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The McCarthy Method And Objective

WHEN senators returned to their desks this week they found there some reprints from the Communist Who's Who. They had been distributed by aids of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. Copies came to us, and presumably to other editors around the nation, under McCarthy's frank. The gist of all the reprints was that McCarthy should be censured. The Who's Who, quoted various Americans in support of its position. McCarthy aids underscored the names of ex-President Harry Truman, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Herbert Lehman and Sen. Ralph Flanders to emphasize their agreement with the Communist stand.

This pamphlet was the tip-off as to what McCarthy meant when he said, two weeks before the special session began, that "I'm not going to defend myself... I am going to make a record so that you will know what the Senate is doing." He is engaged in an offense (read that as a double entendre) to prove that the Senate is working with the Communists. Not only are Senators Watkins and Lehman, two of his fiercest critics, working for the Communists according to his position. The bipartisan six-member Watkins committee, which includes Sen. Sam Ervin of North Carolina and which

unanimously recommended censure, has "done the work of the Communist Party." It "not only cooperated in the achievement of Communist goals" but "imitated Communist methods" in writing its report. And if the full Senate goes along with a committee, it would be, in McCarthy's opinion, equally suspect.

McCarthy does not stop there, by merely assigning dark motives to the Senate. "Ruthless" writers, radio commentators and a majority of the press is in this sinister cabal. The present as well as the past president is implicated. For the attacks against him, says McCarthy, have been emanating from the White House.

Thus if you are for censure, according to his logic, you are also a Communist. And if the Senate votes against McCarthy then, he asks — leaving little doubt as to whom he has in mind — can be depended upon to save the nation?

There is the McCarthy method and objective in all his unadorned words. His defenders ought to see clearly by now the design of the man who consistently infers that disagreement with him amounts to disloyalty.

One Big V-Day — Or Peace Day

THREE TIMES a year the nation celebrates the end of wars. This year's celebrations grew out of just two wars, however. If this business keeps up and we have a couple more wars (and survive the A- and H-weapons) we will have more "V" days than any other type of celebration.

There's no disrespect meant by this. We are most thankful for the end of bloodshed in World War II and the end of bloodshed in World War I in Europe and in the Pacific.

A step in the right direction was taken

when Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day, but it was in the right direction in theory only. In practical terms, Nov. 11 has no significant bearing on the end of World War II, either in Europe or Asia. So why should we observe the end of World War II on the anniversary of the ending of World War I, and not celebrate the end of World War II at any more significant date? Maybe the easiest solution would be to arbitrarily set some day as Veterans Day, or better still, Peace Day, and let that one stand for all the "V" days.

Harlan Is Qualified For The Court

THE President could have done no better than to appoint Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte to the Supreme Court vacancy. But once again this great jurist was passed over, in favor of Judge John Marshall Harlan of New York.

Harlan appears to be a good choice, with better background for the job than most associate justices appointed in the past two decades have had.

He is a judge of the second highest court in the land, the U. S. Court of Appeals (as Judge Parker is) although Harlan has been on the bench for only a few months.

He has not been active in politics. This is no personal pay-off, no reward for ingratiation service.

Judge Harlan has had a good deal of trial experience, was chief counsel of the New York Crime Commission, has wide experience as a member of jury trials, and has handled many law firms. And, although he is not widely known, he is held in high esteem by members of his profession.

He is a Republican, which will help him once on the Court. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justice Harold Burton are the only other Republicans on the Court. And he is from the same geographic region as was the man he replaced, the late Associate Justice Robert Jackson.

The President could have done better, but he could have done much worse.

McNenck And Nathan And God

MARK 1954 on your calendar as the year of iconoclasm flickered and died. First H. L. McNenck died to support a president of the United States and now George Jean Nathan has announced his engagement.

These two unholly terrorists had roasted America in their literary frying pan for years. Together they edited SMARTY SET and the old AMERICAN MERCURY and poked fun at everything from sex to salvation.

A couplet in those days went:
McNenck and Nathan and God,
Yes, probably, possibly, God.

Early in the year, McNenck admitted that Dwight D. Eisenhower was a "better than average president... for a general."

This from the old sniper who had denounced both Roosevelts, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Truman was an amazingly benevolent concession.

Months later, Nathan announced his intention of marrying actress Julie Hayden. This, mind you, from the man who once said that "to enjoy women at all, one must manufacture an illusion and envelop them with it; otherwise they would not be endurable." This from the man who said that marriage "is based on the theory that when a man discovers a particular brand of beer exactly to his taste he should at once throw up his job and go to work in the brewery." Iconoclasm—rest in peace.

