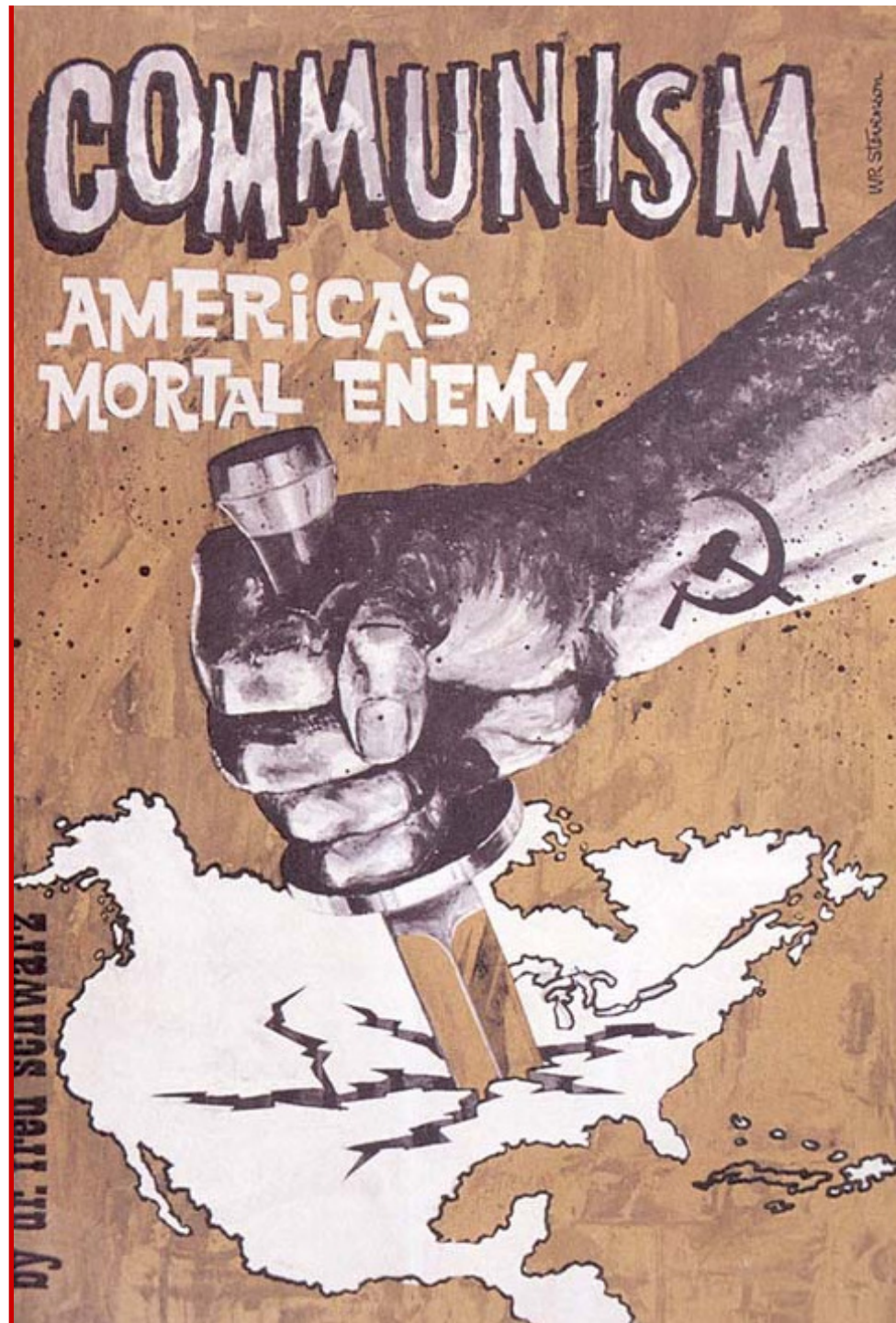
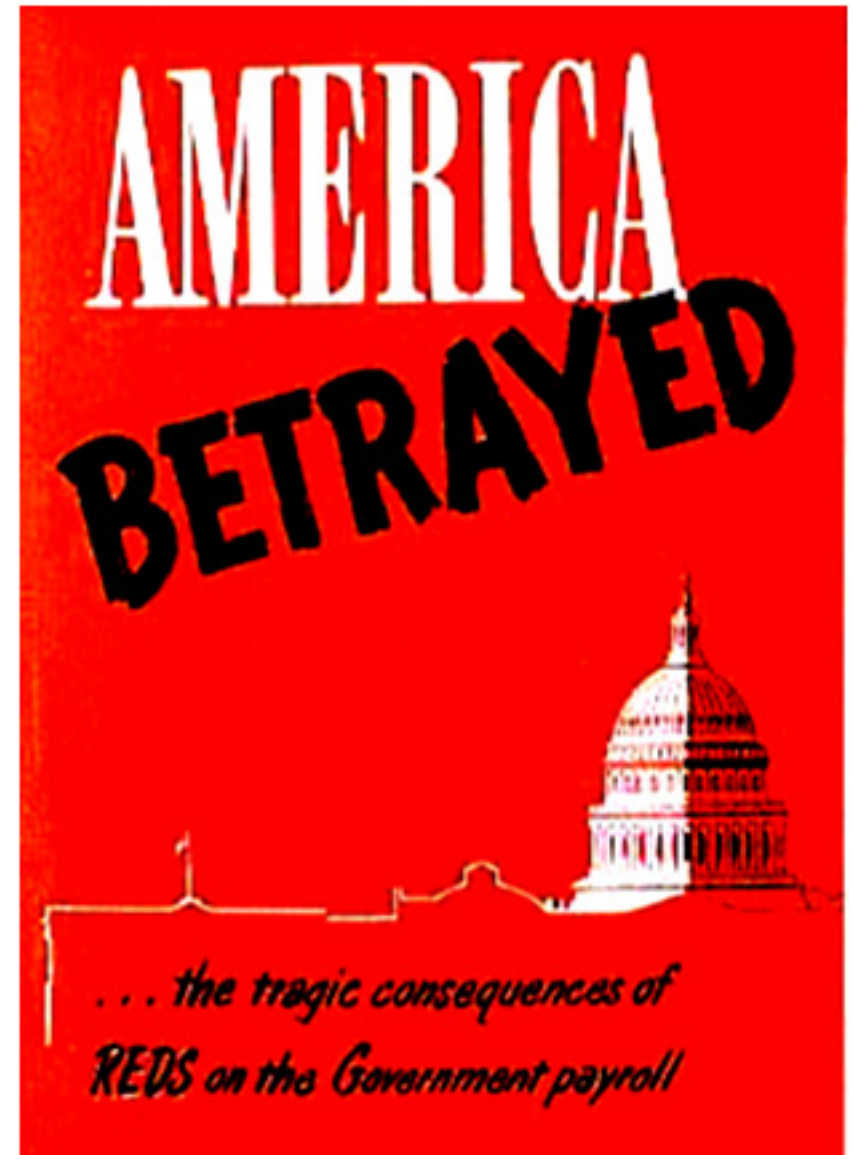
