

Thursday February 9, 1950



[Sun Rise](#) 0744 1730
[Moon Rise](#) 2249 1055
[Moon Phase](#) Last Quarter 10:33 A.M.

Overview

Weather

[Korean Climate](#)

Mean Temp 28.6°C 83.48°F at Taegu

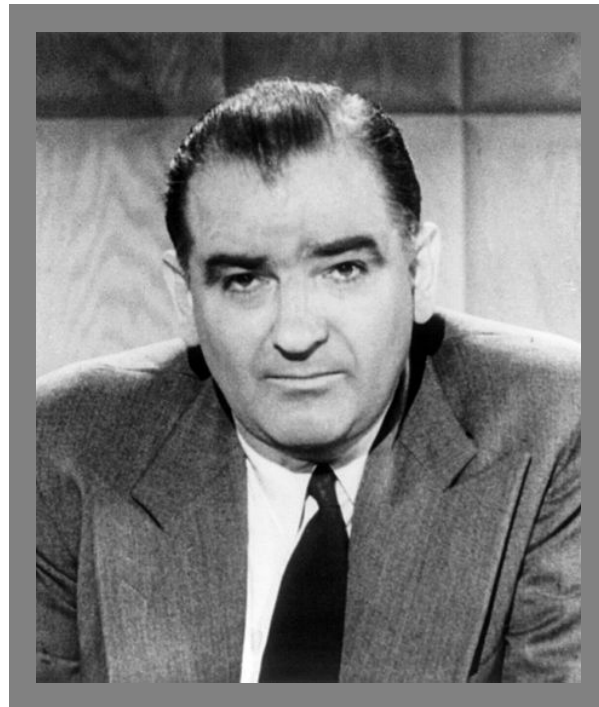
Heavy Overcast

[1950 Pacific Typhoon Season](#)

[Korea Temps - 1950-1953 - Station 143 \(Daegu\)](#)

Overview

February 9, 1950 (Thursday)



February 9, 1950: Senator McCarthy announces that he has a list of 205 names of Communist employees in the U.S. State Department

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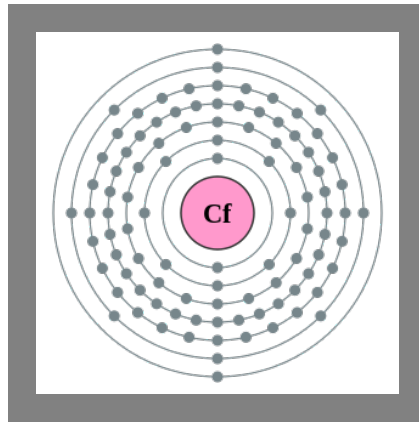
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- **McCarthyism:** In a speech to the Ohio County Republican Women's Club at the McClure Hotel in Wheeling, West Virginia, U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy told listeners that Communists had infiltrated the U.S. State Department. Underscoring his point, McCarthy held up a piece of paper and said, "While I cannot take the time to name all of the men in the State Department who have been named as members of the Communist Party and members of a spy ring, I have here in my hand a list of 205- a list of names that were known to the Secretary of State, and who, nevertheless, are still working and shaping the policy in the State Department." The speech had been written by Ed Nellor of the *Washington Times-Herald*, whom McCarthy had approached to compose a short talk. Nellor had a list, obtained from Congressional staffer Robert Lee, of 57 State Department employees who were still being investigated by the

House Appropriations Committee as possible security risks.



February 9, 1950: Element 98, first synthesized, dubbed Californium

- Element 98 was created for the first time by a team of physicists at the University of California at Berkeley. Glenn T. Seaborg, Albert Ghiorso, Stanley G. Thompson and Kenneth Street, Jr., having named Element 97 berkelium, gave the name californium to the new element.

