

**Fox Valley Turning Points**  
**Joseph McCarthy**  
**Activity #3: McCarthy and Political Cartoons**

Study the political cartoon taken from the *Wisconsin CIO News-Magazine*.

1) List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.

<b>People</b>	<b>Objects</b>

2) Identify the cartoon caption or title.

3) Name two phrases used to identify objects or people in the cartoon.

4) Do you see any objects in the cartoon that might serve as symbols? If so, what are they and what might they stand for?

5) Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?

- 6) List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.
  
- 7) Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.
  
- 8) Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.
  
- 9) Explain the cartoon's message.
  
- 10) What groups would agree with the cartoon's message? Why? Which groups would disagree? Why?
  
- 11) Using the knowledge you have gained from the previous activities about McCarthy and his methods, draw your own political cartoon expressing support for or criticizing his methods. First, you might think of symbols that can help you express some important ideas. For example: Communism might be shown as an "iron curtain", spies might be shown by a figure listening at a door, McCarthy might be depicted as a bully. Some people said he hid behind "Senatorial immunity" – the fact that he could say whatever he wanted on the Senate floor, regardless of its truth. You might depict McCarthy hiding behind a wall or a curtain or a pillar as in this cartoon. You can use words to identify your symbols for your audience.