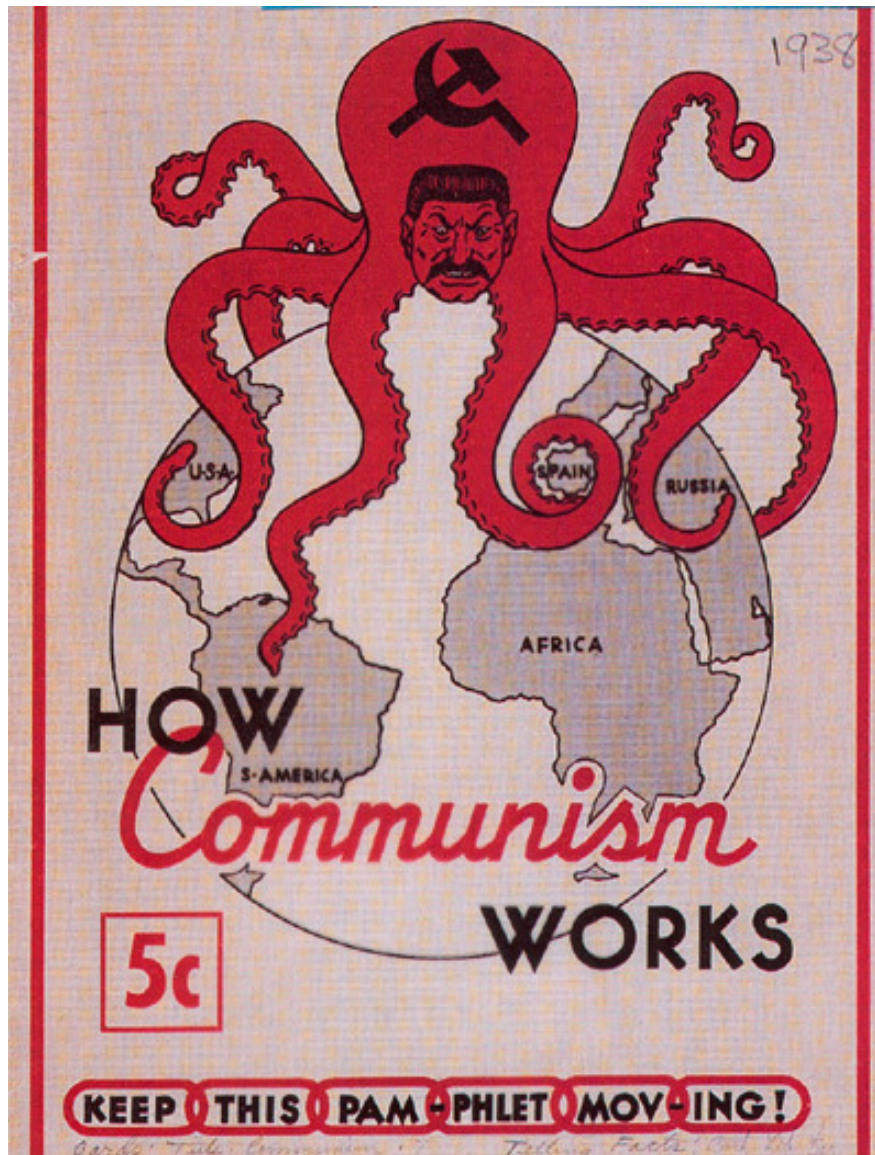