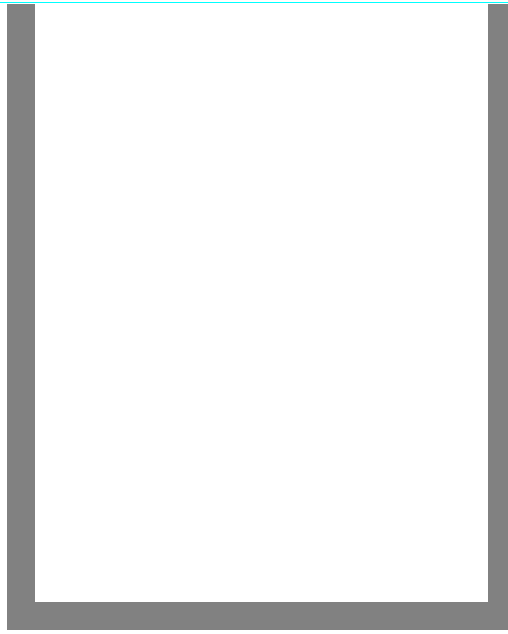
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Joseph McCarthy Claims Targets

Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy gives a speech in Wheeling, Virginia, dramatically claiming, "I have in my hand a list of 205 cases of individuals who appear to be either card-carrying members or certainly loyal to the Communist Party" within the United States State Department.

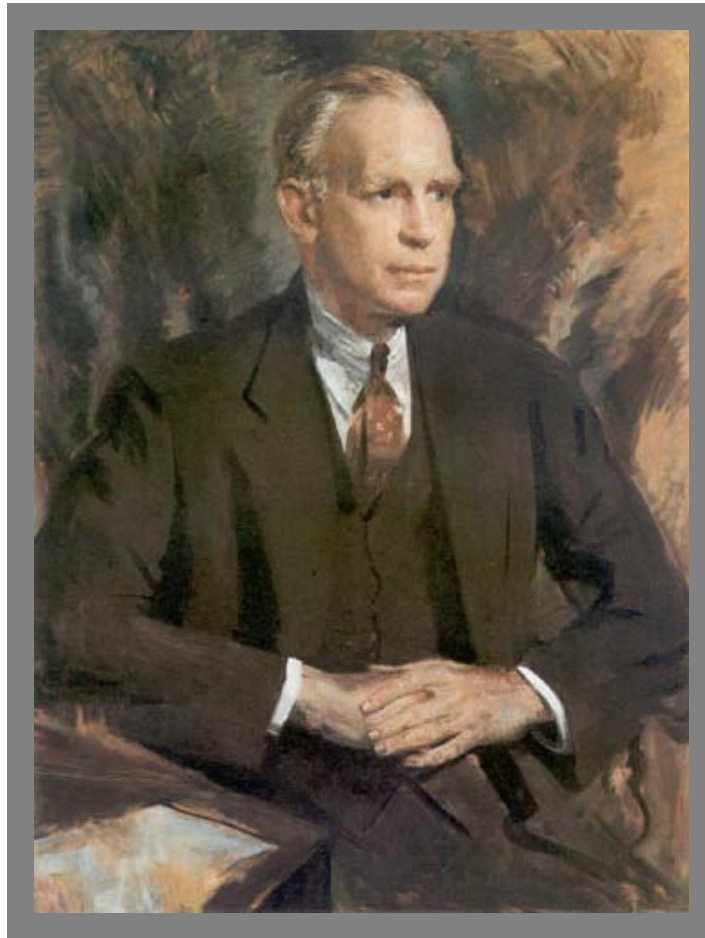


Integration



Roy Kirkland Davenport

[Roy Kirkland Davenport](#), of the Army's Adjutant General's Office, presented a staticall analysis to [Charles Fahy](#) who forwarded it to [Sec of the Army Gordon Gray](#) today, entitled the "Recapitulation of the Proposal of the President's Committee for the Abolition of the Racial Quota" demonstrating that a higher reenlistment rate of blacks, would not increase the number of blacks serving in the Army. [\[note\]](#)



Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray

Gray had appointed a panel of senior officers under [Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlin](#) on 18 September 1949 to make a study of the racial situation.



