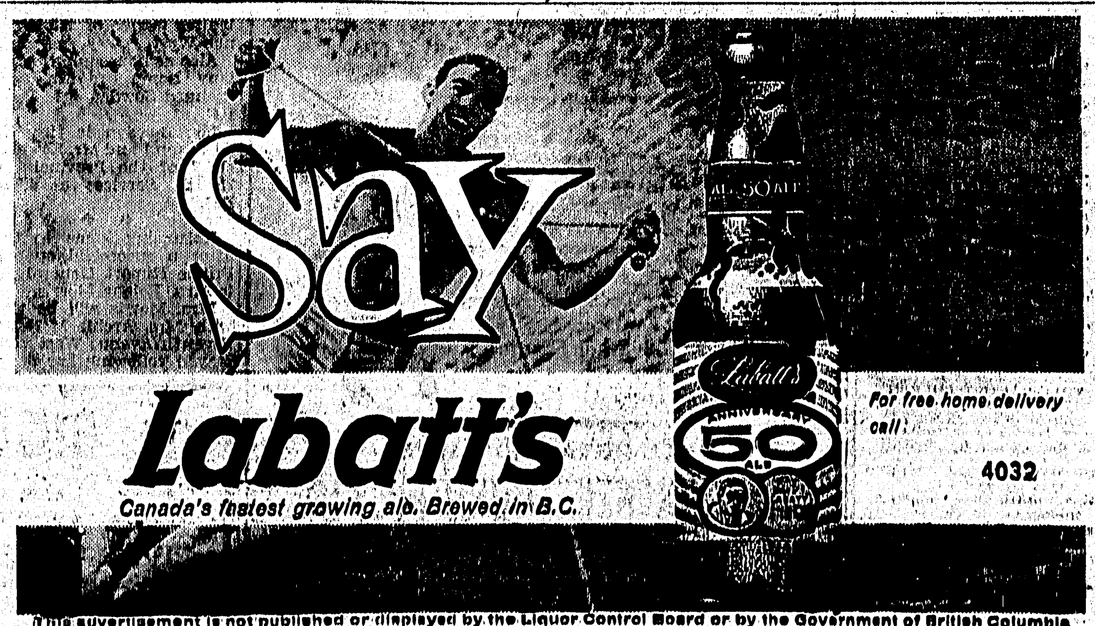

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