PPT: The Red Hunt



**atmosphere of
fearful suspicion
and paranoia**





Investigated the film industry and other groups, looking for communists and communist sympathizers.

H.U.A.C. AND THE 'HOLLYWOOD TEN'

“Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?”

Hollywood was one of the earliest victims of U.S. fears about the spread of communism in the post-war period. In 1947 H.U.A.C. [The House of Un-American Activities Committee, first established in 1937] investigated the loyalty of Hollywood screenwriters, actors and directors. Ten cited the ‘First Amendment’ and refused to testify. Hollywood chiefs had them ‘blacklisted’ and they were forced out of the film industry.

HOLLYWOOD TEN

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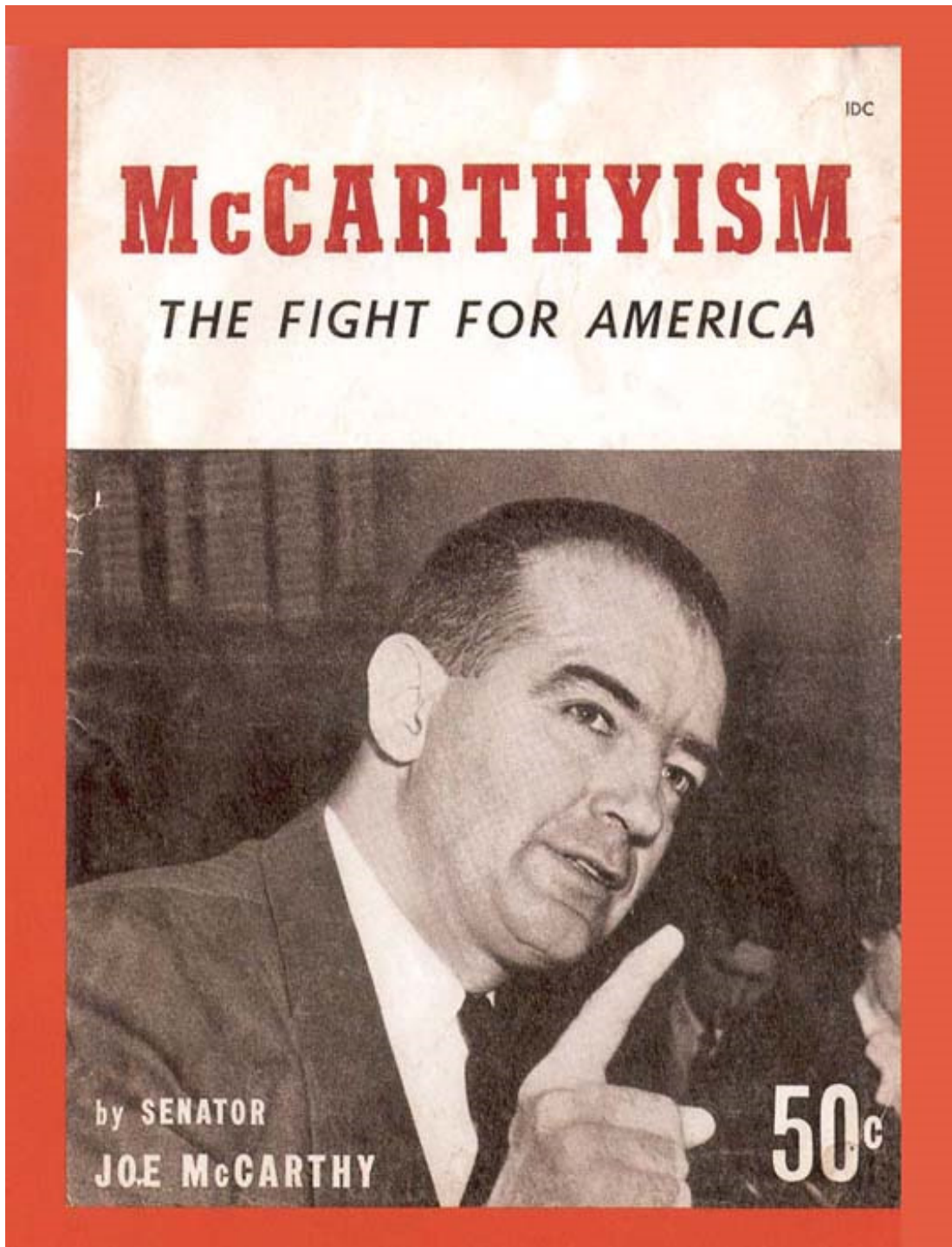
- In Nov 1947, they were cited for contempt of Congress. In April 1948, each man was found guilty and sentenced to spend a year in prison and pay a \$1,000 fine.
- Studio executives did not want their business to be associated with radical politics in the minds of the movie-going public and therefore agreed that they would not employ the Hollywood Ten or anyone else suspected of being affiliated with the Communist Party.