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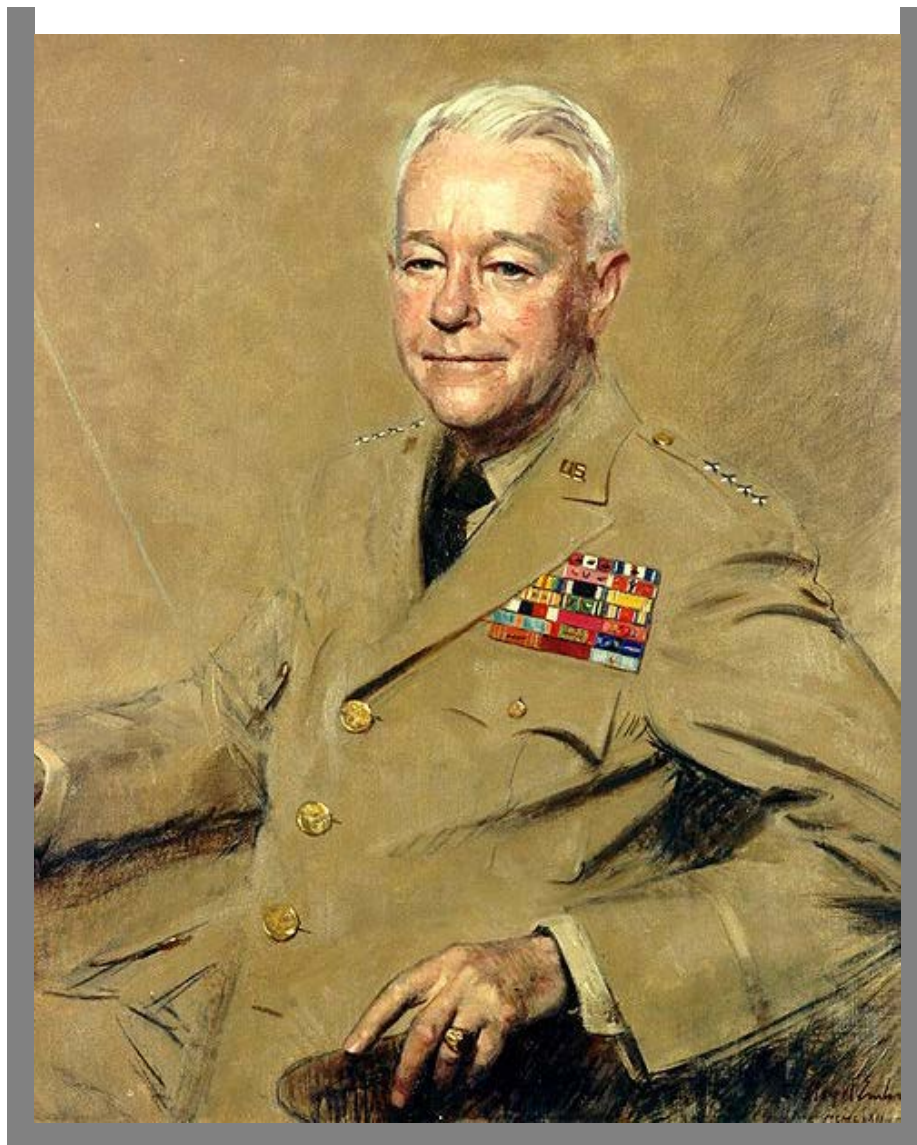
Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlin

After sitting four months and consulting more than sixty major Army officials and some 280 officers and men, the board produced a comprehensive summary of the Army's racial status based on test scores, enlistment rates, school figures, venereal disease rates, opinion surveys, and the like. Gen Chamberlin today submitted his report "Report of Board of Officers on Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Army."

The recommendation favored:

the continuation of segregation and the maintenance of a quota that limited the number of African-Americans who could serve in uniform

the board called on Secretary Gray to repudiate the findings of the Fahy Committee and the stipulations of [Executive Order 9981](#) and to maintain a rigidly segregated service with a carefully regulated percentage of black members.



Sec of the Army Joseph "Lightning Joe" Lawton Collins

While Gray and [Collins](#) let the recommendations of the Chamberlin Board go unanswered, they did very little to change the Army's racial practices in the year following their agreements with the Fahy Committee.

Black specialists continued to be assigned to segregated units in the majority of cases, and in the minds of most commanders such assignment automatically limited black soldiers to certain jobs and schools no matter what their qualifications. [\[note\]](#)

On February 9, 1950, [Senator Joseph McCarthy](#) denounced the administration of President Harry S Truman for permitting known communists to remain in the employment of the United States government. The incident sparked a four-year period of anti-communist policies and attitudes which came to be known as [McCarthyism](#). The accusations by McCarthy and others put the Truman administration on the political defensive, and led President Truman to seek ways in which he might prove he was not "soft on communism."

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