

STAMP OUT McCARTHYISM

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DURING THE PAST 10 days Senator McCarthy has received a number of resounding belts in the jaw. These came from Adlai Stevens, E. R. Murrow, Senator Flanders, the Army leadership, broadcasting companies. Even Eisenhower himself had to give McCarthy a slap on the wrist. This sudden outburst of anti-McCarthy sentiment reflects the growing indignation of the American people at the outrageous manner in which the Wisconsin political thug has been intimidating the country.



This active anti-McCarthyism is all to the good, and it is to be hoped that the gathering attack against McCarthy will be developed to the full. McCarthy should not only be discredited politically, but he should also be fired from the Senate and put in jail where he belongs. Such an outcome would constitute a real victory for democracy and would be hailed as such all over the world.

With McCarthy discomfited, already social democrats like

Max Lerner and Arthur Schlesinger in the N. Y. Post act as if McCarthyism were dead. They make it appear as though McCarthyism is the work of but a few malevolent individuals, who are now being deflated. But this is a gross underestimation of the danger of McCarthyism, which is American fascism.

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McCarthy AS an individual reactionary is obviously dangerous, but the reality of the dangers personalized by him are the powerful figures behind him—the wealthy bankers and industrialists and big military tycoons, with their aggressive programs of fascism and war. These are the elements who are chiefly responsible for such power as McCarthy possesses.

Should their darling McCarthy be knocked out, however, in the present brawl, they will not be long in developing another political front. If they could so blow up a blockhead like McCarthy, they will not be long in finding replacements.

It is not enough to fight McCarthy regarding his "methods," on the assumption that he represents only a small clique of irresponsibles. He must instead be fought on the grounds of his pro-fascist objectives and in the realization that he is the outstanding figure of the American fascist tendency.

What is wanted is not more

carefully managed thought-control or more gentlemanly red-baiting and Soviet hating as so many in labor and political circles have been doing. This line only feeds McCarthyism. The whole program of war-mongering must be knocked out and the country embarked upon a realistic policy of peaceful co-existence between the United States and the Soviet Union. This alone can basically end the menace of McCarthyism.

The Eisenhower Administration is figuring on using what they hope will be a more "sensible" McCarthy as their chief hatchetman in the November elections. That is why Vice-President Nixon gave him such gentle handling in his Saturday night speech.

McCarthy will have many other powerful supporters. But the President and his Wall Street backers should not be allowed to get away with this shameful imposition upon the American people. McCarthy must be driven out of American public life completely. That would be an appetizer to a real head-on attack upon the main body of the threatening fascist movement in this country.

In the coming November elections the labor and progressive forces should defeat every McCarthyite who appears on any ticket and elect strong anti-McCarthy candidates.

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