

# Fights and Fighters in the Cold War

In addition to his many other accomplishments, Bernard M. Baruch is a phrase maker—a man who can sum up in a few striking words what a lot of people are thinking more or less vaguely.

Mr. Baruch coined his latest phrase, and one of his best, in a speech which he delivered Thursday in Washington at the graduation exercises of the industrial college of the armed forces.



Bernard M. Baruch

What he said was that, though he did not expect a shooting war with Russia any time soon, Russia nevertheless is waging a "cold war" against us at this time.

That says in a few words what many of us have long known to be true; namely, that Russia, through its U.S. Communist party and its large assortment of Quislings and fifth columnists, is doing its damndest to confuse, weaken and divide the American people. The aim is eventual Communist conquest of this country, either peaceably or violently.

We're encouraged by a string of recent events in various important American circles to believe that large numbers of our people are now waking up to the truth about Russia's "cold war" on us, and are determined to fight back.

For one such item, David Dubinsky's strong International Ladies Garment Workers Union has just taken its most vigorous stand to date against the Communist party.



David Dubinsky

True, Dubinsky is a veteran enemy of the Reds in his union. But at the 1947 I.L.G.W.U. convention in Cleveland just concluded, some bumptious Los Angeles locals filed a demand that the union "repudiate Red-baiting."

Dubinsky batted these babies' ears off by obtaining passage of a resolution including this statement: "The one fundamental, unvarying objective of the Communist party has been the effort to achieve power in order to establish a totalitarian dictatorship in the United States on the Russian model."

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Another important organization which has just ~~you~~ up its annual convention (at Sioux City, Iowa) is the



Milton Murray

American Newspaper Guild (CIO). The A.N.G. has had Communist trouble from the start, most of it coming, from New York City and Los Angeles.

But at the urging of its president, Milton Murray, the 1947 A.N.G. get-together adopted, without a dissenting vote, a resolution saying that "we resent and reject the efforts of the Communist party and other political parties" to mess with union affairs.

In Washington, two top-drawer Reds have been convicted of contempt of Congress in refusing to appear before the House Un-American Activities committee. These gents are Gerhard Eisler, tagged by Louis F. Budenz as the "No. 1 Soviet commissar" in the U.S., and Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the American Communist party. Eisler drew the limit sentence yesterday—one year and \$1,000.

Convicted yesterday for the same offense are 16 big shots in the joint anti-Fascist refugee committee, often described as a Red-front outfit.

To us, these legal developments indicate that the Truman Administration has at last been scared into doing something drastic about the Quislings and outright Reds with whom it and Truman's White House forerunner flirted so long and so lovingly.

In various big CIO organizations—auto workers, electricians, mill and smeltermen especially—there are furious battles by American-minded majorities to blast Communists out of key positions into which they wormed themselves while the Americans slept.

Campus commies and fellow travelers are meeting rough and rougher going in some of the colleges.

Now that Mr. Baruch has put the finger on the Russian conspiracy against the Government of the United States and the American people, it seems likely that large numbers of citizens who have previously discounted the "Red scare" will come alive to its reality and its importance.

It isn't just a scare. It is a plot against the liberties of all of us except the Reds and their Quislings, and against the lives of many of us from top to bottom of our economic and social system and Russia plays for keeps.

Credit Mr. Baruch, please, with yet another grade A service to his countrymen in sounding this alarm.

November 10, 1948

HONORABLE

Mr. Bernard Baruch  
797 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Baruch:

I wanted to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on the latest recognition afforded your long career of patriotic service to the nation. I thought the action of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was most appropriate as I am sure that your career has been an inspiration to more people than you will ever realize, and I could not let the opportunity pass without extending to you my own congratulations for a career that has been motivated by civic consciousness. If more people would take the interest that you have and sacrifice their time in public service as you have, our democracy would be more secure.

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With expressions of my highest esteem and admiration,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Special Agent in Charge

Bernard M. Baruch

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**Baruch to Be Honored By Confederacy Group**

SAVANNAH, Nov. 8 (AP)—The United Daughters of the Confederacy tomorrow night for patriot Bernard M. Baruch of New York will be cited by the group for patriotic services.

*Re Baruch  
 11-10-48  
 [Signature]*

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August 17, 1950

Mr. Bernard  
392 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Bernard:

I could not possibly have let the occasion of your 20th birthday pass without writing a personal note and joining the whole host of friends who want to wish you a happy birthday and many more of them.

It does seem to me that the youth of this nation might well take heart from the example you have set them and to us you have always represented a corner of strength and wisdom.

Please accept my best wishes for the utmost happiness and good for you in the years that lie ahead.