THE HOLLYWOOD TEN

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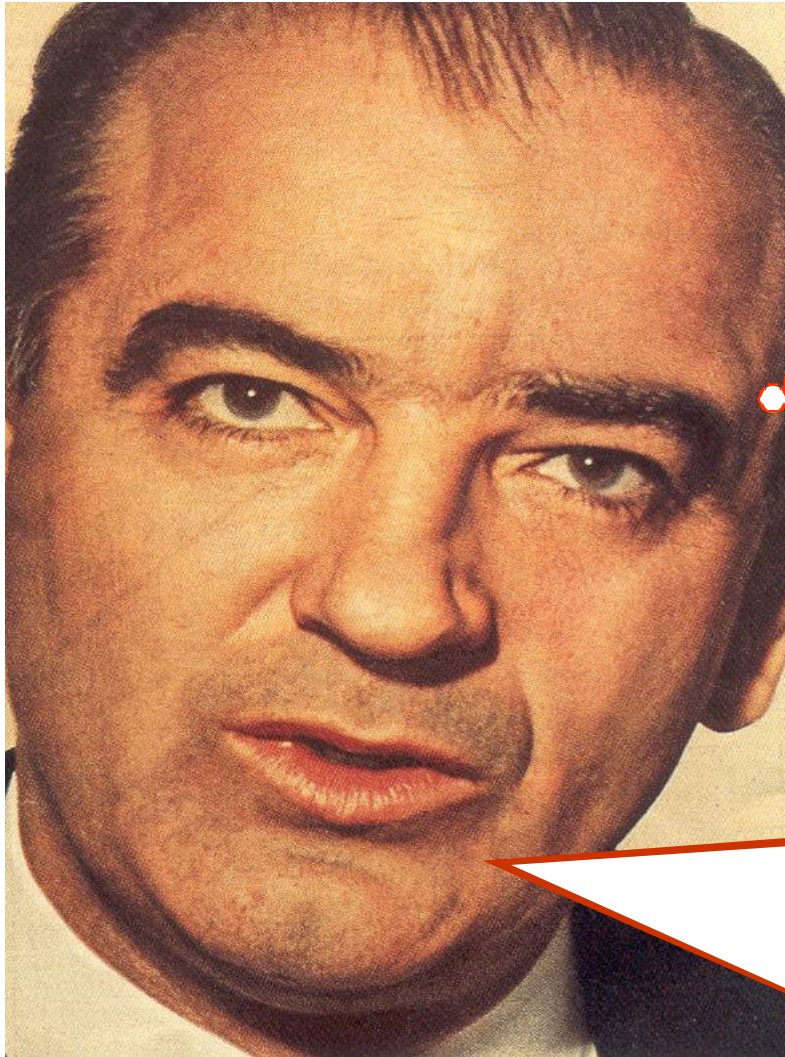
McCarthyism created a climate of fear, not just of communism but also of being labeled a subversive.

Senator McCarthy



“I have here in my hand a list of 205 names that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping policy in the State Department.”

Feb 9, 1950



'The communists within our borders have been more responsible for the success of communism abroad than Soviet Russia.'

The reason why we find ourselves in a position of impotency [weakness] is not because the enemy has sent men to invade our shores, but rather because of the traitorous actions of those who have had all the benefits that the wealthiest nation on earth has had to offer - the finest homes, the finest college educations, and the finest jobs in government we can give.

McCarthy's Methods:

