

2nd Red Scare – 1950s

Crusade to find communists or those from the political left

“Threat to our liberties and to our faith”

Fear tactics, loyalty programs, background checks

Accused blacklisted – names listed, passed among employers

[How to Spot a Communist - YouTube](#)

“Dot” activity

[Red Scare activity.pdf](#)

**THE RED MENACE
IS REAL!**



**REPORT ALL SUSPECTED
COMMUNIST ACTIVITY!**

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CAPTAIN
AMERICA

CAPTAIN AMERICA...COMMIE SMASHER!

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CAPTAIN AMERICA

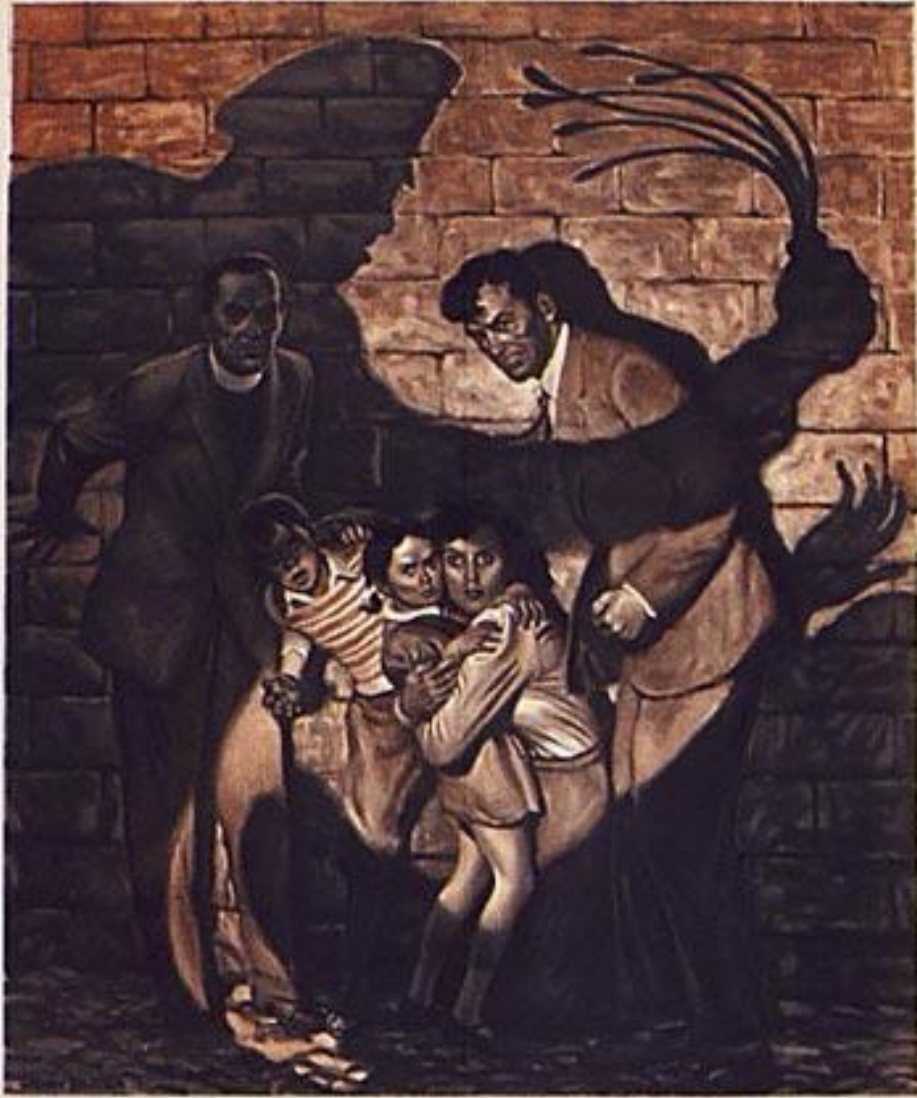
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"CAPTAIN AMERICA STRIKES!"
"THE BETRAYERS!"



**"THIS WORLD CANNOT EXIST
HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE"**



FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!

