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**McCarthyism: “A Decade of Fear”**

After reading the provided article and reviewing the pictures, timelines, maps, and charts contained within, respond to the following questions. Be sure to use and describe as much specific detail from the article as you can in your responses.

1. What is the thesis or “main idea” of this article?
2. What specific evidence is used to support the main idea? (Describe at least 3)
3. Explain Senator McCarthy’s motive/s for seeking out communists in the American government and society.
4. Explain why so many people were willing to be influenced by McCarthy’s accusations during this time. In what ways were the public affected? In what ways were the accused affected? Be specific!!!
5. What was the Hollywood “blacklist”? Who were accused? Why would anyone be concerned about communists in Hollywood?
6. What effect did the intensifying arms race between the US and Soviet Union have on McCarthy’s influence?
7. What were the “McCarthy Hearings”? What effect did they have on McCarthy? Explain with evidence.
8. In your opinion, did McCarthy cause fear or exploit an already-existing cold war climate of fear… or both? Explain your response.