Bullying
manner

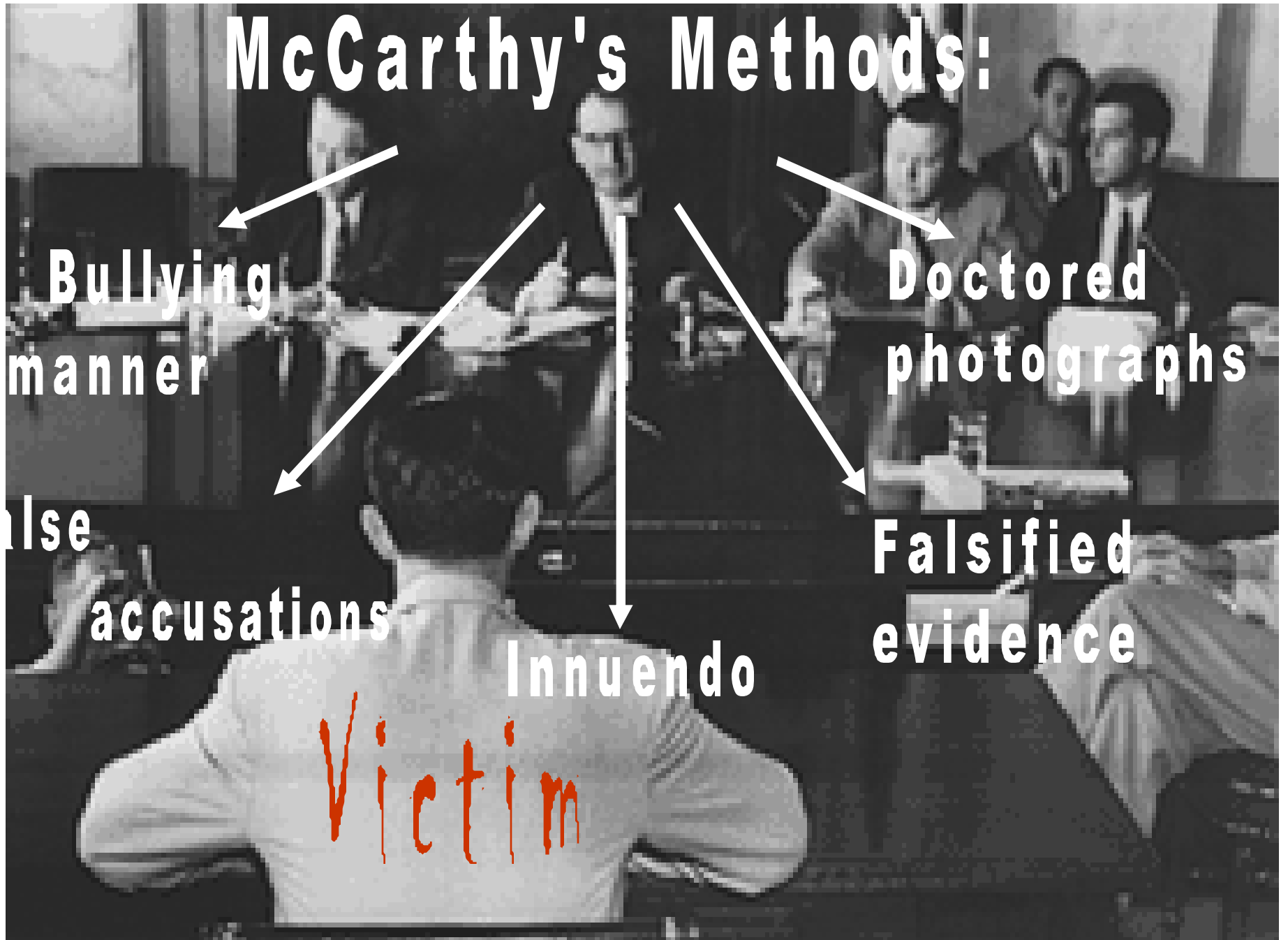
Doctored
photographs

False
accusations

Falsified
evidence

Innuendo

Victim



McCarthy constantly played upon American peoples fears of the threat posed by communism

Here he points to a map showing the threat posed to Asia by communist China.



VICTIMS OF McCARTHYISM

**9,500 federal
civil servants
were
dismissed**

**600 teachers
were dismissed**

**15,000 federal
civil servants
resigned while
under
investigation**

**Hundreds of
scientists and
university
teachers lost
their jobs**

**2000 industrial
workers were
fired**

**300 were blacklisted
in films, television
and radio.**

**3,800 seamen
were fired**

**500 state and
city employees
were sacked**

**500 were arrested for
deportation because of
their political beliefs**

Why did so many people believe McCarthy?



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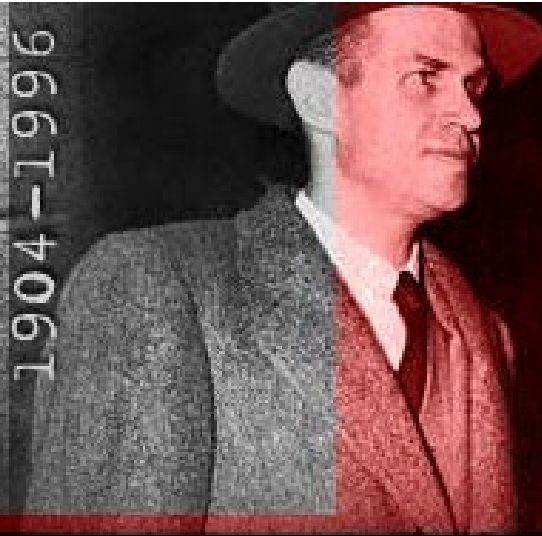
Later hearings were televised live. The general public saw for themselves . . .



