

# The Issue: Not McCarthyism, But The Rats Who Helped Burn The Barn

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(In U.S. News & World Report)

Governor Stevenson, in discussing methods of exposing Communists in government, has claimed we were impairing the rights of innocent citizens, told the American Legion last week that "we must take care not to burn down the barn to kill the rats."

As a consequence of the inflammatory conditions thus developed in the Far East, American boys are shedding their blood in Korea. More than 20,000 are dead, more than 85,000 have been wounded, more than 9,000 are missing—and the end is in sight.

Let's not put so much emphasis on the idiocyncracies of the prosecutor who makes the charges—let's look at the charges themselves. Otherwise, the attempt to discredit McCarthy becomes a smokescreen to divert attention from the subject of Communism itself.

The McCarthy charges were first examined by the Tydings Committee, and were in large part whitewashed. The Senate of the United States was not satisfied and ordered another inquiry—this time by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This unanimous report of the Senate Committee tells the story of how the Chinese people were sold down the river; it names the persons who fed the Communist line and influenced the White House and the State Department in making policies toward China.

The language of Judge Learned Hand of the United States Court of Appeals in upholding the conviction of the 11 Communist leaders—which decision was later affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States—is worth re-reading. He wrote:

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## Wisconsin State Journal Page of Opinion

### The Kitty in Mr. Childs' Bag

State Journal readers will find this morning's article by Marquis Childs, published in the editorial columns, interesting and illuminating.

Mr. Childs is a "liberal." He deplores Wisconsin's Sen. Joe McCarthy and "McCarthyism." No one seems to be sufficiently pure in heart to investigate well-documented charges that Communists have infiltrated the federal government.

Yet, Mr. Childs' column this morning inadvertently reveals why the job can't be left entirely to the FBI and the Department of Justice which is the FBI's boss.

It is important to remember the function and position of the FBI. It can gather evidence, even make recommendations—but it cannot prosecute. That is solely up to the Department of Justice and its politically appointed boss.

In the famed Amerasia case, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover publicly declared his agents had gathered an "air-tight case" of theft of secret government documents. But when the Department of Justice got through with it, there was very little case and only a prodding of such as Sen. McCarthy have brought out some of the facts the justice department had hidden.

As Columnist Childs points out, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee recommended that Atty. Gen. McGranery bring perjury charges before a federal grand jury against Owen Lattimore and John P. Davies.

According to Childs, McGranery refuses to do this although, Childs predicts, "an indictment would not be too difficult to obtain in the present emotional climate."

Lattimore and Davies' cases will await a change in the political weather although Lattimore himself once blasted a demand for a quick and speedy disposition of the question.

Thus we have a situation where a politically-selected attorney general tells a congressional committee that he won't act.

There will be no process in court until the political winds change. There will be no legal consideration of these perjury charges.

In outlining that situation, Mr. Childs performs a public service. He makes it crystal-clear that there can be no investigation of the Communists-in-government charges unless individual congressmen and determined congressional committees do the job.



### Mr. McGranery Says 'No!'

By MARQUIS CHILDS  
WASHINGTON — During the current campaign Democrats intend to make as much capital as possible out of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the charge of "smear" and the "big lie."

Senator Pat McCarran (D-Nev.), chairman of the Judiciary committee of the Senate, has been more successful than McCarthy in buttressing charges of Communism and pro-Communism in government departments with masses of testimony.

Senator McGranery has now endorsed Governor Stevenson.

If Stevenson becomes President, he will have to cope with McGranery and McCarthy's power. The senator is today—certainly if it is true in the present interim—between two governments—one of the half-dozen most powerful men in the capital. His power has been exerted not only in connection with the Communist accusation but in relation to charges of corruption and influence in government.

Why is it that after spending, giving away \$40 billion dollars to foreign countries, the Russians are gaining and we are losing?

Why is it that Americans are not respected in foreign countries now?

Why is it that in the Korean war nine American boys are being shot, for every one boy of our Allies. Each week the Reds are shooting from 500 to 700 American soldiers.

Why isn't it part of the MASTER plan to weaken America? I'm guessing two boys, ten and twelve years old. Am I going to have to sacrifice them to the master minds of the Communist party because our government now is either in agreement with them or they are terrible dupes?—A One Time Duped Democrat, Richard County, Idaho.