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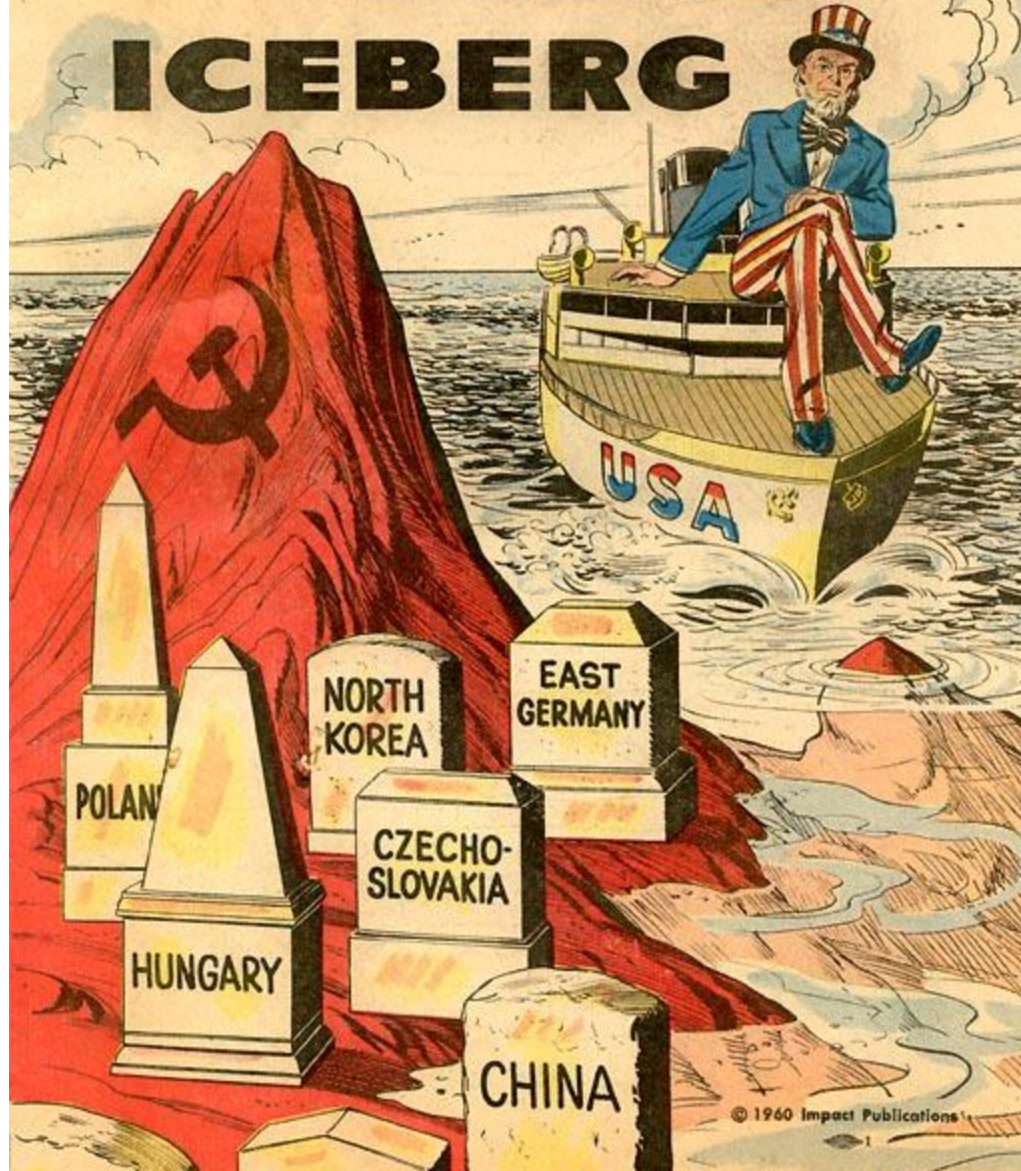
**IS THIS
TOMORROW**



AMERICA UNDER COMMUNISM!

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THE **RED** ICEBERG





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ALL THEY WANT IN OUR FLAG.

—Cassel in the *New York Evening World*.

HUAC – House on Un-American Activities
Committee – committee in Congress to
investigate suspected Communists

October, 1947 – 19 Hollywood figures testify

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

10 refused to answer – **Hollywood Ten**

Jailed for contempt 6mos-1 yr



Joseph McCarthy – (R) Senator Wisconsin

Up for reelection; claimed he had a list of 205 known communists working in US State Dept (eventually, list was 57)

List never shared, no proof

LOTS of media attention







McCarthyism - publicizing accusations of political disloyalty with little to no evidence
(1950-1954)

Accused high ranking officials Dean Acheson and George Marshall

Lost power/popularity when accused army officials

“...involved in a conspiracy so immense and an infamy so black as to dwarf any such previous venture in the history of mankind.” – McCarthy [on Acheson]

“...pompous diplomat in striped pants” – McCarthy [on George Marshall]

"Until this moment, Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness... You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency?"

- Army lawyer Joseph Welch [to McCarthy]