**. . . for the first time
McCarthy's bullying
methods – and did not
like what they saw.**

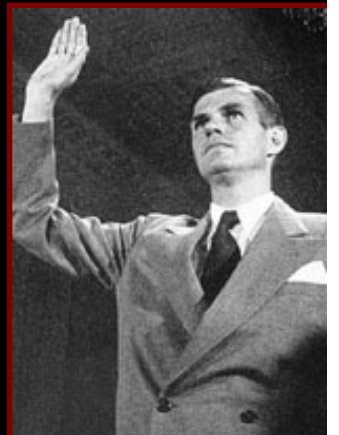
Secrets, Lies, and
Spies

1904-1996



Alger Hiss

THE TRIALS OF THE CENTURY





Alger Hiss



Whittaker Chambers

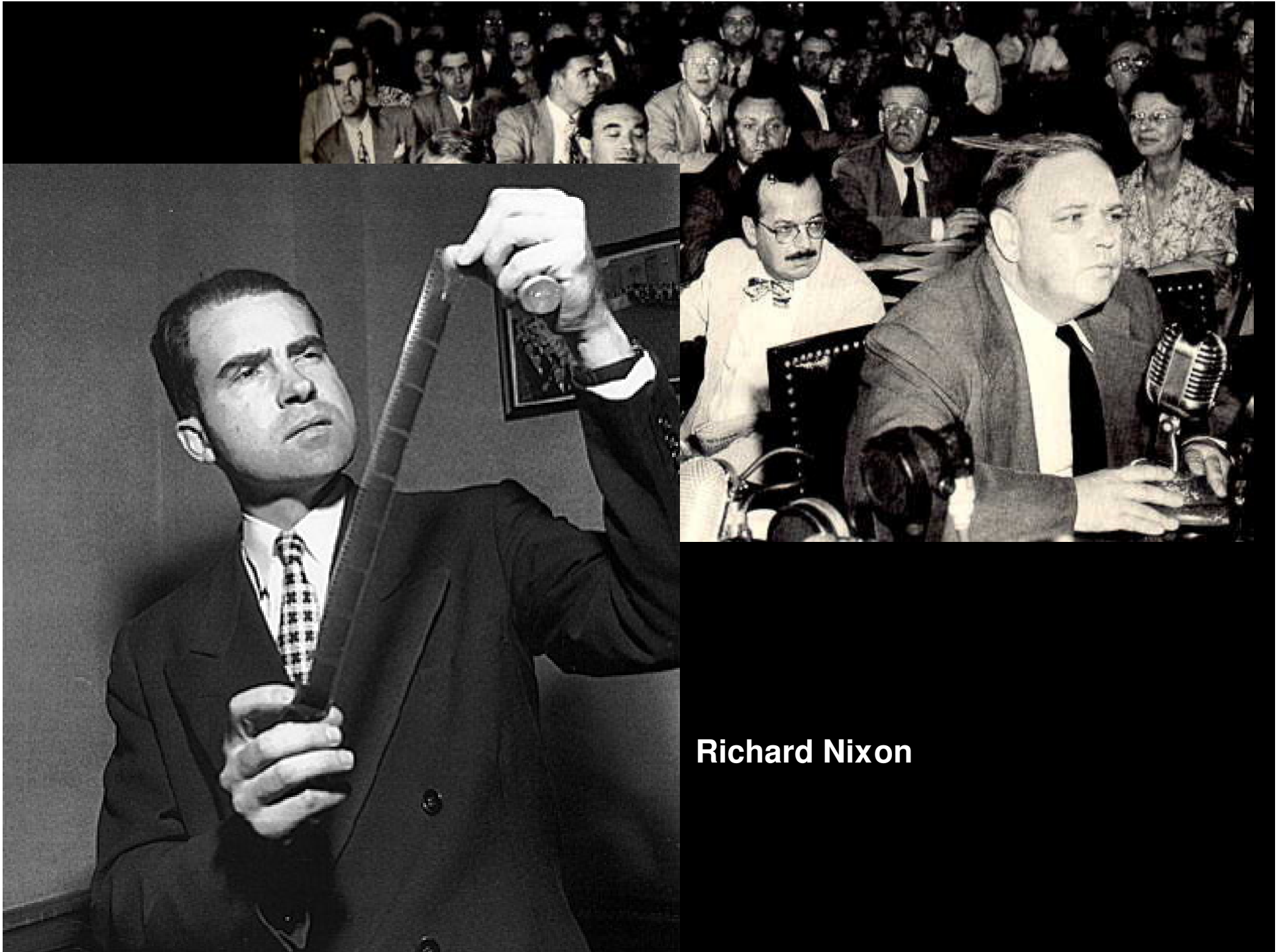
Whittaker Chambers, a senior editor at *Time* magazine, told the House Un-American Activities Committee that Alger Hiss had been a fellow communist in the 1930s and had given him State Department documents that he passed to a Soviet official.



Chambers produced handwritten memos and typewritten summaries of State Department documents. Experts testified that Hiss had typed both the summaries and personal correspondence on the typewriter. Hiss and experts on his side argued that the typewriter had been tampered with in order to produce the desired evidentiary results.



Chambers had held back from producing several strips of 35mm film and three undeveloped rolls. The existence of this additional evidence ultimately reached the Un-American Activities Committee, which prompted then U.S. Representative Richard Nixon to issue a subpoena for the materials. Under subpoena, Chambers guided congressional investigators to a pumpkin patch on his farm in Maryland. Hidden in a hollowed-out pumpkin was what later became known as the "pumpkin papers"—several prints of State Department documents from the 1930s.



Richard Nixon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnCC2gYmAMk>

Alger Hiss case 1948-1950



1:06 / 3:00





What was the outcome?

Hiss was indicted on December 15 on two charges of perjury, specifically charging that Hiss lied both when he denied that he had given any documents to Chambers and when he testified that he did not talk to Chambers after January 1, 1937.

He served 44 months in jail before his release in November 1954.

Was Alger Hiss really a spy?

