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Senator McCarthy speaking:

I don't care how high pitched becomes the screaming and squealing of the left-wing element of press and radio. I don't care what the Drew Pearsons, and the Mark Childs, and the "Al-slops" and the Time magazines, and Wisconsin's Daily Workers, such as the *Journal* and the *Capital Times*. [Audience laughter and applause]

I don't care what they have to say. I don't care how much they scream and squeal. As long as I am in the senate, and I hope that's for some time yet, as long as I am in the senate, this task is not going to become a dainty task. And if anyone wants to come in and remove them in some dainty fashion, they are welcome to it. But in the absence of that, if lumberjack tactics are the only kind of tactics that crowd understands, then take my word for it those are the kind of tactics we are going to use on them, as long as there is one there endangering the lives of 150 million American people.