

SENATOR JOE MCCARTHY

the Red Witch-Hunter

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 Senator Joe McCarthy was a Wisconsin farm-boy who became a country judge and Marine officer. He was elected to the Senate in the Republican landslide in 1946. He was the chairman of various investigating committees commonly known as "The Red Witch Hunts." As an inflammatory speaker and insidious interrogator, he ruined many lives. His chart is most interesting1.



 Most astrologers do not use declinations, that is, the degree of the planet above or below the celestial horizon. Astrological software can convert the declination degree into degrees of longitude. The declination equivalent degree in longitude of Uranus is EXACTLY on his MC. That adds extra significance.

 As astrologers we know that energy can be used to benefit others or for selfish self-aggrandizement and power. It depends on the point of the individual's development.

 McCarthy has a grand cross in cardinal signs with Uranus opposing Neptune and both squaring the ascendant and descendant, Venus and Mars. Cardinal signs in an individual can express as a dominant figure, taking action in the world. Whether that action is positive or negative depends on one's character. It is character which reveals destiny. It is well documented that McCarthy lied (Neptune) about his war record. McCarthy publicized a letter of commendation, which he claimed had been signed by his commanding officer and countersigned by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, then Chief of Naval Operations. But it was revealed that McCarthy had written this letter himself, in his capacity as intelligence officer.2

 Uranus, conjoining the Midheaven can express as implementing one's vision for progressive and humanitarian changes in government policies or it can express as violence and/or a revolution to achieve power. In his case, he wanted complete political power. It did not matter how he attained it.

 Neptune conjoining the IC can express as a spiritual aspirant, an artist, healer or a server of mankind. Or it can express as one with no integrity, a deliberate deceiver, and a weakling.

 Aries rising and Mars, its ruler, in its detriment, and opposing the ascendant contributes to rashness, recklessness and impatience, to attain one's goal.

 The Moon is in Leo, the sign of kings, power, self-confidence, courage and/or egocentricity and domination of others. It quincunxes the MC exactly. His urge is for fame and power. How can that power be achieved?

 Pluto is recognized as the planet of power and manipulation. It is in the third house, in the sign of communication, Gemini. Mercury is in the sign of Scorpio in the 7th house of others. Pluto and Mercury are in mutual reception. Mercury trines Pluto. Mercury assisted him through the major media and TV. Pluto assisted to malign his opponents through deception. The Sun in Scorpio quincunxes Pluto. There will be eventual resistance (quincunx) to manipulation and power (Pluto).

 Venus in Libra is the dispositor of all the other planets. It is in the grand cross. It was the Light to unmask McCarthy's deception and cruelty to many hundreds, when he could offer no proof of his accusations of being communists or communist sympathizers. It rules the 7th house of open enemies. He created many.

 Jupiter trines the MC and Uranus. It favors good fortune and success in his career. The Part of Fortune conjoins the Midheaven, favoring his rise to fame.

 Saturn rules the sign of Capricorn in the 10th house. It is in its fall in the 12th house of self-undoing and secret enemies. Mercury, the planet of communication quincunxes Saturn. His browbeating tactics were seen on TV as bullying. It contributed to his downfall. Eventually, he was considered a detriment to the Republican Party.

 Through his ambition (Saturn) for power (Capricorn) McCarthy used the media (Mercury) to lash out at anyone who opposed him. He created a climate of national fear.

 2aHis rise from obscurity to become a power to fear came almost overnight, when on February 9,1950 he gave a Lincoln Day speech to the Republican Women's Club of Wheeling, West Virginia. He held a paper in his hand alleged to be a list of 205 names of known communists working for the State Department. The bluff worked (Neptune) and the polls showed that half of the public applauded him.

 Actually his zeal to uncover subversion and espionage led to disturbing excesses. His harrying tactics destroyed careers of people who were not involved in the infiltration of the government. Lucille Ball, the actress, was hounded because her grandfather was a communist. My husband was accused of being a communist because he used satire of the government in his comedies on WBNX radio in New York City. 2bEven politicians were not immune. Millard Tydings, a veteran Senator from Maryland said McCarthy's charges were "a fraud and a hoax." McCarthy's staff combined two photos, one of Tydings and one of communist leader, Earl Browder, to make it appear as though the two were buddies. The ploy worked (Neptune) and Tydings lost the race. From then on, few politicians dared to raise McCarthy's ire. All the candidates that McCarthy supported won their elections. When John Kennedy was asked why he did not speak out against the tactics of McCarthy, he responded "Hell, half my voters in Massachusetts look on McCarthy as a hero." McCarthy attacked General George Marshall, the architect of the Marshall Plan for post-war reconstruction for Europe. Even Presidents Truman and Eisenhower were not immune from his attacks. He had tremendous POWER and used it to intimidate.

 TV was still in its infancy. On 4/22/54 the Army-McCarthy hearings began with 36 days of live TV exposure that had the whole nation intensely watching. Roy Cohn, the chief attorney for McCarthy's sub-committee, was being questioned by the Army's special counsel, Joseph Welch. McCarthy interrupted, as was his irritating habit, (Aries ascendant) and announced that a young lawyer from Welch's firm, Fred Fisher, had once belonged to a leftist lawyer's group. Welch responded slowly and emotionally, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" Welch received a standing ovation.

 On 12/02/54 McCarthy's stormy career was ended when he was censured in a 67-22 vote by the Senate. While in his glory he lived with an enormous inflated ego, but once pricked by the verity of Mercury quincunx Saturn, it deflated in the house of self-undoing. After the censure he was drinking more and holding it less well. On 5/2/57 he died at the age of 48, of acute hepatitis as a result from alcohol abuse.

 His fame, power and glory based on lies and deceit ended in his grand cross. A new word was coined to indicate witch-hunting and demagogic, reckless, unsubstantiated accusation against individuals, to wit: McCarthyism.

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