In 1996, shortly after Hiss's death, a collection of documents were declassified. One of the messages, dated March 30, 1945, refers to an American with the code name Ales. According to the message, Ales was a Soviet agent working in the State Department, who accompanied President Roosevelt to the 1945 Yalta Conference and then flew to Moscow, both of which Hiss did. The message goes on to indicate that Ales met with Andrei Vyshinsky, the Commissar for Foreign Affairs, and was commended for his aid to the Soviets. Analysts at the National Security Agency have gone on record asserting that Ales could only have been Alger Hiss.

~~TOP SECRET~~ VENONA

MCB

From: WASHINGTON
To: MOSCOW
No: 1822

30 March 1945

Further to our telegram No. 283[a]. As a result of "[D% A.'s]"[i] chat with "ALES"[ii] the following has been ascertained:

1. **1** ALES has been working with the **2** NEIGHBORS SOSEDI[iii] continuously since 1935.
2. For some years past he has been the leader of a small group of the "NEIGHBORS" probationers[STAZHENY], for the most part consisting of his relations.
3. The group and ALES himself work on obtaining military information only. Materials on the **4** "BANK"[iv] allegedly interest the NEIGHBORS very little and he does not produce them regularly.
4. All the last few years ALES has been working with **5** "POL"[v] who also meets other members of the group occasionally.
5. Recently ALES and his whole group were awarded Soviet decorations.
6. **6** After the Yalta Conference, when he had gone on to MOSCOW, a Soviet personage in a very responsible position (ALES gave to understand that it was Comrade VYSHINSKIJ) allegedly got in touch with ALES and at the behest of the Military NEIGHBORS passed on to him their gratitude and so on.

No. 431 **7** VADIM[vi]

Notes: [a] Not available.
Comments:
[i] A.: "A." seems the most likely garble here although "A." has not been confirmed elsewhere in the WASHINGTON traffic.
[ii] ALES: Probably Alger HISS.
[iii] SOSEDI: Members of another Soviet Intelligence organization, here probably the GRU.
[iv] BANK: The U.S. State Department.
[v] POL: i.e. "PAUL," unidentified cover-name.
[vi] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, MCB resident in WASHINGTON.

8 August 1969

~~TOP SECRET~~ VENONA

When the Russians developed the atomic bomb in 1949, it was believed that Soviet spies must have been responsible for passing the nuclear technology from the United States to Russia.

The Rosenbergs

On July 17, 1950, Julius Rosenberg, an electrical engineer and employee for the U.S. Army Signal Corps, was arrested for allegedly passing atomic secrets to Russia



One month later, on August 11, Julius' wife, Ethel, was also arrested, charged with assisting her husband.



What was the outcome?

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death under the Espionage Act of 1917.



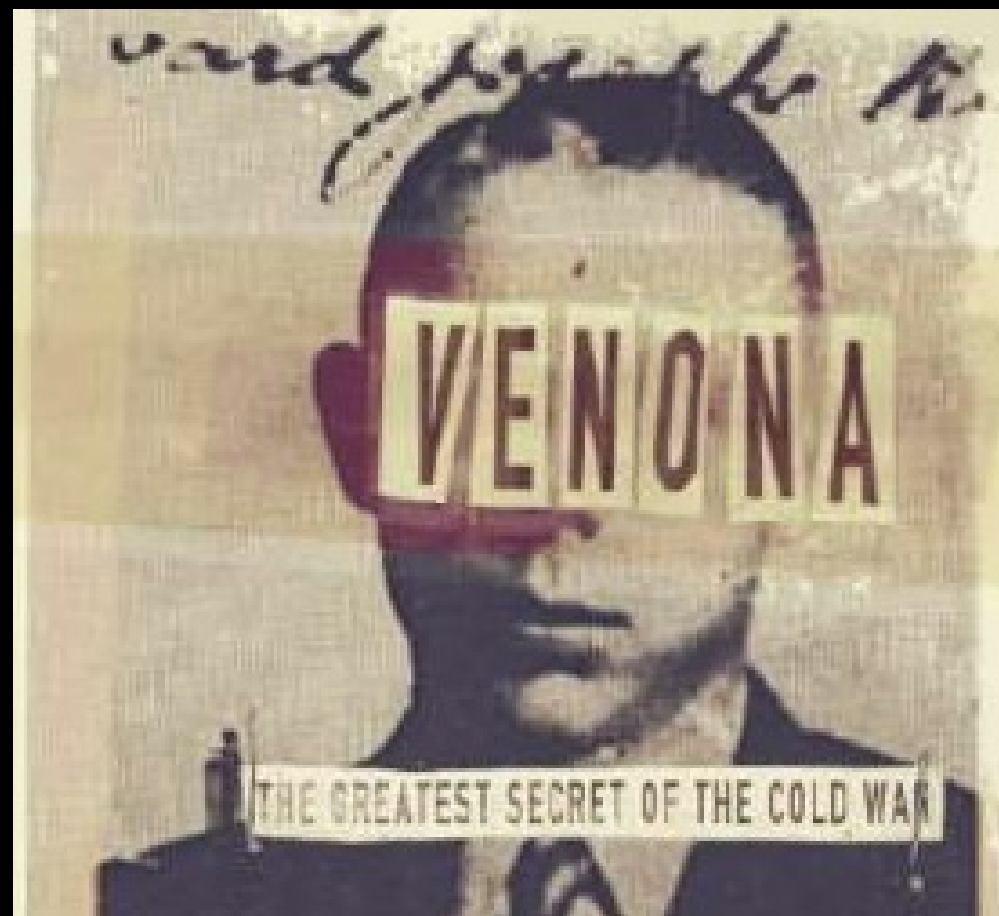


The Rosenbergs were executed by the electric chair after two years of prison on June 19, 1953.

