

Notes on People

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In a \$50-million suit filed to smoke out Howard R. Hughes by charging that he is dead, a judge here ordered yesterday that a summons and complaint be served by mail on the reclusive billionaire, whose last known address was the Hotel Xandu in Freeport, the Bahamas. Justice Thomas C. Chimera of Manhattan Supreme Court directed that a copy be sent to the Hughes lawyers here, Davis & Cox. Victor and Ellen Kurtz of Manhattan filed the suit on behalf of fellow stockholders of Air Liquidation Company (formerly known as Air West, Inc) on the grounds that the company's stock prices had been manipulated by Mr. Hughes — "sometimes known as Howard the Ghost," their affidavit said—and his associates.