

Chapter 16

Joseph Welch – Attorney for the US Army from Boston, going against McCarthy

The Best Years of our Lives – movie about the difficulties of veterans during the first years of return

Backlash – opposition to the New Deal, Nixon a part. Outspoken communist, Congressman

12th Congressional district – slightly more Demo's than Repub's. New Deal controlled lives, other was freedom

Red – communists/communist sympathizers. 80th Congress in 1947 gave republicans power in congress

Businesses wanted Truman to lift wartime price caps, asked them to voluntarily do it, but didn't work

People with money didn't care, those that didn't began protesting for higher wages. More strikes, less production, higher prices. People began blaming Truman for not solving the problem. **Senator Taft of Ohio – Taft Hartley Bill**

National Labor Relations Act – unions can bargain collectively, but they had too much power.

Taft Hartley – ban the closed shop, a workplace where only 8 unions members can be hired. Don't have to join union
Truman thought it took too much power from workers, vetoed bill, but Congress repassed. **Truman gets new ally - labor**

The Great White Jail – Truman's nickname for the White House. **Plain Harry** like **Country Jake** can run the nation
People thought he had no chance VS **NY Gov Dewey**, his whistle train campaign (**Labor Day – Election Day**) won it for him

Wallace split from Democrats and formed Progressive, but his support of communism was bad for his campaign

Truman supported equal rights for Blacks, made a bunch of proposals, Congress didn't pass a single one, was able to say republicans weren't trying to solve problems. Promised many New Deal programs. Took tour in **Ferdinand Magellan**, a suit of RR cars that once belonged to FDR. Went home to **Independence, MI**, waited, **Chicago Tribune printed it wrong**

Group of southern democrats, **the Dixiecrats**, formed **States Rights Democratic Party**. Nominated **S. Carolina Gov Thurmond**, wanted to kill the new Deal, prevent government action of Civil Rights.

Fair Deal – new New Deal, med insurance, extension of social security, public power, public housing, repeal of Taft/Harley

Housing Act of 1949 – 800,000 low income units. But, many acts were beaten by Repubs/Dixiecrats. Blamed for not preventing communist takeover in China, Korea, military spending up, Congress don't have money for new programs

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Mosinee Wisconsin – town that got taken over by Communists on May 1, 1950. **Mayor Kronenwetter/Police Chief**

Gewiss arrested, Soviet flag raised high, took over power plant, killed newspaper, circulated **Red Star**, raided public library/homes to purge all literature, communist workers organized parade at high school to new "**Red Square.**" Then took it apart/celebrated Choose **May Day** because it was when Soviets celebrated communism. **Mayor dies of heart attack**

When Soviets got A-bomb, fear of communism soared. **Demagoguery** – stirring people up by appealing to their emotions

House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) – explored communist influence in the New Deal

Many people were former communists during the depression. Associated with evil/repression with Stalin purged his own men. People began to discredit communism. **Chambers** – **senior editor of Time**, deeply involved in communist spy acts. Then, he became anticommunist. Told **Nixon** about **Alger Hiss**, being a communist, HUAC needed something solid

Hiss – Graduate of Harvard Law School, **clerk for Supreme Court Justice Holmes**, New Dealer under Roosevelt, went to Yalta with FDR. **Hiss was president of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**. People thought that peace organizations softened US, so Soviets can strike while US was off guard. Chambers have been looking for evidence against Hiss for a long time, FDR dismissed them, Nixon took a chance and accused Hiss, Hiss denied ever knowing Chambers, then admitted to know him under another name. Justice Dept. pursued, but not enough evidence. Then, found **microfilm** of copies of **St. Department docs**, known as **Pumpkin Papers**. **Convicted of perjury**, 5 year sentence.

Nixon was famous

Truman thought of communism as "**the Enemy Within**". Free speech desecroyed

Federal Employee Loyalty Program – slightest suspicion of disloyalty or communism can put one outta a job

Loyalty Board – organization designed to investigate cases of disloyalty

McCarran Act – illegal for Americans to engage in activities that would create a communist government. Red's no passport

Truman vetoed, but Congress overrode it. **Rosenbergs executed at Sing Sing Prison in New York**

Klaus Fuchs – admitted he gave a-bomb info to Soviets. **Ethyl/Julius Rosenberg** also charged, executed.

Brother of Ethyl was soldier, Rosenbergs recruited him to get info, 10 years in jail.

McCarthy – stood up in **Republican Women’s club in Wheeling, WV** and said he had 205 communists in **St. Department**

Communists thrived under Truman, **McCarthyism**– use of intimidation/unfounded accusations to fight communism

Some followed McCarthy, but never proof. No one’s safe, could accuse anyone. Ran outta people to hit in the end

After Ike took power, ignored him. **Took on Army**, got beaten by **Welch, died in 57 of alcohol/exhaustion**
Government wanted people to expose anyone of being communist.