FROM THE RICHMOND NEWS LEADER

THAT'S THE THRIFTY SPIRIT, GSA!

UP IN Washington, we see by the WALL STREET JOURNAL, the General Services Administration has embarked upon a new program of thrift and economy: The GSA has started collecting stamps.

Mind you, the guy'mint is not browsing around the philatelic shops, buying up a bargain in Washington bi-centennials here or a sheet of uncancelled Molly Pitchers there. This is a program of stamp salvage, and the wonder is that in a big place like the federal government, someone didn't think of this before.

Roger Steffen, of the White House staff, did think of it. And after consultations among the GSA, the Post Office's division of philately, the Smithsonian Institution's division of philately, the reference division of the Library of Congress, and the recreation division of the Veterans Administration, the plan went into effect last spring. Government agencies were directed to save all incoming foreign stamps and all domestic commemorative having a value of more than 3 cents. The GSA then sent a man around to collect the accumulation, and sold: Fifty-five pounds of stamps had piled up. These were sold by the pound, eight unscanned, on competitive bids. Proceeds: \$339.

Encouraged by this handsome profit, the GSA on June 10 made the salvage program a continuing project. By the first of September, 42 pounds had come

in from three agencies alone; when the effort gets into full swing, the GSA estimates it will harvest from 400 to 500 pounds of canceled stamps a month, for a net gain of \$3,000 a month or close to \$40,000 a year.

That native caution which steals over a man about to say something nice about the government prompts a few reservations in our mind; we have mental pictures of a new Division of Stamp Salvage and Philatelic Negotiations somewhere in the catcombs of the GSA with three clerks, and then 20 clerks, and then 50 clerks and finally assistant secretaries for foreign and domestic issues. Maybe it won't work out that way.

But apart from the \$40,000 a year, which is certainly a nice piece of change to pluck from the wastebaskets, the program is a wonderful lifesaver to all government servants with little boy-children at home. "Hey, Dad," goes the refrain. "Didcha bring me home any stamps today?" Didcha take off any good stamps for me?" Now the government servant can explain virtuously that the GSA has taken them all, and he can couple this explanation with some sound observations to his son on the nature of thrift and the zeal for economy inherent in a Republican administration. No telling how this will affect the voters of the next generation.

'How Do You Feel About - Uh - Nonaggression Pacts?'



People's Platform

Beware Of Phone Booth Republicans

Editors, The News: THE interesting thing about the post-election letters in People's Platform is that those who have lost all pride seem to be the most indignant. I refer to the unmanly reaction to Judge Sedberry's statement about "right-wing Democrats" being loyal to their party affiliation.

Judge Sedberry is on solid ground. This is not a matter of "violation" of the sanctity of the "secret ballot."

What happened to the vaunted Republican pride? For 20 years they ran for cover under the bed and stopped up their ears when they heard the hated word "Democrat" — and now they blubly use that word, "Democrat," to a fare-thee-well, as a subterfuge to win votes from the unwary, the falling, and the man with little hope.

The word "Democrat" was good for our fathers; it was good for the state and city, and apparently it is good enough for the Republicans, not a philosophy but an advertising scheme to win votes.

One day these unwary Democrats will wake up when they are too late. They'll find then that the city, county, and state politics would not be endurable. This from the few "telephone booth" Republicans who will have won their ends through the use of the word "Democrat."

Filter Center Needs Over 400 Volunteers

Editors, The News: IN THESE perilous times, men charged with national defense must be prepared for any emergency, including the possibility of a sneak attack by fleets of enemy super-bombers on cities within the U. S. These bombers could be in the air in a matter of minutes, miles above the earth, far out of ordinary sight and hearing. Then again, they could come in low, knowing of radar's inability to quickly detect low-flying aircraft. If such an attack were ever launched, the main job of intercepting it would fall to the U. S. Air Force's Defense Command. ADC's assignment is incredibly complex. First of all it involves setting up and staffing a network of radar detection stations around more than 18,000 miles of this country's borders and coastlines. Then, once an attacking fleet has been detected by radar, it must be met by ADC's squadrons of jet interceptor fighters. These in-

terceptors must be ready for instant action. Every hour that passes-day and night—hundreds of them are poised on the runways of heavily guarded airfields. Their stuns are always loaded, their radar facilities, their pilots ready. And to all the above problems the need to train pilots, ground crews, radar technicians, build intercept bases, filter centers, and provide 1,000 observation posts for civilian volunteers, and you begin to see what a big job the Force is tackling in just this one branch of air power.

To succeed, the Air Force needs realistic public understanding and a recognition of the hard fact that air power must be consistently maintained in peace if it is to be relied upon to help prevent or meet the terrible emergency of war.

