



Artifact Showcase

H. V. Kaltenborn Photo

This showcase presents another photo from the Museum's extensive collection. Hans von Kaltenborn (1878-1965) was one of the best-known news commentators during the Golden Age of radio.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Kaltenborn was educated at Harvard and wrote for newspapers before he became famous as a radio personality. During the 1938 Munich crisis he slept on a cot at CBS News Headquarters doing frequent news updates. He had interviewed both Hitler and Mussolini and had warned the country about the dangers of Nazism.

He was often right about world affairs, but in reporting the 1948 presidential election between Truman and Dewey, he had insisted that Dewey would win by "an overwhelming vote." Truman delighted in mocking him when the results were in.

Noted for both his precise diction and his self-assuredness, he lost his job



with NBC in 1958 when he was reporting on the governor's race between Averell Harriman and Nelson Rockefeller and admitted "I'm for him!" (referring to Rockefeller).

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