## The Morning Mail

### Reason for Work

Editor, The State Journal—How strong would your political party be if it depended on the action you and others like me? It is easy to sit back and criticize, isn't it? You don't know what the matter with the organization. Well, let me tell you that the politicians do run this country and if you want a bigger voice, you'd better get down to headquarters just as fast as you can and offer to help. The people at headquarters will almost drop dead and because they are used to begging for help, even for small and easy jobs such as phone-calling to remind people to vote.

Another thing! The minutes you've proved that you want to work, you'll be consulted on everything that goes on. You'll have a chance to say what you think about bills and candidates and the majority rule prevails, just as the rule in the party constitution calls for.

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### Misquoted, We Presume

Editor, The State Journal—The State Journal challenges Len Schmitt's statement that he has never supported a Democrat for public office. It bases its challenge on a 1950 story in the Milwaukee Journal, in which the reporter (not Schmitt) stated that Schmitt would support three Democratic candidates that year. Schmitt stated that he authorized the statement. . . . Schmitt's actual statement was that he would NOT support the three Democratic candidates for those particular offices that year. How he managed to vote is his own business. We still have a secret ballot. Maybe he went fishing. . . . Wisconsin charges Schmitt with "ignorance," mainly because he disagrees with certain features of the Republican national platform, while still claiming (according to the Journal) to support the entire platform "right down the line." Actually, there has been no secret as to how much of the platform Schmitt will support. . . . From pretending to support it 100 percent (what Republican does?), he has carefully explained in the news, telling listeners that if they want a senator who will blindly follow the dictates of any party, they should not vote for Len Schmitt. . . . If Wisconsin Republicans insist on forcing Eisenhower to accept McCarthy, they will be risking defeat of the national ticket. . . . In a convention, after a struggle, managed to present to the nation a presidential nominee with clean hands, the better to deal with "the mess in Washington." Shall we now ask him to soil those hands in Wisconsin?—John S. Irwin, 1207 W. Johnson St., Madison 5.

### No More Withdraw

Editor, The State Journal—Voters of the 3rd congressional district once again have the opportunity to remove Rep. Gardner from office. Gardner's record over the past year has been nothing less than what we can resist here?

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### Not Bad, But Good!

Editor, The State Journal — I'm a schoolteacher. We are Wisconsin folks but out here at present.

Look at the smearing Harold Ickes did on many good men, much worse than Sen. McCarthy, ever did on Finks and Reds. Ickes blackened men merely because they opposed F.D.R. on something. Yet Ickes was praised and promoted and pampered.

These vicious attacks on McCarthy are a smoke screen, pretending McCarthy has done something very bad in waking up the public to danger of Reds in government. Democrats make blunders often defend themselves when they have no sins to defend! Democrats don't want McCarthy telling the truth on them, so they try to discredit him.—J. Thompson, California.

### The Pollen Crop

Editor, The State Journal—Some more news about the Democrats. Cong. Withrow's record in the House has been dismal. This is in sharp contrast to Mr. Stevenson, whose record in the House was outstanding. Withrow's own record can't prove otherwise. Third District voters might remember that if they want a Congressman who votes with the Democrats they can elect a Democrat. But if they want a Republican, they should elect one who votes Republican, not one who gives 53 per cent of his votes to the Democrats, thereby making it possible for the Republicans to be blamed for the Democratic bungling.—Roger Novy, Millboro.

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### Yesterdays

(50 Years Ago Sept. 4, 1902)  
Andrew Carnegie's personal representative, W. Anderson, who manages the million-dollar fund for the Carnegie library, was here for a conference with the members of the Madison Library board.

(25 Years Ago Sept. 4, 1927)  
Chicago's movie fame will end today as a result of a compromise agreement between motion picture theater managers and their employees.

An article by Henry Noll, just back from Europe, says "Germany is on the front again. It will probably take many years before the country gets fully back on its feet, but unless unforeseen things take place, she is bound to take her position again as one of the leading nations."

(10 Years Ago Sept. 4, 1942)  
The battle of Stalingrad approached as the Soviet defenders were exhorted to transform the vital Volga river into "a Red Verdun" in the face of a crushing assault by Nazi troops, tanks, and dive bombers.