The Charlotte Air Defense Filter Center is a part of ADC's national defense program. The filter center takes the report from the spotter at the observation post, plots the plane's location on a grid map, tracks its course, and relays all information to the ADC. The job there is particularly exciting, and can have interceptors on the way up to identify it: plane within a matter of seconds.

But our Charlotte A. D. Filter Center is a weak link in the chain of defense. It is presently staffed by 100 civilian volunteers. We need 800 volunteers to completely man the filter center for Operation Skyhawk (24 hour duty) and at present we have only about 400. This is you, country, your town, your home. Will you volunteer two hours a week to help protect U. S. Call ED-9-303, or visit your Charlotte Air Defense Filter Center on the third floor of the Coddington Building and volunteer your two hours.

MRS. JOYCE E. CROSS

Will The City Wait Until Someone Dies?

Editors, The News: LIKE MANY other Charlotteans these late fall mornings, I am prone to wonder whether we are living in Los Angeles, Calif. or Charlotte, N. C. With the smoke, smog, or whatever you call it—haze over the Queen City, you can hardly see your hand in front of your face. Now this is the same old cry that arises every fall and winter, but I'll vow the smoke regulations are worse this year than last year. I think the city should try to enforce the smoke regulations now on the books before saying new ones have to be made—as they did last year. By the way, city schools are some of the worst offenders I have noticed, as well

as a couple of the tall buildings on the Square.

I suppose when Charlotte has a sudden outbreak of redneck-irritated eyes, strange lung irritations, and hacking coughs—the city will do just as Los Angeles has done: a couple of horn dies and then start yelling about how something should be done.

—MRS. D. G. HOYT

Why Don't Liberals Defend McCarthy?

Editors, The News: SEN. MCCARTHY said that a man who would hold up the discharge of a soldier accused of a crime, when asked about the Fifth Amendment when asked about communistic affiliations, was not fit to wear the uniform of a general.

The senator also refused (unless subpoenaed) to appear before a committee which exceeded its stated limitations in making an investigation of him.

For these "offenses" the Watkins Committee recommended that he be censured. Neither in these "offenses" however nor in the other charges lodged against the Wisconsin senator, was the Watkins Committee able to find any violation of law nor of Senate tradition.

Bowing to the hysterical demand to "get McCarthy," however, the committee decided that "abused" witnesses and had refused to appear before the committee, these actions were now deemed censurable and the punishment for them could be made retroactive.

It is ironically amusing to note the total lack of "liberal" denunciation of this aberration of elementary justice.

In this regard, the "liberals" who loudly demand justice for their friends but not for their critics, give impetus to the "wave of anti-intellectualism" which they praise so much.

—PETER J. KING

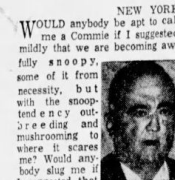
The Critics Chorus: They're All Colossal

Editors, The News: THE movie critics on Charlotte are doing a splendid job of criticizing the movie people. If they weren't why don't they give their honest opinions when writing reviews? They're probably scared to death some motion picture house manager or a local distributor will jump down their throats if they don't call every cinema handout "colossal."

—EDWARD J. MULROONEY

Snooping Is A Product Of America's Age Of Anxiety

By ROBERT C. RUARK



WOULD anybody be apt to call me a Communist if I suggested that we are becoming awfully snoop-y? Some of it from necessity, but with the snooping that goes on in our reading and mushrooming to where it scares me. Would any body slug me if I suggested that perhaps the five slipping into the A Warning end of espionage and censorship and that has afflicted totalitarian countries for so long?

I recognize fully that we kept our feet hooked in the sand much too long concerning the danger of communism and espionage within our ranks, in the name of freedom and liberalism. I recognize that a loyalty oath may be necessary for one thing — to afford us any chance of conviction for perjury, such as we hung on Alger Hiss. I will sign any loyalty oath that's set before me, but so will a guy who is really doing dirty deeds at the crossroad.

GOING TOO FAR But I think the Navy goes too far in forcing a new loyalty oath on its officers — not that it makes any difference to the officers. I think the Navy is using a very bad example when we got commissions, seemed to me to be a pretty good idea. I recall, it ran something like this:

"I, Joe Gish, having been appointed a member of the Navy for Army or Air Force of the United States do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to same; that I take this obligation freely without mental reservations or purpose of evasion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office in which I am about to enter, so help me God."

That seems to me to cover the matter pretty thoroughly, without any of the harsh penalties of foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to same; that I take this obligation freely without mental reservations or purpose of evasion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office in which I am about to enter, so help me God.

