Politics Made Fighter Of Senator McCarthy

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the press which have been rather vigorously opposed to my fight against communism." He broadened this line of counterattack to include virtually all of his critics in later years.

Those years, the early 1950s, were not noted for calm reasoning by Americans. Most people were either passionately for or fervently against McCarthy. He became a symbol and "McCarthyism" a fighting word—one that meant militant Americanism to those who liked it, conscienceless witch-hunting to those who didn't.

Even today it would be all but impossible to find agreement on what McCarthy accomplished.

Did he alert the nation to the dangers of communism? Or was the nation already alerted, and did McCarthy do nothing but rouse hysteria and discord?

Did he root out actual or potential traitors from sensitive spots in government and industry? Or did he merely jazz up already investigated cases, hurling innocent people in the process?

Did his activities make the nation stronger? Or did they cause it to be distracted and laughed at abroad?

COST DISCREDIT

Did he set an example of toughness in the ferreting out of subversives? Or did he cast discredit on constitutional processes?

The Senate has spoken on this last point, of course. It voted in 1954 to condemn McCarthy's conduct on the ground that it obstructed the processes of the Senate and violated the ethics which that body expects of its members.

Many asked what such an action would accomplish. It accomplished one thing: the eclipse of Joe McCarthy as a major political factor. Perhaps it wrote an end to an era too. And whether the Senate action was right or wrong, the era was one which most Americans will be glad to try to forget.

Showdown Set For Drivers

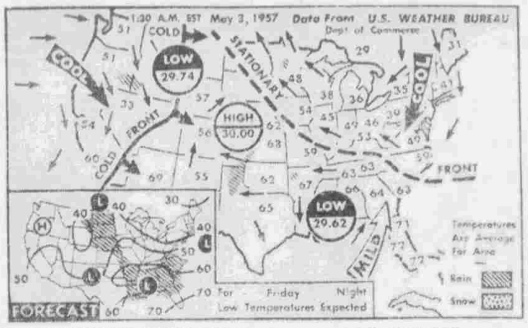
Student drivers from Mecklenburg and Forsyth Counties go to the finals tomorrow morning in the first annual driver education skill contest at the Coliseum parking lot.

The contest features cash prizes and trophies to individual winners.

Competing against students from Forsythe high schools are teenagers from Central, Harding, Myers Park and East high schools.

Preliminaries in the two-day contest were held today. The Charlotte contestants are driving the seven 1957 training cars provided by local auto dealers.

Today's Weather



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
(CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)
Friday, May 3, 1957

SOUTH CAROLINA: Considerable cloudiness, scattered showers today, tonight and Saturday; not quite so warm northwest portion; high today, 74 to 78; low tonight 56 to 62 north, 60 to 64 south.

NORTH CAROLINA: Considerable cloudiness and cool today; scattered showers south portion today; lows tonight 42 to 48 mountains and north portions, 52 to 56 elsewhere; mostly cloudy and cool, scattered showers tonight and Saturday; low tonight in 50s.

Mountain temp. 8:30 a.m.; nonsmoke today 10:54 p.m.

Table of temperatures for the 24 hours ending at 12:00 p.m. today:

1:30 p.m.	80	1:30 a.m.	62		
2:30 p.m.	79	2:30 a.m.	61		
3:30 p.m.	82	3:30 a.m.	61		
4:30 p.m.	74	4:30 a.m.	60		
5:30 p.m.	68	5:30 a.m.	60		
6:30 p.m.	66	6:30 a.m.	60		
7:30 p.m.	65	7:30 a.m.	61		
8:30 p.m.	65	8:30 a.m.	63		
9:30 p.m.	62	9:30 a.m.	65		
10:30 p.m.	61	10:30 a.m.	65		
11:30 p.m.	64	11:30 a.m.	65		
12:30 a.m.	63	12:30 p.m.	67		

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
12:30 p.m., 72 per cent.
SUN
12:30 p.m. EST
PRESSURE
12:30 p.m., 29.84 inches
TEMPERATURE SUMMARY
Highest yesterday 82
Lowest this morning 59
Average yesterday 71
Normal yesterday 65
Excess for month 15
Excess for year 98
Highest on record this date 91 in 1949
Lowest on record this date 39 in 1949
PRECIPITATION SUMMARY
Total for 24 hours ending at 7:30 a.m. 00
Total for month 15
Normal for month 3.39
Excess for month 3.24
Deficiency for year 3.71
TIDES AT MYRTLE BEACH TOMORROW
High 10:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m.
Low 4:30 a.m. 3:41 p.m.
FORECAST FOR HATTERAS TO JACKSONVILLE
Moderate to locally considerable south to the release north portion. Gentle to moderate variable winds elsewhere today and tonight except moderate northeasterly to the central portion tonight. Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers.

Death Ends Era Of Turbulence

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dinated she would like to have the service there before the body is taken to McCarthy's home in Appleton, Wis., for interment.

Before the Capitol funeral, Roman Catholic mass will be said in St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington.

Afterward, the Senate will meet at noon and adjourn immediately out of respect.

At 2 p.m. a committee of Senators will leave for Appleton where the funeral will be held at noon, Appleton time, Tuesday.

For a time in the early 1950s, McCarthy was a dominant figure whose searches for Communists in government and elsewhere aroused bitter controversy. His influence was felt for and while.

REACHED PEAK

Three years ago, he reached his peak in a battle with the Army, which he charged was trying to hinder his hunt for subversives. The Army accused McCarthy of browbeating some of its officers called before his Senate Investigations subcommittee.

Millions of Americans sat in on the ensuing Senate investigation of the Army-McCarthy row, through the medium of television and radio.

Grossing out of that investigation was a Senate probe of his conduct and a censure vote against him. That was the beginning of his eclipse.