Sincerely,  
General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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March 11, 1953

MR. TOLSON:

[redacted] called SAC Boardman, New York City, who in turn called me.

Bernard Baruch has several matters he wishes to discuss with the Director and has invited the Director, you, and the [redacted] to have dinner with him either on Tuesday night, March 17, or Friday night, March 20, in New York City. The dinner will be informal and no one will be there other than Baruch, the Director, and you.

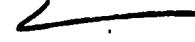
I told Boardman that I would check on this matter and would call him back as soon as we knew what the Director's commitments were.

  
 J. E. NICHOLS (b)(7)(c)

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CC - Mr. Holloman

I suggest declination  
 in view of forthcoming  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

I asked Nick to prepare letter for me.

- See Me
- Note and Return
- For Your Recommendation
- What are the facts?
- Remarks:

Letter written 2/2/50

Bernard Baruc

Uncle Sam's best known... since World War II...

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Hughes F. Co.  
Nov 29

My dear Mr. Stone -  
Just a line to  
say how grateful I am  
for what you have done  
and are doing for our country.

Admirably  
P.M. Mack

Am on way home  
No answer

*[Handwritten initials]*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Nov 28

My dear Mr Hoover-

Just a line to say how grateful & appreciative I am of what you have done and are doing for our country

Admiringly

B. M. Baruch /s/

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Jones
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- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Am on way home.  
No answer.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

December 2, 1950

Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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My dear Mr. Baruch:

Your note of November 28, 1950, was indeed a most welcome arrival on my desk. I do want to thank you for your very encouraging words which also contain volumes of good advice for me. All of us through the years have come to value your keen judgment and sound appraisals.

I hope you will have a good rest at your home. May you for many years continue to aid your friends and consultants with your sage advice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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New York, N. Y.  
November 15, 1950

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Director, FBI

RE: ATULME SOCIETY, INC.  
COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY BERNARD M. BARUCH  
Miscellaneous - Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau instructions by letter of November 9, 1950, Mr. Bernard M. Baruch was interviewed by the writer at his home, 4 East 66th Street, New York City, on November 15, 1950. He was at that time orally informed of the contents of the Laboratory report, and I also explained to Mr. Baruch the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction in extortion matters and suggested that he immediately refer to this office any matters which appeared to be in violation of the extortion statutes. I left with Mr. Baruch a quantity of cellophane envelopes for his use in the event of the receipt of any extortion letters by him.

Mr. Baruch expressed his thanks for the action taken in this matter. He also asked that his very affectionate regards be conveyed to the Director. He stated that he has the highest personal regard for the Director. He indicated that he considers the Director to be one of the ablest men in America today, and that he had the greatest admiration for the Director's administration of the FBI. In conclusion, with reference to any possible threats he might receive, he said, "Tell Mr. Hoover the old man is not afraid."

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC

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New York, N. Y.  
March 18, 1952

Mr. Hoover:

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[REDACTED] Mr. Bernard L. Baruch  
Jr., who is in the Naval Reserve, arranged  
for his father to give a small dinner party  
in honor of [REDACTED] in connection with  
[REDACTED] transfer, to which I was invited.

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During the course of the evening,  
the elder Baruch made some statements concern-  
ing the political situation which might be of  
interest.

With reference to President Truman,  
he stated that "if a fish can swim and a bird  
can fly, Truman will run again." He said that  
from past experience he knows that persons  
surrounding an incumbent President actually  
convince him that he was especially chosen by  
God for this role. Baruch also remarked that  
the next President of the United States would  
occupy the most important post ever held by  
any man since the dawn of history.

Mr. Baruch further stated that in his  
opinion General Eisenhower, if nominated for  
the presidency, would carry every Southern  
State, whereas if Taft were nominated he would  
not be able to carry any Southern State.

EDWARD SCHEIDT

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May 2, 1952

Mr. Nichols

M. A. Jones

RECOMMENDED LETTERS TO SENATOR HARRY F. BYRD  
AND BERNARD M. BARUCH

PURPOSE:

*Jim*

To recommend that letters of appreciation be sent to Senator Harry F. Byrd, for the favorable remarks which he made concerning the Bureau in his speech before the American Newspaper Publishers' Association on April 24, 1952, in New York City, and to Bernard M. Baruch for bringing these remarks to the attention of the Bureau.

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BACKGROUND:

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By letter of April 25, 1952, Bernard M. Baruch thanked the Director for his reply to a letter sent by Baruch in which he recommended a [redacted] for employment at this Bureau. In this letter Mr. Baruch stated that he was pleased at the reference Senator Byrd made to the Director in his speech of April 24, 1952, before the American Newspaper Publishers' Association in New York City.