SECRET ORDERS But now see also that extra-legal special espionage system operating in the federal government.

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instructions for which were secretly disclosed by the department heads in the detection and prevention of employee misconduct — quite apart from anything to do with any real connection. The heads were told to update their inspection facilities to make them adequate to deal with the detection and prevention of acts of impropriety, unethical conduct and other activities short of criminal violation.

Boy, that covers a lot of ground. Especially when the government says this is to be used to increase employee morale.

NEW DISCHARGE Then we have the new discharge of servicemen who are not guilty of any misconduct or Communist affiliation, but who are got hooked out of a job just because some bum of a brother or drunken uncle joined up with a subversive organization, which was a lot of trouble, in taking the brother's keener business too far.

And we have the censorship of the press in New York in regard to court trials. And when Truman was in, he had a blanket withholding order on all government news which is at the discretion of the department head.

And we always seem to have some tribunal going about books, which is a lot of trouble in regard to what I can find in generally in the forbidden closet of the USIS, which we usually see in regard to the Aspin Age, because it contained an account of Sacco and Vanzetti as per to the rearing 'twenties.

BHOOPER'S WARNING Ediger Hooper has already warned against private spy-chasing, neighbor-informing vigilante societies, but they continue to spring up. Many of the old raid gives herself dignity as a subversive-seeker, when she is merely a nasty snooper, back-stabbing, and car-capper at the door.

I don't like it. I know bureaucracy. I know it's something of an inclination of ordinary people. A nation of spies and counter-spies is not a pleasant place to live. Many of the wrong people get hold of the right weapons, and, after while, you can't have a fight with your wife without becoming the nation's business.

Angry Democrats Say GOP Must 'Put Up Or Shut Up'

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very slow.

The fact that they have started to use the FBI files in the use of the FBI indicates the strength of Democratic resentment. They are not only going to use what any of them actually feel when Hoover appeared as a witness in Attorney General Brownell's portraits of the Harry Dexter White case.

Discussions are still in progress in Washington. It should be used for developing the story Democrats want told. It could be done within the Senate Judiciary Committee, if supported by New Dealers or Kilgore of West Virginia is the next chairman, or by Government officials, such as McClellan of Arkansas in the driver's seat.

BROAD SCOPE Sen. McClellan, however, does not wish to concentrate that committee's time on subversion. He feels it should be devoted, as its main task, to the investigation and checking of how the government is being run.

It is not necessarily right, next chairman of the controversial House Un-American Activities Committee, wants that committee jettisoned in favor of a new joint committee.

These Democratic activities will be necessarily bring them into direct conflict with President Eisenhower. The President has deplored the use of the Communist issue and has laid aloof from it personally.

NO COMPLAINTS With subversion, Democrats will press for "names, not numbers." They will also raise the question of the use of FBI files. Democrats who came directly under the Nixon fire during the campaign got a very firm impression that the vice president was speaking by the book in some of the things he said. Since FBI files, as J. Edgar Hoover cautions repeatedly, consist of unvaluable material, they are not proof; but they can be made to sound

In a sense the Democrats will be exploiting a Republican family row as well as attempting to clear their skirts for 1956.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON THE Democrats may have a harder time keeping their hairbrained majority in the Senate than anyone realizes. When the Senate reconvened for the special McCarthy session, Charles E. Daniel, interim Democratic senator from South Carolina, a close friend of Ike's friend, Jimmie Byrnes, was having his picture taken with Vice President Stevenson said:

"Well, I suppose I could reply as follows: 'Dear Mr. Nixon: I have now received two telegrams from the president of the United States. The first was from my grandfather. Since I do not know him, I am sorry to hear of his death. He did not, however, send the telegram.'"

Ominous Sounds From South Carolina

William Benton's suite at the Savoy Plaza Hotel in New York when they received two telegrams from the president of the United States. The first was from my grandfather. Since I do not know him, I am sorry to hear of his death. He did not, however, send the telegram.

Advisers offered Stevenson all sorts of suggestions for a reply to the man the Democrats now name chief of staff "McNixon." Finally Stevenson said:

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Adlai's Grandfather

Adlai Stevenson seldom refers to his grandfather, who was vice president of the United States in the administration of Grover Cleveland. But the other day Adlai and advisers were in Ex-Sen. Wil-

man. This is one of the McCarthy issues not before the Senate as a political issue. The fact that Rainville and his two Chicago friends, Kelly and Squire, now want to quit the Railroad Retirement Board for American Legion, things began to change. He was followed by Frank C. Squire, another Chicagoan, who has had no previous record removing 10 administrative posts from civil service to make room for wealthy Republicans.

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