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

Back to Normal

By DAVID LAWRENCE

of in U.S. News & World Report)

Governor Stevenson, in discussing methods of exposing Communisting methods of exposing Communisting of over 1 methods in the claimed were impairing the right had innocent citizens, told the American Legion last week that "we must take care not to burn down the barn to kill the rats."

But the Governor surely must know the tragic truth—that the "barn" did burn down and the rats who overturned the lantern went scottres.

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who overturned the lantern
scot-free.
For the "barn" was our historic
policy in China—a policy of aid to
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ot the United States.

As a consequence of the inflammable conditions thus developed in the Far Ests, 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 not in sight.

in sight.

The greatest damage to "innocent citizens" was done to the American people by the fire that was permitted to consume our traditional policy toward China.

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It's true, as Governor Stevenson says, that sometimes "patriotism is the last refuge of soundrefs," but it ill becomes the Democratic nomines to dismiss cavalierly the whole crusade of Senator McCarthy against Communists as motivated by "political or personal reasons."

Granted that the Wisconsin Senator let his indignation get the better

of his judgment when, in a Senate speech on June 14, 1951, he lashed out by inference at the loyalty of General Marshall, who went to China with innocent-looking instructions written in a Communist-tainted Department of State.

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Granted that Senator McCarthy deserves the severest censure of his attack on a loyal American, for many of useful as General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson do about the integrity of George Marshall.

But w hat shall we say of the charges which Senator McCarthy has made against Communist sympathizers in the Government who helped influence the instructions sent to General Marshall?

Let's not put so much emphasis on the idiosyncracies of the prosecutor who makes the charges—let's look at the charges themselves. Otherwise, the attempt to discredit McCarthy becomes a mokesereen to di-

vert attention from the subject of Communism itself.

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The McCarthy charges were first examined by the Tydings Committee, and were in large part white-washed. The Senate of the United States was not satisfied and ordered another inquiry—this time by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator McCarthy was not even a member of that investigating committee.

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Eminent lawyers were on that committee, including men like Sena-tor Willis Smith of North Carolina, a former president of the American Bar Association; Senator O'Conor of Bar Association, Senator O'Conor of Maryland, a State's Attorney and at one time president of the National Association of Attorneys General; Senator Ferguson, a former circuit court judge in Michigan; and Senator McCarran, one-time Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada.

After examining more than 20,000 documents and taking testimony

from 66 witnesses, and after investi-gations and hearings lasting more than a year, the committee, on July 2, 1952, filed a public report in the

Senate. Senate a punit report in the Senate Committee tells the story of how the Chinese people were about the Chinese people were senate Committee tells the Communitation and influenced the White House and the State Department in making policies toward China.

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Certainly there can be excesses of oratory and accusations in the crusade to rid America of Communist rats. Certainly we can wait, if we like, for actual "proof" of treason and for the Moscow government obligingly to send us affidavits listing its agents and helpers in the United States. But meanwhile we must not scorn circumstantial evidence. It instructions that an Alger Hiss is caught in the act of commit-

ting a crime.

The language of Judge Learned Hand of the United States Court of Appeals, in upholding the conviction or 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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"True, we must not forget our
own faith; we must be sensitive to
the dangers that turk in any choice,
but choose we must, and we shall be
stilly dupes if we forget that again
and again in the past thirty years,
just such preparations in other countries have aided to supplant existing
governments, when it the time was
ripe."

Tipe."

Let us not permit the "left wing" in America to delude us further by trying to make "McCarthyism" the issue, when the real issue is the presence of Communists who burn down the barn while we fall promptly to call in the fire apparatus.

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The Kitty in Mr. Childs' Bag

State Journal readers will find this morning's article by Marquis Childs, published in the adjoining columns, interesting and illuminat-

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Mr. Childs is a "liberal." He deplores Wisconsin's Sen. Joe McCarthysm."

This morning, Mr. Childs turns his attack upon another familiar Childs target—Sen. Pat McCarran, the Nevada Democrat.

Columnist Childs notes that Democrat McCarran' has been far more successful than McCarthy in butterssing charges of Communism and pro-Communism in government departments."

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The columnist mutters darkly
about "McCarran's power" in congrees, worries because Adlai Stevenson would have to "cope with" that
power if Stevenson became president, and generally pictures McCarran as a black pirate who will demand political ransom from the
White House, is following the "liberal" pattern that is becoming increasingly familiar: Communists are
bad, but individual congressmen who
siccuse them are worse. No one
seems to be sufficiently pure in heart
to investigate well-documented
charges that Communists have infiltrated the federal government.

