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THE COMMUNIST PARTY CANDIDATES VIEW McCARTHY

(From an interview between Art Goldberg and Communist Party candidates Charlene Mitchell and Mike Zagarell, New York Free Press, July 25, 1968.)

"First let me make it very clear that the Communist Party does not endorse McCarthy. He is not for immediate withdrawal from Vietnam, and he has not taken a good position on the question of racism. We are very critical of him, but we do not take a negative position." -Mike Zagarell, CP candidate for Vice President

"You cannot ignore the fact that McCarthy represents a strong peace sentiment in the American people. You can't turn your back on that. McCarthy helped the American people dump Johnson. Are there dangers to McCarthy? Of course! Will he cop out? Yes! But you've got to remember that for millions of Americans, McCarthy represents a step towards independence from the two big parties and from the ruling class.

"You also have to realize that the majority of peace people do not reject the system. They are just opposed to the war policy. You have to begin where the people are. If you want a break-away from the Democratic Party, you have to deal with forces that could bring about that breakaway."

-Charlene Mitchell, CP candidate for President.