

The Adventures of Frank Race

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Broadcast Dates:

May 1, 1949- February 19, 1950 (East Coast) and June 5, 1951- March 25, 1952 (West Coast), syndicated.

Cast:

Tom Collins as Frank Race (through “The Adventure of the Roughneck’s Will”, #22, 09/25/1949)

Paul Dubov as Frank Race (from “The Adventure of the Green Doubloon”, #23, 10/02/1949 to end)

Tony Barrett as Mark Donovan

Written and Directed by: Joel Murcott and Buckley Angel

Music by: Ivan Ditmars

Announcers: Art Gilmore, Michael Roy (episodes 26, 27)

The Adventures of Frank Race was a syndicated show produced by Bruce Eells Productions in Hollywood. Each program began with the introduction: "Before the war, Frank Race worked as an attorney, but he traded his law books for the cloak-and-dagger of the OSS. When the war was over, his former life was over too . . . adventure became his business!"

Although Race ran his investigative business out of a New York City office, he and his sidekick, Mark Donovan, were seldom there. Their pursuit of wrong-doers led them to ex-Nazi jewel robbers in Berlin and Monte Carlo, import thieves in Tunis, etc. Most of his assignments came from international insurance companies thus making the program something of a cross between more familiar contemporaries *Dangerous Assignment* and *Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar*.

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