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Edward Dmytryk v. RKO Radio Pictures, Incorporated [Civil Case 7982]

During the Cold War, the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) conducted investigations into potential communist activity. While investigating the motion picture industry, ten screenwriters, producers, and directors, deemed the “Hollywood Ten,” took a defiant stand against the HUAC by refusing to testify, and jeopardized their careers. This case file is a result of the legal battle that ensued for one of the ten men, Edward Dmytryk. Records in this case include an introduction to the case as well as documents that reveal that the case was ultimately withdrawn when Dmytryk decided to testify in front of the HUAC.

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