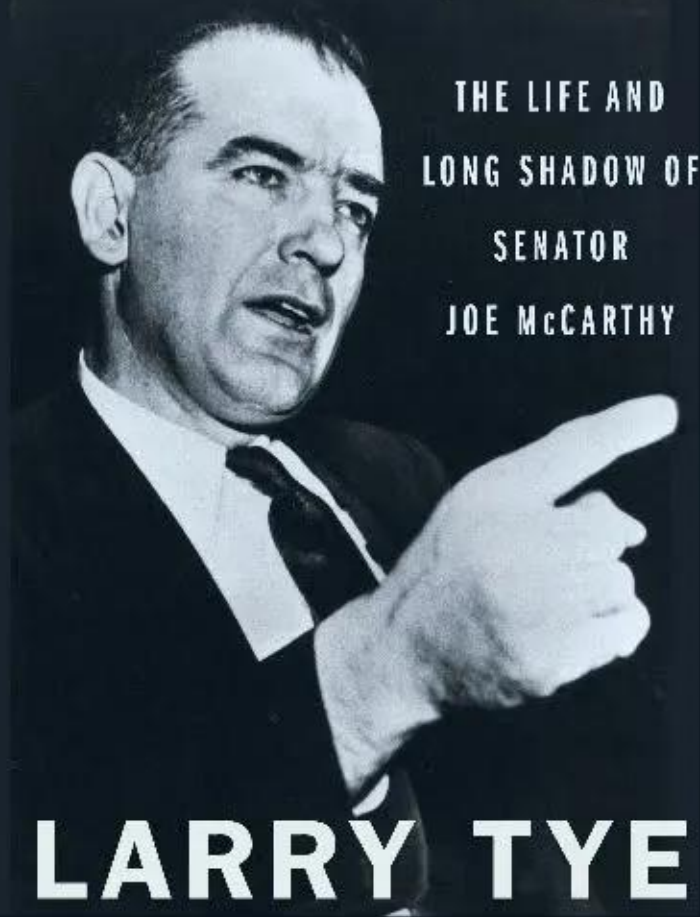


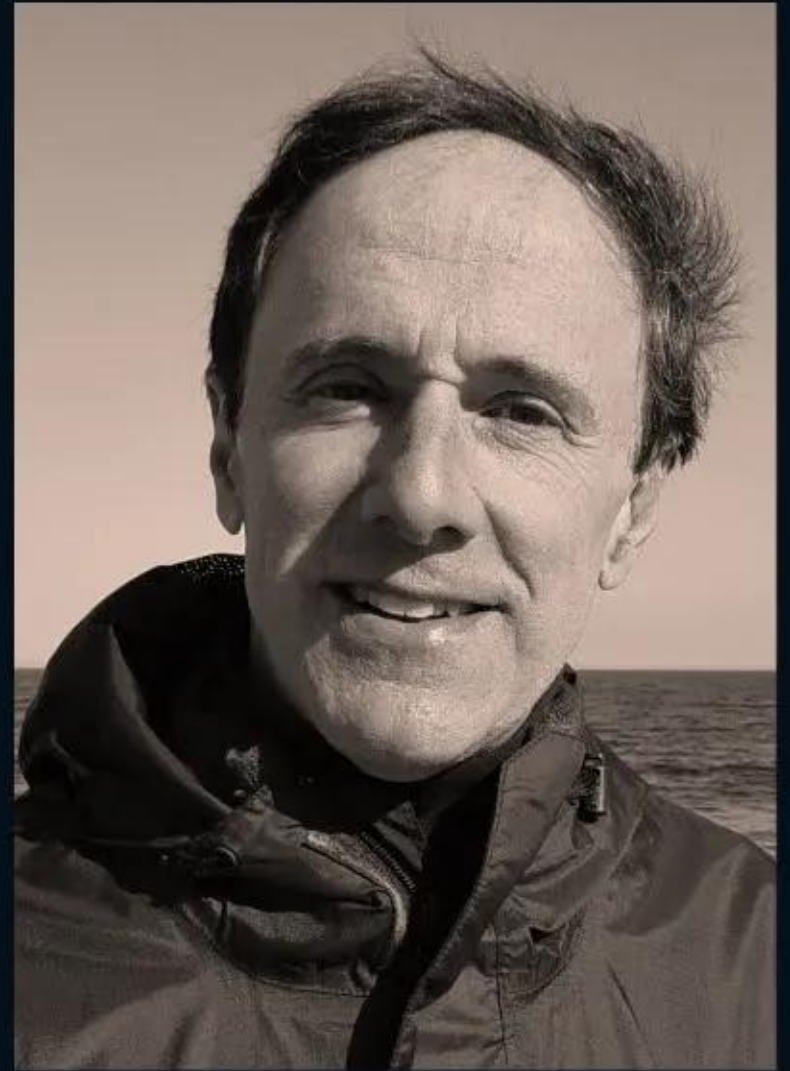
HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



