

Cook: has done great things in the past and this is undoubtedly a good work. He or the reviewer takes a few liberties with fact. They are political and the kind Cook would make, having to do with who is a Communist or, indeed, what constitutes being. This part of that period of it interests you was covered very well by Sherrill in Drug Store Cowboy. Communist was everybody opposed to HHH, for example, or his closests and CIA-connected pals, Kampelman and Kirkpatrick. They are the same ones who elected HHH. As he tires, has the troubles all have, he begins to be less dependable in some ways, especially where there may be ego involvement. He has done several quite disreputable things there is no point in taking time with, going back to 1966, when Ramparts wouldn't touch his JFK assassination stuff. It was bad. None of this is to suggest that there is any flaw in the doctrine detectable from the review. If it suggests that McCarthy was alone in his business, there is such error. Even Bobby was part of it. But McC was a 'ohmy-Come-lately to it, merely infringing on the copyright of others.

Reading it gave me a great idea for a great Agnew story. Hope I see the reporter who would undertake it.

McC also attacked the press. One of his first victims was Cedric Belfrage. One of his earliest targets NYT and TV. Agnew, in fact, has done no more than improvise on a theme by McC. Variations are slight. He is just aiming at limited target. The difference between a no-choke shotgun and a rifle.

It is wrong to say McC had a one-man show. Even Ike helped him.

I presume it is because they met his definition for liberal that there is this excessive estimate of the far-East men in State. I am confident other countries had men as expert and more in number.

Very glad to have this better picture of the book.