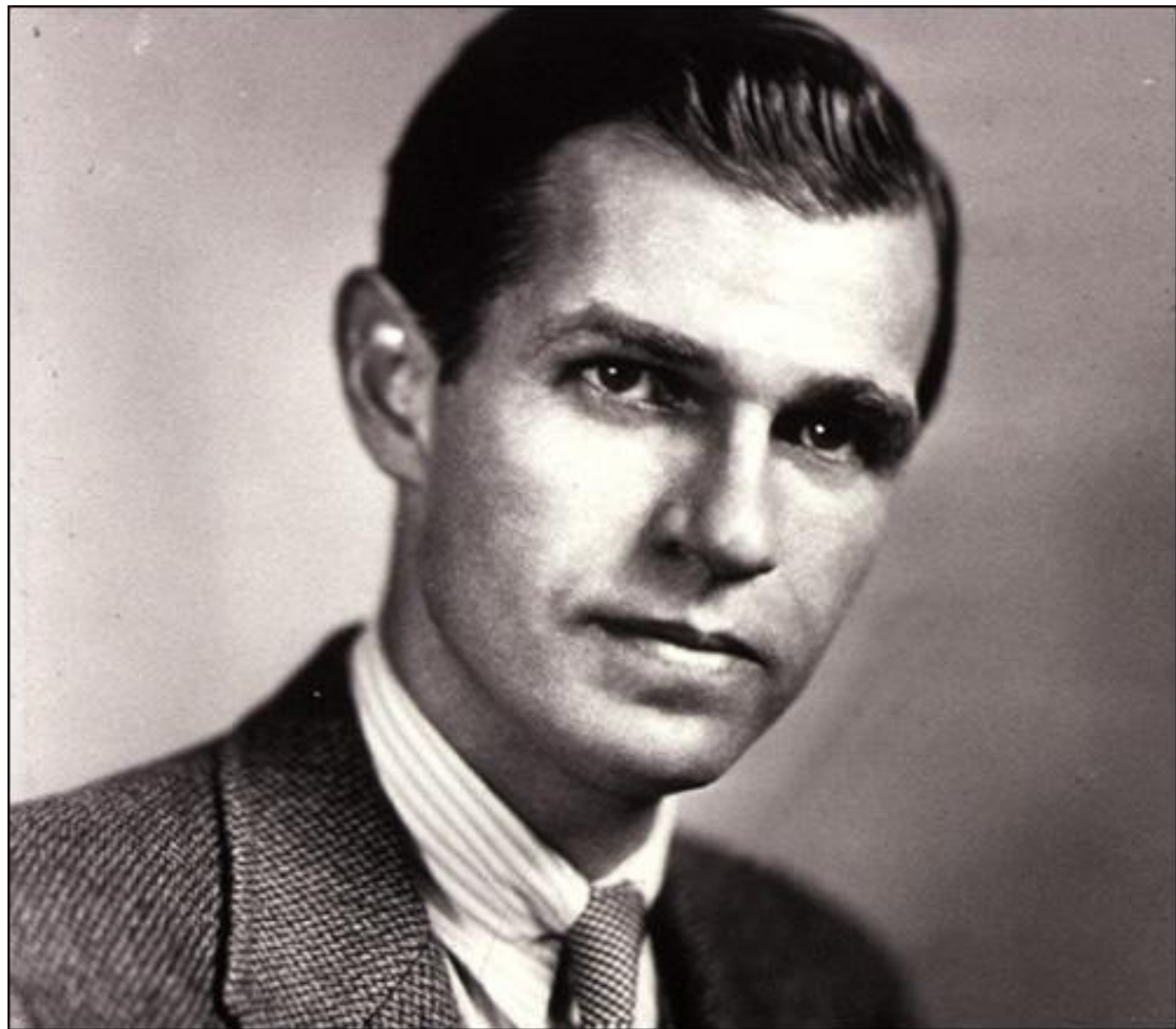
What should our country's leaders be more focused on protecting – **security of the nation or freedom of the nation's people? Should this change? Should it remain the same? Why?**

Alger Hiss – government official accused of espionage in 1948

-worked within New Deal, Yalta Conference, plans for UN

Accused by **Whittaker Chambers** – former Communist Party member. Claimed Hiss passed him papers to go to USSR

French intel, Soviet defector, confirmed Soviet agent – all claim high ranking government official passed government documents





Venona papers – codename Ales for Soviet agent in State Dept who went to Yalta and Moscow

Pumpkin Papers – Chambers' papers proved connection to Hiss

Hiss convicted of perjury (lying under oath) at 2nd trial – served 44 months

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg – accused of
passing atomic secrets to USSR – 1950

David Greenglass – Ethel's brother,
confessed to espionage, claimed
Rosenbergs were involved

Maintained innocence until death – 1953
electric chair





“Immeasurably increasing the chances of atomic war, the Rosenberg’s may have condemned to death tens of millions of innocent people all over the world. The execution of 2 human beings is a grave matter. But even graver is the thought of the millions of deaths may be directly attributable to what these spies have done.”

– President Eisenhower

Red Scare political cartoons

'IT'S OKAY ... WE'RE HUNTING COMMUNISTS'



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"I HAVE HERE IN MY HAND"



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Korean War (June 1950-July 1953)

Japan controlled Korea – after WW2, Korea divided at **38th parallel**

USSR - North Korea

US – South Korea

June 25, 1950 – N. Korea invaded S. Korea

UN and US sends troops – Truman appoints General Douglas MacArthur supreme commander

North winning – Sept 15th UN landed at Inchon and drove NK out

Oct 19 – NK capital Pyongyang captured – drove NK to Chinese border

November – Chinese Communists aid NK – drove UN back, captured Seoul (SK capital)

Months of fighting – focused on 38th parallel

MacArthur wanted to use atomic bomb in
China and publically criticized US - Fired by
Truman

Armistice – cease fire

Signed July 27, 1953

US – 54,000 dead 103,000 wounded