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The Second Red Scare

Objective:

Students will answer this vague but important historical question:

“How did some groups use the Second Red Scare as a means of achieving political power?”

Directions and background:



“Fire” by Herb Block, 1949, published in the *Washington Post*

The anti-communist hysteria of the late 1940s and early 1950s is often represented by one word still current in our own society “McCarthyism.” Most people understand this as having something to do with fear and with repression. But, as with most ideas in history, there was more to it than that. Using your notes from pp. 569-571, respond to this question:

“How did some groups use the Second Red Scare as a means of achieving political power?”

Please do this by writing a paragraph. Be sure to anchor the paragraph around a claim, and include at least three details that support it.