That job must "be left to the FBI
and the Department of Justice."

Yet, Mr. Childs' column this

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.

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

Those brave challenges thrown at Gen. Eisenhower & "re p ud is a ter Wisconsin Senater Joe McCarthy sound a bit strange coming from the sources from which they do.

Democrats from Adlai Stevenson down point to Joe McCarthy with mock horror and demand righteous-ly: "How do you stand on him, General?"

Many "independents" and "liberals" are so blinded by hatted of what they call "McCarthyism" that they can see no issue in the 1982 election except the fate of his one lone member of the U.S. Senate.

The Milwankee Journal, the Capital Times, and other anti-Republican newspapers are willing tools in this conspiracy to becloud the real issues in this term the commendation of the federal government.

In the famed Ameriasia 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 the prodding of such as Sen. McCarthy have brought out some of the facts the justice department had hidden.

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

According to Childs, McGranery refuses to do this although, Childs predicts, "ai nidictment 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 blustered a derpand for a quick and speedy disposition of the question.

Thus we have a situation where

Thus we have a situation where a politically-selected attorney general tells a congressional committee that he won! act.

There will be no process in court until. the political winds change. There will be no legal consideration of those 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 congressional and determined congressional committees do the job.

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That-means that men like Joe McCarthy and Pat McCarran, who are willing to risk the political consequences, must continue with their

Mr. McGranary Says 'No!'

By MARQUIS CHILDS

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WASHINGTON — During the current
political campaign the Democrats intend
to make as much capital as possible out of
Senator Joseph McCarthy and the charge
of "smear" and the "hig lie." By constantly bringing up McCarthy and some of his
more reckless accusations, particularly as
they relate to General George C. Marshall,
they hope to embarrass General Elsenhower.

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But the political stack by the Democrats conveniently impores a problem within the Democratic party at least as great in its polentialities.

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Sensor McCarran has now endorsed Governor Stevenson.

If Stevenson, Decomes President, he will have to cope with McCarran's and sensor in the present interregular to the present interregular between the half-dozen. most powerful men in the capital. His power has been exerted not merely in connection with the Communita secusation but in relation to charges of corruption and influence in Sensor of the Communita secusation but in relation to charges of corruption and influence in Sensor of the Communita and the Communitation of Howard McCarta as attorney general, he had to come up with a substitute who could win the approval of McCarrah and the Judiciary committee. The president drasted Federal Judge P. McCaraery of Philadelphis who had McCarrah was insisting that if McGranery and McCarrah was insisting that if McGranery and McCarrah was insisting that if McGranery and McCarrah was insisting that if McGranery were approved as attorneys general, he must agree in advance to do certain things McCarran wanted done. McGranery to such consistence of the McGarran Internal Security Subcommittee persistent pressure is being put on McGarnery to take certain action. Specifically, he is being in the selection of the McGarran internal Security Subcommittee persistent pressure is being put on McGarnery to take certain action. Specifically, he is being in the selection of the McGarran internal Security Subcommittee persistent pressure is being put on McGarnery to take certain action. Specifically, he is being internal forms of the McGarran futernal Security Subcommittee persistent pressure is being put on McGarnery to take certain action. Specifically, he is being internal forms.

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Yesterdays

(50 Years Are Sent. 4, 1992)
Andrew Carnegie's personal representative, W. Anderson, who manages the millionaire's vast library benefactions, was here for a conference with the members of the Madison library board.

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Cir Years Age Sept. 4, 1927)
Chicage's movis famine will end today as result of a compromise agreement and their employes.

An article by Henry Noll, just back from Europe, ayar Germany is coming to the front again. It will probably take many years before the country gets fully back on his feet, but unless unforseen them to the probably take the second to the best of the probably take the second to the best of the probably take the second to take her though take piece, the is bound to take her though take piece, the is bound to take her though take piece, the is bound to take her though the piece is the probably the second to the testing antions.

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(18 Years Are Sept. 4, 1842)
The battle of Stalingrad approached acrisis as the Soviet defenders were exhorted to transform the vital Volga river into "as Re Verdus." in the face of a crushing assault by Nast troops, tanks, and dive bombers.

Millitary experts suggested the possibility of smother Japanese attack on Dutch Harbor, Alasks, as a prelude to an attack on Siberia.

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 pended on the action you and others like in the control of the contr

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 solutions.

Not Bad, But Good!