Faulk – Texan, radio program in NYC, VP of American Federation of Television/Radio Actors, against blacklisting
Group AWARE said Faulk was communist, got fired by CBS, 3.5 million lawsuit, only got 550,000

CBS later made story about his experience, teachers had to promise not to teach to overthrow the government in

MA

Hollywood 10 – Group of screen writers/directors in Hollywood who were thought to be communist by HUAC

Bessie, Biberman, Cole, Dmytryk, Lardner Jr, Lawson, Maltz, Ornitz, Scott, Trumbo

Joined communist during depression, many quit after war. Hollywood was trying to influence the people w/

movies

Reagan – Pres of screen Actor’s Guild – Communists are those that oppose Guild views

Sam Wood – producer/dissector – Hollywood Commies are agents of a foreign country

Thomas – HUAC Chairman – if every man had as much guts as Wood, we won’t need to worry about commies

Lawson – Screen Writer – Bill or rights idea, violations of basic rights, scan to smear the movie industry

Use either 1st amendment and face contempt of Congress, 5th amendment and shut up, say yes, say no

Decided to use 1st amendment, guilty of contempt, jail for 1 year. Later found Thomas has bribed employees

10,000 buck fine/9 month sentence in same jail as Hollywood 10, all supported them got reputation ruined

50 film executives met at **Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC**, all 10 fired in 47,

in 51, another investigation, this time, 5th amendment, no arrests, but 250 fired.

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Ike has never voted when he ran for President. Lived in Paris, refused \$40,000 from **McCall’s** to say he’s a Republican
Ran against **Gov Stevenson of Illinois**. Belonged to same party as Truman, so many didn’t like him.

Chose **Nixon** as his running mate. At first, people thought Nixon was taking secret contributions, but then revealed all his
money in TV broadcast, the fund they thought was illegal was for traveling between CA and WA, not illegal or immoral

The only thing he did take was a **dog** someone sent him, daughters loved it, named it **Checkers**, became **Checkers**

Speech

Ike called Nixon **“My Boy”** after Hiss case. **Scandal A Day administration** – Nixon, ????

We like Ike, promised to go to Korea, **Consensus Decision Making** – management based on group efforts to solve
problems

Named corporate executives to key posts in his administration. Had strong belief of what was right

Private development of hydro/nuclear power. Tried to make **TVA** private, but Congress wouldn’t do it.

Atomic Energy Act of 54 – Primate companies to operate nuclear power plants. First nuclear plant in **Arco, Idaho**.

Ike suffered heart attack in 55, not as much NRG in 56, ran against Stevenson again, won again.

Build freeway system, extended social security, minimum wage raised to \$1, federal housing increased.

St. Lawrence Seaway – connected Great Lakes to Atlantic through Canada. Built by Ike. **Kennedy was MA senator**

Nixon was son of a shopkeeper, Kenney son of MA millionaire, wit VS experience, spender VS saver

When **Nixon ran for Senator VS Douglas**, **Kennedy gave \$1000 buck contribution**. Soviets send dog **Mutnik** into
space

The two were close, decided on **Whistle Stop Campaign**, worked for Truman, killed him. TV media broadcasted the
debates, Kennedy worked smarter, not harder. Injured his knee in campaign, came to debate tired, Kennedy energetic.

When Kennedy won, republicans cried fraud in Texas and Illinois, Herald Tribune writer **Mazo** started investigation,
but

Nixon told him to forget it, for “no one steals the presidency of the US”

Other Points to Know

Limited War – fight in one area, no nukes At **Elbe**, **Hodges** exchanged **K rations** for vodka with **Kornian’s** UK
Army

All planets fell on Truman when he took office

Each can collect war debts from their own zone in Germany

From **Stettin to Trieste**, an Iron Curtain has fallen...

Marshall Plan – must spend money on US goods

Dien Bien Fu – French defeat in Vietnam

The Radioman of the **Lucky Dragon** died

Michael Harrington – The Invisible Poor
Seminole petition filed by **Seminole** tribe in **Florida**
Losing the space Race is **technological Pearl Harbor**
Mossadegh's forces ran out of ammo
Bay of Pigs made America look like a **paper tiger**
Potsdam, Berlin – first meeting between Truman/Hitler
Sputnik weighed 184 pounds
Morrow – TV guy that covered the McCarthy hearings
Powers – pilot of spy plane, later became chopper pilot
TV Shows – Davy Crockett, Micky Mouse Club, Captain Kangaroo, I Love Lucky, Lone Ranger, Leave it to Beaver
John Lawson – part of Hollywood 10, stated their rights in court
Mr. Republican – Sen Taft of Ohio, passed Taft Hartley Bill

Taft Hartley Bill – banned hiring of ONLY union workers
Shah's name is **Reza Shah Pahlavi**
nationalization of oil fields – declaring property of Iran
Investments in S. America profitable, but people in discontent
Fertility Rate - # of births/1000 women, **123 in 1957**
G. Marshall won Nobel peace prize for Marshall Plan
Dulles – Massive Retaliation