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DESCRIPTION

One set of articles (negative copies on double leaves) entitled *Around a Seething World* written by William R. Mathews, give "a day by day record of facts, opinions, official interviews and sidelights collected on a trip begun in April [1937] and ended in August that took him to Japan, Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping; to Dairen, Mukden, Hsinking and Harbin and across the bleak Siberia of the Soviet Union.... And home via Warsaw, Berlin, Paris and London...." The set of articles includes "Japan Struggles to be Civilized," "A Regeneration of China Begins," "Brain Dictatorship Rules Manchuukuo," "A Trans-Siberian Diary," "Stalin Begins a Modern Witch Hunt," "Poland Struggles for Existence," "Hitler Conscripts Germany's Brain Power," "Internal Trouble Brews in France," and "Regeneration of England Is in Full Bloom." The "letters" give a description of the political situation in each country.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William R. Mathews, editor of the *Arizona Daily Star* for over forty years, was born in Kentucky, grew up in Indianapolis and attended the University of Illinois. He began his newspaper career at the San Francisco Chronicle in 1919 and purchased the *Star* in 1924. He contributed to magazines on international and military affairs and was the author of numerous articles written during his extensive travels abroad. He was active on the board of directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Pulitzer Prize selection committee. He served on the Arizona State Board of Regents. He sought the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1940 but lost the election. He was married to Betty Boyers and he died in 1969.

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