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On February 9, 1950, U. S. Senator Joe McCarthy launched his anti-communist crusade in Wheeling.

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1. Senator McCarthy's speech launched barbs at the _____ and _____ for their reluctance to press investigation of "traitors from within."
2. What does McCarthy cite as the cause for "for the graft, the corruption, the disloyalty, the treason in high government positions..."

Think Critically: What is communism? What are some differences between communist and democratic governments? Why were Americans so afraid of communists in the early 1950s? Are Americans still afraid of communists? What was the basis for McCarthy's accusations and investigations? Do you think McCarthy helped to strengthen or weaken anticommunism efforts in postwar America? Using your own words, define "McCarthyism."

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M'Carthy Charges Reds Hold U. S. Jobs

Wheeling Welcomes Wisconsin's Junior Senator



(Intelligencer photo by Nickerson)
U. S. Senator Joseph McCarthy, center, is shown shaking hands with Tom Sweeney, Jr., as he arrived at the Stifel airport yesterday to address the Lincoln Day dinner of the Ohio County Republican Women's Club. Looking on, is former Congressman Francis J. Love.

Truman Blasted For Reluctance To Press Probe

Wisconsin Senator Tells Lincoln Fete Here 'Chips Down'

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Joseph McCarthy, junior U. S. Senator from Wisconsin, was given a rousing ovation last night when, as guest of the Ohio County Republican Women's Club, he declared

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bluntly that the fate of the world rests with the clash between the atheism of Moscow and the Christian spirit throughout other parts of the world.

More than 275 representative Republican men and women were on hand to attend the colorful Lincoln Day dinner of the valley women which was held in the Colonnade room of the McLure hotel.

Disdaining any oratorical fireworks, McCarthy's talk was of an intimate, homey nature, punctuated at times with humor.

But on the serious side, he launched many barbs at the present setup of the State Department, at President Truman's reluctance to press investigation of "traitors from within," and other pertinent matters.

He said that recent incidents which brought traitors to the limelight is the result of an "emotional hangover" and a temporary moral lapse which follows every war. However, he added:

"The morals of our people have not been destroyed. They still exist and this cloak of pumbness and apathy needs only a spark to rekindle them."

Referring directly to the State Department, he declared:

"While I cannot take the time to name, all of the men in the State Department who have been named as members of the Communist Party and members of a spy ring, I have here in my hand a list of 205 that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party and

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who, nevertheless, are still working and shaping the policy in the State Department."

The speaker dwelt at length on the Alger Hiss case and mentioned the names of several others who, during the not so many years, were found to entertain subversive ideas but were still given positions of high trust in the government.

"As you hear of this (Hiss) story of high treason," he said, "I know that you are saying to yourself—well, why doesn't Congress do something about it?"

"Actually, ladies and gentlemen, the reason for the graft, the corruption, the disloyalty, the treason in high government positions—the reason this continues is because of a lack of moral uprising on the part of the 140 million American people. In the light of history, however, this is not hard to explain.

"It is the result of an emotional hangover and a temporary moral lapse which follows every war. It is the apathy to evil which people who have been subjected to the tremendous evils of war feel.

"As the people of the world see mass murder, the destruction of defenseless and innocent people and all of the crime and lack of morals which go with war, they become numb and apathetic. It has always been thus after war."

At another time, he declared: "Today, we are engaged in a final all-out battle between Communistic atheism and Christianity. The modern champions of Communism have selected this as the time and, ladies and gentlemen, the chips are down — they are truly down."

In an informal quiz with his audience, the Senator answered a number of questions dealing mostly with the plan of Secretary of Agriculture Brannan to destroy millions of tons of potatoes, eggs, butter and fruits; he gave forthright views on the old age and social security problems and a number of other topics.

McCarthy was introduced by William Callahan, executive director of the Ohio Valley Republican organization. Mrs. A. E. Eberhard, president of the women's group, presided, while program director, Mrs. Robert J. Harshman, introduced Callahan. State Senator William Hannig led the group singing.

The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Philip Goetz, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. Carroll Thorn, of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

Senator McCarthy arrived by Capital Airlines at the Stifel air-

port late yesterday afternoon and was greeted by former Congressman Francis J. Love and Tom Sweeney, Jr., who drove him to the Fort Henry Club.