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The Bolshevik Russian Revolution of 1917

Initially caused concern in America about spreading Unions
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American Newspapers exacerbated the fears of the American Public

“Yellow Journalism” and Propaganda
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The Industrial Workers of the World backed several labor strikes in 1916 and 1917

Union agitators became synonymous with anarchists
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Authorities discovered and investigated numerous bombings by Anarchists

Anarchists targeted 36 Key Leaders:

1919 – Attorney General’s Home
1920 – Wall Street Offices
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Congress legislated new laws to control perceived threats
Espionage Act of 1917
Sedition Act of 1918
Immigration Act of 1918
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Attorney General
A. Mitchell Palmer
ordered raids

Promoted
Anarchist Trials
and Deportations
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Emma Goldman
Anarchist Imprisonment
Deportation 1910-1919

Sacco & Vanzetti Trial
1922 - 1927
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“The Main Causes”

Rise of Internal Conflicts


Growth of the Communist Populist Movement (1946-49)
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Rise of Internal Conflicts

German-American Bund Formed in 1936

Establishment of the American Nazi Party
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Legacy of the First Red Scare

Did not distinguish between Communism, Anarchism, & Socialism

Led to the establishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities

1938
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WWII: Uneasy alliance with Communist Russia

1946: Long Telegram raised concerns over the growing Spread of Communism

1949: Communist Chinese created the “People’s Republic of China”
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“McCarthyism”

1947: Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy was elected

1950: McCarthy’s “Enemies from Within” Speech at Wheeling, WV. (To get re-elected)
“Enemies from Within”

I have here in my hand a list of 205 . . . a list of names that were made known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping policy in the State Department. . . .
McCarthy’s “Enemies from Within” Created a “Wildfire” of Hysteria about the Spread of Communism in American Society
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The Hollywood Blacklist

Hollywood professionals suspected of Communist sympathies
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Eddie Albert
(Actor)

Oklahoma
(Movie)

Green Acres
(TV)
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Leonard Bernstein
(Composer)

West Side Story
(Theater)

Peter Pan
(Disney Movie)
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Burl Ives
(Actor)

Rudolph
(TV)

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
(Movie)
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Burgess Meredith
(Actor)

Grumpy Old Men
(Movies)

Rocky
(Movies)
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Famous Spy Trials

Alger Hiss (1949-50)
“Guilty of Perjury”

The Rosenbergs (1951-53)
“Executed for Treason”
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Army-McCarthy Hearings (1954)

Televised Hearings against several high-ranking U.S. Army Officers

Depicted Joe McCarthy as a “Bully” and a “Political Fraud”
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Results of McCarthy’s “Witch Hunts”

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Public Opinion on McCarthy (1954)
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“Are you or have you ever been a member of the communist party?”

Congressional Censorship (1954)