

Old Newspaperman Sadly Regrets New York Herald Tribune's Demise

Senator Ernest Gruening, an old newspaperman, last week commented sadly on an announcement that the New York Herald Tribune, one of the nation's great newspapers

historically, would suspend publication.

He called this "an American tragedy."

"Radio and television are of tremendous value to our society," Gruening said, "but they are not substitutes for the printed word, which obviously can be read and re-read, clipped, filed and retained for permanence.

"The newspaper story or item does not have the fleeting quality of a radio broadcast or a television show.

"Our society needs all of these methods of communication, but as of now, the heyday of the newspaper and its great, constructive role in the development of our America, is drawing to an end.

"The American people are the losers thereby."