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Editor. The diste Journal — Tim a schoolstecher. We are Wisconsin folks but out here at present.

Look at, the smearing Harold fakes did on many good med, much werse than Sen. McCarthy, ever did on Planks and Reds. Ickes blackened men merely because they opposed 7.Dl. on something. Yet Leke opposed 7.Dl. on something. Yet Leke P.Dl. tunesred and vililified Retweet Hoover for a down years—yet he never was ambasted for ht. In 1948 Trumah blackened many men unfairly, also Congress: Yes no group whipped up propaganda against have in the section Republicans, and Republicans meetly accept it as a defeat, when it's really a virtue that McCarthy's good fight against. Reds. Into something had. Democrata are bluffing Republicans, and Republicans meetly accept it as a defeat, when it's really a virtue that McCarthy's and Republicans meetly accept it as a defeat, when it's really a virtue that McCarthy's as a moke steree, pretending McCarthy has and a good fight on the entity has made a good fight on the entity has made a good fight on the entity has made and a good fight on the entity has made a good fight on the entity has made and a good fight on the entity has made and a good fight on the entity has made as more stereet, pretending McCarthy has dode something very bad in waking up the public to danger of Reds in government. Democrate make Republicans defend theoretic him.—J. Thompson, Callernia.

The Shepherd

Community Chest .

"Unto one of the least of these my brethren." Matt. 25:40

In many towns this month they'll say ... COMMUNITY CHEST KICKS OFF TODAY! ... And we shall have the chance to show ... Our sellingings to eaid the too ... Of poor and sick and blind and lame ... And help the needy tree. oting and lame . . And help the needy in His name . . . If one day's pay you give The Lord . . You aid His cause and your reward . Is satisfaction that you're part . . . Of your fine city's kindly heart.

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No More Withrow

Rdise, The State Journal—Voters of the 3rd congressional district once again have an operuiting for rower Rep. Gard-ner Withrow from office. An unfortunate mistake was made four years ago, when Withrow defeated Wil-liam H. Stevenson in the September prim-ary, in 1990, 3rd district voters still had not had enough of Withrow's peculiar brand of voting, for he was re-elected over Foster Poters.

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The Pollen Crop

Inc. Folien Crop.

Editor, The Siste Jeurnal—Some more news about pollen count, So glad that we who have hay fever can find out just when to get it.

All vacant lots, railroad property, and marshes are kept well fertilized so there is appropriated for the cutting of these weeds. Why not some of the money collected from many lienness and is used in all other ways? Why not spare a little: I know that Medison cannot do it all, but it would help an awful lot.—L. Rismeen, 216 N. 688 68, Medison.

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Communist infiliration of the federal government.

There is no logical reason why Dwight Eisenhower should take any position other (han the traditional position of stating that he will support the Republican nominees in Wisconsin ... and elsewhere. The citizens of Wisconsin der entitled to a United States senator of their own choice, and Dwight Eisenhower has no obligation to reply to the needing who do not sincerely was a Republican victory in November.

These people and institutions who are attempting to put Eisenhower on the spot actually are on the political hot-spot themselves.

How do the Milwaukkes Journal and the Capital Times stand on Dean Acheson, Owen Lattimore, and Alger Hiss?

Questions for McCarthy's Foes ... When last heard from on these subjects, both newspapers were supporting Dean Acheson. To them, Owen Lattimore is still a muchabused hero. To them, Aliger Hiss is still a misunderstood young man who probably isn't guilty and who—apparently—was a helpless victim of "the hysteria of our times."

How do Adlai Stevenson, E. William Proximire, the Milwaukee Journal, the Capital Times, and the rest of the defenders of the New and Fair Deals stand on such public figures as John Stewart Service, Edwin Posmiak, Esther Brunauer, Oliver Edmund Clubb, and William Remington?

A committee of the United States congress has recommended that a grand jury book into possible perjury congress has recommended that a grand jury book into possible perjury conditions of the Capital Times ever demanded that these cases be brought to a quick trial. before the all-important Wisconsin election?

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It is not Eisenhower who must answer questions.

If Joe McCarthy's opponents hattled Communists in government with the same enthusiasm they show in their fight against the Wisconsin senator, the effort to flig out the poor security risks could proceed with a great deal less interference. The average Wisconsin clitzen will find it hard to understand why the Milwaukee Journal, the Capital Times and their political spekesmen find time to flight the real ensemies of our government, but seem to have lots of time and energy to smear and attack these who do attempt to dig out disloyal pergya.