DEMAGOGUE



LARRY TYE



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00:00:07,349 --> 00:00:04,789
maybe i'll start here

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00:00:08,629 --> 00:00:07,359
the the thing that surprised me the most

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00:00:10,709 --> 00:00:08,639
in doing some research oh

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well and i i certainly read the full

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wikipedia

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on mccarthy um and so you probably have

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00:00:20,310 --> 00:00:17,119
some

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00:00:22,150 --> 00:00:20,320
things to uh your own thoughts about

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how they describe mccarthy and

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00:00:27,670 --> 00:00:24,080
mccarthyism coming from

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00:00:29,669 --> 00:00:27,680
wikipedia but the thing that i read

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00:00:31,109 --> 00:00:29,679
there that was most surprising to me and

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i think would be surprising to most

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people is that the house committee on

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un-american activities

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which you always hear about and that's

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the one with the blacklist of the

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authors and so on that really that

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wasn't mccarthy's

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committee he was in the senate running a

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different committee so

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i guess an opening question for me would

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be why is it that mccarthy

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gets labeled as the leader and the bad

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guy

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of the red scare when you had this house

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,320
committee on

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american activities going on on the

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house side and you don't really hear

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much about those leaders

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because they were a whole lot less

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interesting and less controversial

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and less brilliant at getting media

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attention

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but they were doing things a lot longer

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than mccarthy

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uh they got started with their

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investigations a lot

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before he did and mccarthyism

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predated joe mccarthy explain that

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the house on american activities

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committee all the investigations into

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communist and government

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were there as you point out with their

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blacklist before joe mccarthy ever got

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going

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he just became such a compelling

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narrative in all of this that his was a

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name that got associated with it

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but it could have been richard nixon

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it could have been morris dees the it

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could have been a lot of people

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who were involved with things a lot

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sooner than joe mccarthy got involved in

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00:02:02,069 --> 00:01:57,920
these investigations

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and is it right that he was

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and they were addressing a real problem

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it's just that they took it too far yes

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there was no question that there were

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communists in government the question

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was

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not just that mccarthy took it too far

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but as you point out he was

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late to the game and behind by the time

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he got

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involved all the um 24 karat

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communists and government were gone

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where most of them were gone and

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he was late to the game he didn't care

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what the facts were

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and for the serious anti-communist joe

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mccarthy was in many ways the worst

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thing that could have happened to their

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movement

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because it ultimately became too

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divisive and

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took it too far and made a mockery out

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of

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trying to root out this true issue

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uh you've said it well he did all of

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those things he made a mockery out of it

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he was so loose with his facts

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that it made people think there weren't

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real facts backing up the anti-communist

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movement

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and to be clear when we say the

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anti-communist movement we're not

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talking about the ideology of communism

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we're really talking about the soviet

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union aren't we

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we're talking about the soviet union and

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what we're really talking about is

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the question of whether they were

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communists sprinkled through the u.s

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government

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in a way that posed a threat to our

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country and that was what mccarthy was

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telling us

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and there was a threat it was never

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quite the nature of the threat that joe

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mccarthy said it was

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and as i say and as we've said he got

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involved with it late

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and again just to be clear you know

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today we've got bernie sanders being a

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socialist and so on if

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if bernie sanders was not a socialist

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but actually a communist

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we're not talking about rooting out

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bernie sanders because he has this

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ideology

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we're talking about rooting out someone

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00:03:54,710 --> 00:03:53,760

because we believe they actually have

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direct

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ties to the soviet union am i right

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um yes that the part of it is the

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question of whether there are direct

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ties to

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part of it is the question of whether

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these people

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were behind every pillar in the state

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department the way joe mccarthy was

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saying

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so and then going back to the to the

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house committee

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was it any better in out how it handled

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trying to root this out than mccarthy

