

THIS I BELIEVE

The letter which appears on this page made me stop and think about the comments I made last week about "justice." Was I correct in my statements about the senator from Wisconsin? And could I accept the ruling of the federal judge that McCarthy stepped out of line in that particular case? Was it the justice that I called it?—and can I judge just what is just or not, as the letter asks?

I called McCarthy "an overstuffed bag of wind;" I said that he was now "deflated;" and that his reign of a few years was demagoguery. Was I justified? I think so. I think the record of national hysteria brought about by the man will back me up.

America was caught short by the Cold War which was forced upon us by the Soviet Union. And this war of nerves brought about a reaction—a reaction, by the way, that has paralleled similar reactions following all of our great wars. Hatred, suspicion, distrust invaded all of the hopes that World War II was, as all wars are hoped to be, the last war. And the disciples of hate prospered during this reaction, led by McCarthy who justified his means by the end result.

McCarthy was an unknown senator in 1948, holding a record in the Senate that was undistinguished for any great work. He needed something to justify his re-election, as it has been traced back that he probably would have not been returned to Congress. In the reaction to Communists, and unfortunately to anything that smelled to McCarthy like liberalism or intellectualism, the Wisconsin senator found his path to victory. Now check the definition of a "demagogue".

This path was the heights of unreason—accusation based on little and sometimes even on apparent false facts. McCarthy's use of guilt by association came close to causing a panic over the nation.

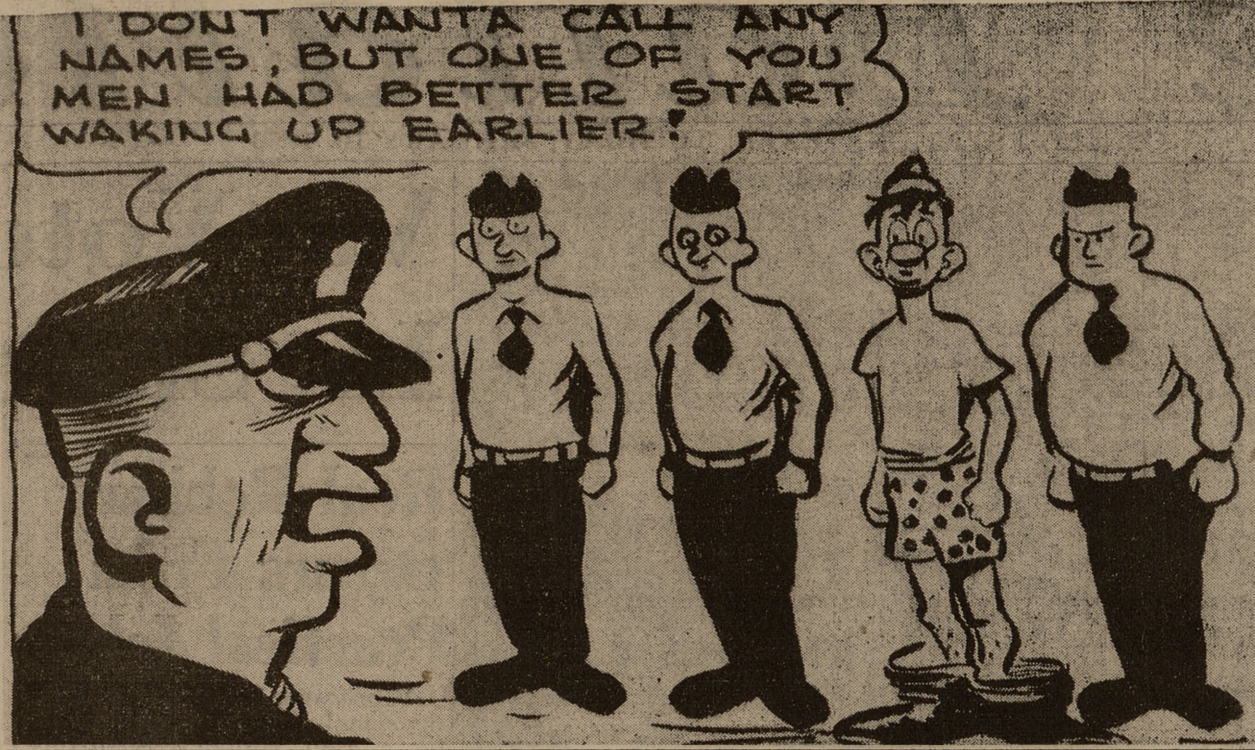
This guilt by association strikes at the heart of the beliefs of our Founding Fathers about a fair trial and the right of the accused to confront his accusers. But, too often, these accusers were "professionals" who "had to be protected"—or they didn't exist. Many of the accusations were based on the type of one-man probe that was ruled illegal by the judge in the case under discussion. And, here, may I point out—sorrowfully—that the reference to the judge's prior association, if any, with Harvard sounds only too much like guilt by association. An insinuation—not intended as the writer says—but there all the same.

I am against Communism—a statement that I make not in the fear that a charge might be lodged against me but because I just do not believe in Communism as a creed. My philosophy is inseparably intertwined with the philosophy of liberalism, with its belief in the dignity and value of human beings, in the protection of the civil rights and in its belief in rationalism.

But just as I am against Communism, I am also against doctrines of hate and fear that turn a country into a frenzy of mass hysteria. Read George Orwell's "1984" sometime—a look at totalitarianism. And McCarthy probably went as far toward totalitarianism as anyone in this country ever did. Read this book, and then say "thanks" that the American people, as they have always done, came to their senses. And McCarthy's present popularity in our nation is proof enough of the "deflation."

So, if the words I used were taken as "name-calling, I am sorry. I have no wish to engage in such a practice. But, if my words were taken as a "description"—I intended them to be.

— Bill Fullerton



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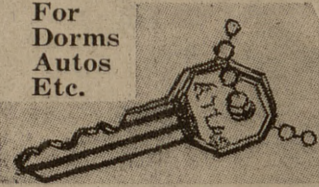
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Editor, Battalion:

With considerable surprise, I read your Jan. 6 editorial concerning "justice."

I was first struck by the words used in description of a senator of the United States, i.e., "overstuffed bag of wind," "deflated" and "demagoguery." Are these not strange words to come from the pen of one of a group of purporters of justice, intellect, and therefore one who is against name calling.

You make reference to a judge's recent ruling which concerned Senator Joseph McCarthy's subversion-probing of a Harvard University research assistant. I believe that it might be possible for you to dig up—and print—information concerning any prior association between the judge who handed down the decision and Harvard University. Do not misunderstand me, please. I do not say that the judge was not just in his ruling—but then, can you or I or anyone else say that he was just?

Carlos Grider, '55

(Ed. Note: Please see Editor's Comments.)

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Jimmy C. Burns, junior zoology major from Sweetwater, has been awarded a \$500 tuition scholarship to the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The scholarship is one of four given annually to entering freshmen by the Admissions Committee of the Baylor College of Medicine.

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