JUST ANOTHER SENATOR

By the time of his death, he had become just another senator.

In his heyday, McCarthy tangled with other senators and with two presidents—Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman.

But yesterday those old feuds went unmentioned as erstwhile foes and friends alike mixed regret at his death and praised him as a "fighting patriot . . . courageous fighter . . . man of strong convictions . . . fine fellow."

Eisenhower, who had counted McCarthy from the White House social list in recent years, expressed his "profound sympathy" for the senator's widow. Truman, who once referred to McCarthy as a pathological case, said in New York he was "very sorry" to learn of the senator's death.

DOGGED BY ILLNESS

Acute hepatitis—the illness that killed McCarthy—was the last of a series of ailments that dogged him during the past few years. He had been hospitalized from time to time for sinus, bursitis, a sagging old knee injury and a rupture in his middle ear.

A naval hospital statement that night said McCarthy had been ill at home for several weeks before he was admitted last Sunday.

"He was considered seriously ill at the time of his admission and his condition progressively failed" the statement said.

McCarthy, sinking rapidly, was given the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church an hour before his death at 6:02 p.m.

His wife Jean was at his bedside.

The senator also leaves an infant daughter the McCarthys adopted early this year.

McCarthy's widow returned to the family home near the Capitol about two hours after his death. She was dry-eyed as she hurried into the house through a rear door. A friend said she was "doing fine under the circumstances."

U. S. McCarthy Comment Kind; Europeans Pull No Punches

WASHINGTON (AP)—In life, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin was at the turbulent center of a national and international storm of condemnation and praise. In death today, the reaction was uniformly kind.

President Eisenhower, who long ago abandoned the Wisconsin Republican as a political or personal ally, issued a statement of regret and sent a personal message at the Senator's widow.

The statement said . . . Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in extending our profound sympathy to the widow in personal loss she has sustained."

Vice President Nixon said of McCarthy:

"As a man who devoted a major part of his public career to his campaign against Communist infiltration in the United States, Sen. McCarthy became one of the most controversial figures of his generation."

DEVOTION NOT QUESTIONED

"Years will pass before the results of his work can be objectively evaluated, but his friends and many of his critics will not question his devotion to what he considered to be the best interests of his country . . ."

Other comments:

Former President Harry Truman, who once called McCarthy a pathological case—"Too bad. I'm very sorry to hear the news of the Senator's death."

Sen. Mundt (R-SD) ". . . His passing takes out of the American political arena a courageous fighter against communism and a stalwart advocate of our traditional political concepts."

WILL BE MISSED

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) ". . . A man of strong convictions . . . He will be missed from the American scene."

Sen. Jackson (D-Wash) "I had my differences, as did other Senators, with Sen. McCarthy . . . He was fighter for what he thought was right."

Sen. Jenner (R-Ind), one of McCarthy's closest friends in the Senate: "America has lost a fighting patriot, a courageous man who was willing to pay the price for his convictions and for his country."

Sen. Bridges (R-NH), another close friend—". . . A shocking loss . . . he literally gave his life to preserve freedom for all Americans."

Former Sen. Herman Welker (R-Idaho): "Wisconsin and the nation will take years to recuperate from the loss. . . I love him personally. . ."

Ray Jenkins, the Knoxville, Tenn., lawyer who was special counsel for the investigation committee during the Army squabble: "McCarthy was a symbol of devoted, dedicated, patriotic service. . . We all owe him a debt of gratitude . . ."

A spokesman for Maj. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, a long-time target of McCarthy, said Zwicker will have "absolutely no comment whatsoever."

LONDON (AP)—Western Europe's newspapers shed no tear today for Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. The death of the Wisconsin Senator renewed the dormant memoirs that once surged around his name.

British papers nearly all gave the story prominent front-page space and carried bitter editorials on "McCarthyism."

The reports in France were brief. But all papers referred to McCarthy as "the witch hunter."

Austrian papers announced the death with such headlines as "Semper Senator McCarthy dies."

A typical British comment came from the Liberal News Chronicle: "He built a monstrous myth and made millions believe it, but like a fool he overplayed it and destroyed both the myth and himself. America was the cleaner by his fall and is cleaner by his death."

Daily Sketch (Conservative) — "He became the world's most hated man."

Daily Herald (Labor) — "He used his position to hound men whose only crime was love of freedom of thought."

Daily Express (Independent) — "He destroyed the innocent with the guilty — that might be his epitaph."

The liberal Dagbladet in Oslo said "McCarthy died a forsaken man."

DO-IT-YOURSELF

EUREKA, Nev. (AP)—Eureka's only barber, Carl Evans, has retired after 35 years. It's a 70-mile drive now to the next closest barber in Ely.

Annexation Fight Goes On

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day and a few showed up at a special Local Government Committee hearing. Charlotte's annexation bill has been an area of wide interest to lawmakers from all over the state for three months.

The annexation bill has had a rocky road here.

After introduction by four of Mecklenburg's five-man delegation, it was sent to House Judiciary 2 which held a public hearing before rendering a "without prejudice" report.

The full House re-referred the bill to Local Government Committee and political maneuvering moved into high gear.

Yesterday the Highway Building's auditorium was jammed for a second public hearing. The committee decided at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. hearing to take action on the measure at a special meeting at 5 p.m.

The special meeting was a tense, rumbled session of parliamentary procedure.

Rep. Thurston Arledge of Polk County introduced a Lake-authored amendment calling for separate perimeter-city elections. A defeat in either election would kill city limits extension.

The amendment was defeated 12-10 which gave impetus to the favorable report.

The next order of business was the vote on a "without prejudice" report and this, too, was defeated. The unofficial tally was 14-8.

Rep. Vogler, a committee member, then asked for a favorable report.

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