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was

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earlier at a time when

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the problem was clearly more real and it

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was better because

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as much as a lot of the things that the

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house leaders did

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got into the same nature of exaggeration

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and embellishment nobody there was

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nearly as good

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as joe mccarthy in demagoguing the issue

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but it's the house committee that

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focused on

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hollywood is that correct it is it's a

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house committee to put together the

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blacklist and they're focused on

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but it was again

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he was late to that game the blacklist

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was out there

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and the focus had already been there

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thanks to the house committee on

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and so it was um

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when we think of the hollywood blacklist

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we think of huwak the house committee on

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un-american activities

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and not on joe mccarthy even though we

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often get confused about that in

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history oh i mean absolutely and and for

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sure i'm a lay person when it comes to

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mccarthy and in that that era but i

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think i speak for most layperson

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regarding that that i would link

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hollywood blacklist with

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mccarthy and really you're saying the

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the the two are

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unrelated um and the thing that people

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seem to be so worked

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one of the things they seem to be so

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worked up about still

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70 years later um and maybe it's just

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because hollywood

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is that blacklist yes so that is true

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and the blacklist became the great

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symbol and rallying cry in fact joe

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mccarthy

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put together his own versions of

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blacklists in terms of the people

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that he was naming and the chance of

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those people being

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accurately named in him being able to

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produce the evidence

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was a whole lot slimmer than even the

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blacklist were at the time and staying

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on the blacklist for a second

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what's your assessment of hollywood at

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that

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time and you know again distinguishing

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between the ideology of communism versus

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actual soviet union sympathies slash

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connections

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to what extent was there soviet union

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sympathies and connections in hollywood

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uh so there weren't the distinctions

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that you were just very nicely making

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one was a question of whether people in

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hollywood

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had left this ideology a bernie sanders

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kind of ideology

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and the fact is that lots of people in

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hollywood and lots of people across

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america did

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and a lot of it was understandable but

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the question really was not whether they

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were leftists but whether they were

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soviet sympathizers

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and a potential treason risk to america

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and that was going a step further than

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most of the people on the blacklist ever

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went

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so was there anybody on the blacklist

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that had

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direct ties to the soviet union as far

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as we know so there were a lot of people

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on the blacklist who had sympathy

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for the soviet union and the question is

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did that sympathy was the sympathy for

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the soviet union which was our ally

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during world war ii

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something that was understandable that

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didn't mean that they were disloyal

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to america and a lot of them probably i

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would say most of them

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became disenchanted with the soviet

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union the same time a lot of america did

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when the soviets signed

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the non-aggression pact with hitler and

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when they went from being

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it looked like our ally to

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being um hitler's ally and then again

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they came back as our ally afterwards

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and i think that the

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it was confusing to a lot of people it

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was confusing to them

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to take their sympathies in terms of

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to have

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an equal distribution of wealth in

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america

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and have that somehow be seen as being

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disloyal to america

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and that to me was one of the tragedies

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of the blacklist but even more of joe

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mccarthy that

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being a leftist being even a liberal

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became somehow a sign of disloyalty

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rather than a sign of a different

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political ideology that was as loyal to

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america

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as anybody being on the right side of

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the political spectrum

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yeah i know in the early part of the um

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1900s you had the progressive

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movement and you've got the bolshevik

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revolution

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in russia and you've got a lot of

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movement toward workers rights and so on

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so there was a

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kind of a worldwide movement toward

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workers at that point right and

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that that went to a great extent in in

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russia but almost took hold here

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um it did take hold among many people

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and i think that today we're still

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seeing 70 years later in the reaction

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to bernie sanders a sense where being

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a leftist being a democratic socialist

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as he calls himself

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is still something tinged with that

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sense of somehow being disloyal it's not

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a question of

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let's argue the economic system and

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whether or not it works

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it's a question of he must therefore be

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a socialist

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and be sympathetic to

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the old soviet union and somehow

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disloyal to america and we can't argue

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00:09:54,310 --> 00:09:51,680

it on the merits

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00:09:56,230 --> 00:09:54,320

i think in part because of a legacy of

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00:09:59,750 --> 00:09:56,240

what joe mccarthy has left

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00:10:02,069 --> 00:09:59,760