A copy of Senator Byrd's speech before this group was obtained by Mr. Nichols through the Senator's Office and it is noted therein that in discussing corruption and waste in government Senator Byrd made the following statement: "If I were asked to name an agency which was more efficient than any other, I would say the FBI under J. Edgar Hoover. Perhaps there is something synonymous between the name Hoover and high public administration ethics."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above it is recommended that the attached letters to Senator Byrd and Mr. Baruch be sent.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR  
FROM : CLYDE TOLSON  
SUBJECT:

DATE: 3/10/52

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant SAC Whelan at New York advised me yesterday that Mr. Bernard Baruch, Sr. called the New York Office stating that he would like to see you sometime at your convenience with reference to a matter pertaining to the late President Roosevelt.

I told Mr. Whelan I would call this to your attention and in the event you wanted Mr. Scheidt to handle the matter with Mr. Baruch I would advise him.

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Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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My dear Mr. Baruch:

Mr. A. C. Schlenker, Special Agent in Charge of our Savannah Office, has informed me of the recent contact with you regarding Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, and I could not let the opportunity pass without telling you how deeply grateful I am for your kind comments concerning the FBI and me. The knowledge that our activities warrant your confidence is very pleasing to us.

Remarks such as yours are certainly reassuring and contribute greatly to the personal satisfaction I have always derived from my work in this Bureau. I only hope that we will at all times fulfill our obligations to the American people in such manner as to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE (Inasmuch as it is not known how long Mr. Baruch will be in his southern residence, it is deemed advisable that this letter be sent to his New York address, which is the one carried on Bureau mailing list.)

Correct spelling of Mrs. Luce's middle name per "Who's Who."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

305 Realty Building  
Savannah, Georgia  
February 4, 1953

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently Mr. Bernard Baruch was contacted in connection with a Special Inquiry Investigation being conducted on Mrs. Clare Booth Luce.

Mr. Baruch was most complimentary regarding you and his admiration for the Bureau. He expressed pleasure in the fact that you had declined the position as Director of the International Boxing Club. Mr. Baruch said the FBI was the only Government agency that could be trusted. He further stated that some years ago he had considered using his influence to have you made Director of the Central Intelligence Agency but upon re-consideration decided that you were serving this country too ably in the capacity of Director of the FBI to have you make a change.

I thought you would be interested in these comments of Mr. Baruch.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. SCHLENKER  
Special Agent In Charge

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March 11, 1953

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Honorable Bernard Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

I wanted you to know how deeply Mr. Tolson and I appreciated your kind invitation to dinner on either next Tuesday or Friday evening.

I do wish it were possible for us to be with you on one of these evenings. Unfortunately, we are involved in a series of hearings in connection with our appropriations and it will not be possible for us to be out Washington any day next week.

I particularly regret this since I understand [redacted] will not be in New York beyond the 24th. I do hope, however, that we can have the opportunity of a visit in the too distant future.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Mr. Holloman

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 13, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Boardman, New York, called and stated an Agent yesterday contacted Mr. Bernard Baruch in regard to a Special Inquiry investigation, at which time Mr. Baruch was most verbose in his unqualified praise of you. He stated he had the very highest personal regard for you and that you are the only man in Washington who could not be pressured into making a decision or furnishing facts which were not sound and correct.

Mr. Baruch stated that sometime he wanted to talk to you concerning certain charges which had been made concerning homosexuality of [REDACTED]

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He also advised the Agent that on March 23rd he is appearing before a Committee of the Senate to give his views and recommendations and indicated that he was going to be rather severe in his criticism of the complacency of our Government and was going to make quite a point of the fact we are sending 23,000 of our boys to Korea each month.

He also mentioned he had asked Secretary Dulles, of the State Department, to present a plan to the President which would enlarge the National Security Council in order to take advantage of the experience and intelligence of such people as Herbert Hoover, Charles E. Wilson, and others. He indicated that this plan had been previously presented to both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, without any action being taken.

Mr. Boardman stated he was sending a letter down regarding these matters, but wanted you to be advised of the above as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

F. C. Holloman

FCH:eff

cc - Telephone Room

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/13/53

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF BERNARD M. BARUCH

On 3/12/53, Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, Elder statesman, was interviewed at his office at 597 Madison Avenue by SA [redacted] in connection with a Special Investigation concerning [redacted]

During the course of the interview, he discussed the U. S. Government as a whole and you in particular. He depicted you as the finest past or present public servant in the United States, and stated he has the highest personal regard for you. He said he admired your integrity and the fact that you were the only responsible official in Washington, D. C. who could not be swerved, influenced or pressured into presenting anything other than the true facts.

For your information, he related that he has some information he plans to discuss with you at a later date concerning [redacted] and charges of homosexuality.

