

JOHN HUBBARD RICH, of the Class of 1939, newscaster and journalist of international reputation. Hardly catching his breath after editing the *Bowdoin Orient*, he began his news career as a reporter for the *Daily Kennebec Journal* and the *Portland Press Herald*. As a Second Lieutenant in World War II, he was active in the Pacific Zone and, as a result of distinguished service, was awarded the Bronze Star. Following the war, he went to Tokyo as correspondent for International News Service, and thereafter his dispatches were synonymous with many of the significant happenings of the world. He accompanied the Emperor Hirohito as he first emerged from his palace to travel among the people of his war-ravaged country; he was present at the International War Crimes trials in Tokyo, made one of the last broadcasts from Shanghai as Chiang Kai Shek's forces withdrew, and 22 years later was to return to broadcast from Shanghai as the first American television reporter to return to the Chinese mainland. As a correspondent for NBC News, he covered events as diverse as the Argentinian rebellion of 1955, during which he made the first radio broadcast from revolutionary headquarters in Mendoza; the fighting in Algeria; the 1964 earthquake in Alaska; and the war in Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. This year he has become Staff Vice President, Far East Region for RCA Corporation. Recipient of a George Foster Peabody Award, two Overseas Press Club of America awards, and a Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award, his intimate knowledge of the Far East makes him uniquely qualified for his new position. Perceptive, knowledgeable, imbued with feeling for the human condition, he represents the very finest in American journalism.

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