



### **Jack Anderson :: Senator Joseph McCarthy Transcript**

Drew [Pearson] had a point of view... He had an instinct. He had a good instinct. Before anyone knew Joe McCarthy, you know. For example, him telling me -I had Joe McCarthy become a major source of mine, or was becoming one. This was very early, and after he was just elected as Senator. And he said "He's a bad man, he's a bad Senator." I said, "Drew, what do you base that on? He hasn't even been here but a couple of months. He's become a source of mine." I think it came up when he wrote something derogatory, and Joe by that time was telling me everything he knew. And I had no reason to dump on him. And I said "Drew," -he writes this darn piece that embarrasses me with McCarthy, and I said "Hey Drew, you're sabotaging one of my best sources in the Senate." See, I usually didn't tell him who my sources were. But I had to tell him.

"Well," he says, "Jack, McCarthy's a bad man." I said "Drew, how do you know that?" "He's a bad man." I said, "What facts do you have?" He didn't have any facts. McCarthy was a bad man. How the hell he knew it, I can't tell you. I can't tell you, and this happened incredibly, an incredible number of times. So he'd make judgments, but they weren't always right. But they usually were right. He'd make judgments, and he wouldn't write good things about people that he thought were bad. Now I think he went along with me on McCarthy for a while, until the Communist thing broke, because he respected my need for information. I don't think he wrote anything favorable, but he kind of left McCarthy alone until- but when the Communist thing broke, he jumped on him and oh -McCarthy, I read with interest once, at the height of McCarthy's power, he took some society reporters or style page reporters through his house. They were on a tour of his house. And he invited them into the bedroom, and there beside the bed was a baseball bat, with the name Drew Pearson on it.