70 years later

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00:10:02,790 --> 00:10:02,079

yeah well i mean but the cold war was

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00:10:05,910 --> 00:10:02,800

was real

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00:10:07,509 --> 00:10:05,920

so um and i don't know how much i guess

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00:10:09,269 --> 00:10:07,519

that's a question for you is what role

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00:10:11,509 --> 00:10:09,279

he played in

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00:10:13,430 --> 00:10:11,519

possibly creating or stoking the cold

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00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:13,440

war but the cold war certainly went far

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00:10:17,110 --> 00:10:14,160

beyond

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00:10:19,269 --> 00:10:17,120

him and that was the soviet union was

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00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:19,279

our enemy i was certainly raised to

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00:10:23,670 --> 00:10:20,160

believe that they were

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00:10:26,550 --> 00:10:23,680

our enemy so was i

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00:10:28,710 --> 00:10:26,560

and i think that when you talk to the

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00:10:32,230 --> 00:10:28,720

people that i think of as the most

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00:10:35,110 --> 00:10:32,240

um passionate and legitimate

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00:10:37,030 --> 00:10:35,120

cold warriors who were raising real

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00:10:38,310 --> 00:10:37,040

questions about the soviet union and

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00:10:39,990 --> 00:10:38,320

about the

301
00:10:41,910 --> 00:10:40,000
threat that they might pose to us

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00:10:44,150 --> 00:10:41,920
domestically in this country

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00:10:46,630 --> 00:10:44,160
they would say that joe mccarthy who saw

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00:10:49,190 --> 00:10:46,640
himself as their greatest ally

305
00:10:50,790 --> 00:10:49,200
was in fact because of some of his

306
00:10:53,509 --> 00:10:50,800
misinformation

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00:10:54,150 --> 00:10:53,519
ended up being their biggest nemesis

308
00:10:57,030 --> 00:10:54,160
that people

309
00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:57,040
dismissed legitimate questions that coal

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00:11:01,389 --> 00:10:58,320
warriors

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00:11:03,829 --> 00:11:01,399
were raising as being

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00:11:05,190 --> 00:11:03,839
mccarthy-like and the and that

313
00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:05,200

automatically

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00:11:09,670 --> 00:11:08,000

tainted them and so the same way i was

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00:11:10,790 --> 00:11:09,680

saying that some of the legitimate

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00:11:12,790 --> 00:11:10,800

questions that

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00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:12,800

leftists like bernie sanders are raising

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00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:15,360

today have been tainted by joe mccarthy

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00:11:18,870 --> 00:11:17,760

likewise legitimate questions of the

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00:11:21,430 --> 00:11:18,880

cold war

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00:11:22,949 --> 00:11:21,440

you and i were raised in an era when we

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00:11:25,990 --> 00:11:22,959

were taught in school

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00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:26,000

to shelter under our desks the threat of

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00:11:29,590 --> 00:11:27,760

nuclear war was real

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00:11:32,069 --> 00:11:29,600

and the threat from the soviet union was

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00:11:32,630 --> 00:11:32,079

real and i don't think joe mccarthy did

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00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:32,640

anything

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00:11:37,030 --> 00:11:36,240

to encourage that being taken seriously

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00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:37,040

i think

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00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:40,560

his demagoguery did things to diminish

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00:11:47,110 --> 00:11:43,680

the seriousness of that risk and

332

00:11:49,750 --> 00:11:47,120

looking back now has history been

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00:11:51,110 --> 00:11:49,760

fair to him after having written this

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00:11:53,350 --> 00:11:51,120

book

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00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:53,360

so i think history has been unfair to

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00:11:58,310 --> 00:11:55,200

him in two ways

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:58,320

on the one hand because he told

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00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:01,600

so many fibs or did so much embellishing

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00:12:06,629 --> 00:12:04,240

we presumed that anything he was saying

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00:12:09,750 --> 00:12:06,639

was an embellishment was untrue

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00:12:11,269 --> 00:12:09,760

and in fact people disparaged joe

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00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:11,279

mccarthy by calling him

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00:12:14,629 --> 00:12:13,920

tail gunner joe when he first ran for

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00:12:17,990 --> 00:12:14,639

senate

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00:12:18,389 --> 00:12:18,000

he had been in the marines during world

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00:12:21,269 --> 00:12:18,399

war

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00:12:22,870 --> 00:12:21,279

ii and he had said that he had gone out

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00:12:26,310 --> 00:12:22,880

as a tail gunner

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00:12:29,030 --> 00:12:26,320