Were the Rosenbergs unjustly executed?



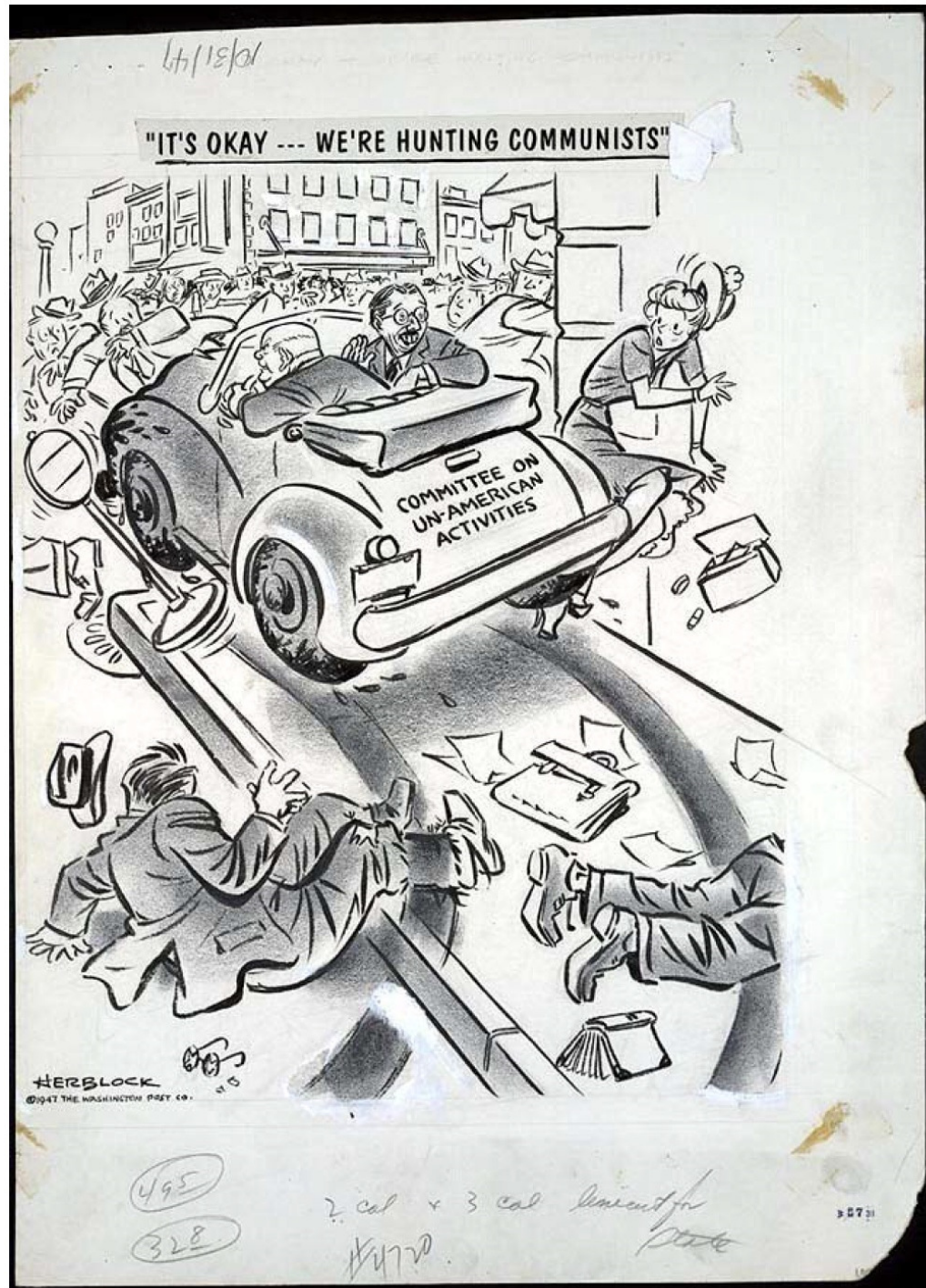
It is now clear that Julius, an avid communist, had for some time been disclosing U.S. military secrets to the U.S.S.R. from his post in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. David Greenglass, who himself had worked on the Manhattan Project, disclosed nuclear secrets to Julius, who in turn passed the information to Harry Gold — a courier for the espionage ring — who in turn passed it to Anatoly Yakovlev — the Soviet vice-consul in New York City



McCarthy Era Cartoons

Cartoon	Describe what you see	What is the message of the cartoon?
A		
B		
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C		
D		

A



B



C



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"WE NOW HAVE NEW AND IMPORTANT EVIDENCE"



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