

Joseph McCarthy

Joseph McCarthy was a senator from Wisconsin. McCarthy announced he had a list of 57 State Department employees who were communists. This led to many people being fired and others were afraid to defend the accused workers. He announced the State Department employees in 1953 and in 1954 held hearings to investigate communists in the US Army. This event was important because McCarthy could never prove his claim and he looked like a bully instead of a hero. Joseph McCarthy impacted politics because it continued the fear and suspicion of communism in the United States.