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Correcting an Injustice

It's embarrassing for a newspaperman who tries hard to be right to find out sometimes how wrong he can be—especially when it involves an injustice.

Such an injustice was committed by me regarding Romanian Industrialist Nicolae Malaxa when I published part of a Central Intelligence report to the FBI found in Judy Coplon's purse at the time she was arrested. The report, which became a court record, stated that Malaxa had been hand in glove with Hermann Goering's brother, and had cooperated with the Communists in order to get payments on his property out of Romania. Since then I have received a letter from the former Prime Minister of Romania, N. Radescu, now a refugee in the United States, explaining how his own

cabinet, not the Communists, made the payments to Malaxa for his steel mills.

Further study of the voluminous records in the Malaxa case shows that instead of Malaxa's being friendly with the Iron Guard, as reported by the FBI, two Iron Guardists were convicted of breaking into Malaxa's home. The record also shows that he fought both the Nazis and the Communists.

Unfortunately, Malaxa has been the victim of a feud among Romanian refugees in this country, some of whom are now trying to put across a congressional investigation of his immigration status. I should like to go on record that, from my study of the case, there is no reason why Malaxa should not become an American citizen.

I should also eat a little crow regarding Maj. Gen. Wallace Graham of the White House staff, who gave a character reference for Malaxa. In this case, General Graham was right and I was wrong.

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