and the press in wisconsin and

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00:12:31,430 --> 00:12:29,040

his critics around the country basically

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00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:31,440

said he was lying about his war record

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00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:35,120

and the papers that i had with this book

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00:12:38,470 --> 00:12:35,839

the first

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00:12:40,389 --> 00:12:38,480

access to all of his personal and

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00:12:43,110 --> 00:12:40,399

professional papers

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00:12:44,069 --> 00:12:43,120

when he died his wife organized his

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00:12:46,790 --> 00:12:44,079

papers

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00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:46,800

and before she died she left all of

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00:12:51,190 --> 00:12:48,079

those papers

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00:12:53,110 --> 00:12:51,200

boxes and boxes of papers to his alma

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00:12:54,389 --> 00:12:53,120

mater which was marquette university in

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00:12:56,790 --> 00:12:54,399

milwaukee

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00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:56,800

and those papers included among other

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00:13:00,310 --> 00:12:59,120

things those papers were left there

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00:13:02,230 --> 00:13:00,320

with the provision that they would

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00:13:03,110 --> 00:13:02,240

become public when one of two things

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00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:03,120

happened

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00:13:09,829 --> 00:13:06,480

when their infant daughter either died

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00:13:11,750 --> 00:13:09,839

and she is a healthy 62 year old or when

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00:13:13,829 --> 00:13:11,760

she said they would become public

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00:13:15,030 --> 00:13:13,839

and for 60 years she said they wouldn't

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00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:15,040

become public

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00:13:20,069 --> 00:13:17,760

and i got for this book access to those

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00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:20,079

papers and those papers included

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00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:23,680

his wartime diaries and his diaries

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00:13:28,069 --> 00:13:25,680

and letters from his marine corps

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00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:28,079

buddies showed that most of the claims

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00:13:32,470 --> 00:13:29,600

that he was making

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00:13:35,509 --> 00:13:32,480

while his official assignment during the

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00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:35,519

war was as a ground-based intelligent

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00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:38,399

intelligence agent in south pacific

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00:13:41,829 --> 00:13:39,440

islands

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00:13:42,870 --> 00:13:41,839

he in fact did volunteer to go up as a

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00:13:45,509 --> 00:13:42,880

tail gunner

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00:13:46,550 --> 00:13:45,519

he went up on missions that put his life

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00:13:48,230 --> 00:13:46,560

at risk

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00:13:50,069 --> 00:13:48,240

and he did most of the things that he

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00:13:52,949 --> 00:13:50,079

said he had done during world war

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00:13:53,910 --> 00:13:52,959

ii but because of other lies that he

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00:13:55,670 --> 00:13:53,920

told

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00:13:58,389 --> 00:13:55,680

people stopped believing anything he

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00:13:59,829 --> 00:13:58,399

said so in part history has judged him

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00:14:02,310 --> 00:13:59,839

too harshly

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00:14:03,350 --> 00:14:02,320

and in something that was very important

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00:14:06,310 --> 00:14:03,360

to him

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00:14:07,590 --> 00:14:06,320

his war record he was considered a liar

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00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:07,600

when he wasn't

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00:14:11,269 --> 00:14:09,920

there are other things that he did in

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00:14:14,389 --> 00:14:11,279

terms of his naming

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00:14:16,949 --> 00:14:14,399

of alleged communists where he had no

401
00:14:19,110 --> 00:14:16,959
evidence or he had shoddy evidence and

402
00:14:22,230 --> 00:14:19,120
he went further than the evidence

403
00:14:25,350 --> 00:14:22,240
allowed him to go and he was revealed

404
00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:25,360
as an embellisher as a demagogue

405
00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,480
as a guy who came in and found an issue

406
00:14:31,910 --> 00:14:30,959
that he could ride to political success

407
00:14:34,310 --> 00:14:31,920
and didn't much

408
00:14:35,590 --> 00:14:34,320
care whether he had to tell the truth

409
00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:35,600
whether he was telling the truth about

410
00:14:40,949 --> 00:14:37,279
what he was saying or not

411
00:14:42,389 --> 00:14:40,959
so it's the danger of getting involved

412
00:14:43,910 --> 00:14:42,399
in embellishing

413
00:14:45,829 --> 00:14:43,920

things that you were saying that were

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00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:45,839

true were no longer going to be believed

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00:14:49,670 --> 00:14:47,920

and things that were believed