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Political Cartoon A



Source: "Fire!" by Herb Block, the Washington Post, June 17, 1949. Herb Block wrote: "The fear-filled forties and fifties were a dark period when the spread of communism abroad increased anxieties and frustration at home."

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Political Cartoon B



Source: "It's okay – we're hunting Communists" by Herb Block, the Washington Post, October 31, 1947. In 1947 Congress revived the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), opposed by Herb Block since its inception in the 1930s and declared by President Truman to be the most un-American activity.