Further, he advised that he is to appear in Washington before the Senate of the U. S. on 3/23/53 to present his views and recommendations. He implied that his comments would reflect a strong criticism of the complacency in Government and the fact that this country is sending some 53,000 young Americans to Korea every month.

He also related that he has asked Secretary of State Acheson to present a plan of his to President Eisenhower, which he had previously had submitted to President Roosevelt and President Truman. His plan is to enlarge the National Security Council so as to take advantage of the brains and "Know-how" of such great Americans as Herbert Hoover, Charles E. Wilson, et al.

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Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
507 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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My dear Mr. Baruch:

I was very glad to receive your letter of May 1 and to learn of your response to my article "Needed: A Spiritual Foundation of Life."

It was most thoughtful of you to send me your comments, and I am indeed grateful for your kind words.

Sincerely yours,  
W. W. R. Heaver

NOTE: Mr. Baruch is on Special Correspondence List.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

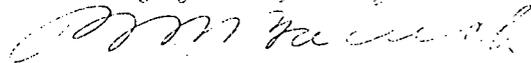
May 1, 1953.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of your speech. I picked out one sentence, "The tragic and extreme end of the 'selfish I' attitude, of course, is the criminal and the political dictator." I know about the political dictator who also becomes the great criminal and it is he that I try to circumvent. You have been one of the most valiant of those who have joined in that crusade.

My congratulations and admiration as always.

Sincerely yours,



E. M. Baruch

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, 25, D.C.

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June 18, 1953

Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

It was indeed a pleasure to learn of the "American Citizen of the Year" award conferred upon you by the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics.

I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations on this most fitting recognition of your distinguished career of service to your fellow countrymen.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note: Mr. Baruch is on the special correspondence list. Records of Speech Room, Crime Records Section, indicate that the Director was first offered this award, but declined on 5-15-53. Bufiles contain no derogatory data concerning this organization.



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# BARUCH BLASTS BRITISH TRADE WITH CHINESE

## McCarthy Commended At VFW Session

Milwaukee, Aug. 4 (CTPS)—British efforts to trade with Red China were criticized Tuesday by Bernard M. Baruch, New York economist, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national encampment here.

Baruch said trade with Red China would be unprosperous for the British because "no profits from traffic with aggression can be worth the price in morality or future security."

Baruch's speech preceded the colorful V.F.W. parade down Wisconsin avenue in which five thousand veterans and nearly a hundred bands and drum corps took part.

### Praise McCarthy

Baruch and Cardinal Spellman of New York in press conferences commended the fight against communism of Sen. McCarthy (R) Wisconsin, who arrived at the convention later in the day.

"I am glad that somebody has stirred this thing up," Baruch told reporter. "if a man is innocent he has nothing to fear. Communists are enemies of our country."

Cardinal Spellman said "McCarthy is against communism and he has been doing something about it. He is making America aware of the danger of communism."

"He was elected and reelected senator from his native state and no one is known better than by his neighbors. I am willing to accept the verdict of the citizens of Wisconsin concerning Sen. McCarthy."

### Doesn't Like Truce

McCarthy was booed by some and cheered by many when he was introduced to the delegates in the Milwaukee arena. McCarthy will speak Wednesday as will Vice President Nixon.

Baruch said he didn't like the Korean truce and asserted that the United States must maintain military strength if there is to be hope of peace.

"If the year ahead does not bring a significant cut in Soviet armament then, and I cannot stress this too strongly, we must reverse ourselves and step up our arming, even, if it means increasing rather than reducing taxes," he declared.

Baruch said a depression isn't inevitable, if the economy is balanced and the Eisenhower administration resists pressure groups whose demands in the past led to inflation.

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# FAIR ENOUGH

By Westbrook Pegler

Edward F. Hutton, the stock broker, was a schoolmate of Bernard Baruch in a New York public school on East 54th St. between Sixth and Seventh, in the 1880s. Baruch was the biggest kid in the school, and in Hutton's opinion, a swell guy. He used to call Hutton "Little Eddie." They carried tin lunch boxes to school and Ned's father Jim was not at all well-to-do even for that



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time, having a wife and three children to support on earnings which were not much more than enough. Jim and a brother, William, had run away from their home on a farm at Barnesville, Ohio, riding one horse, because they did not like their stepmother. Jim made his way to New York where he got a job in a drug store at the age of about 16. Bill went to Cincinnati and became a bell-hop. The horsemanship of this feat seems prodigious, but I take it that they sold the horse after reaching some rail road and parted company.

Many years later, in 1917, when there had been rumors of a leak of a momentous war communication by Woodrow Wilson, Hutton, then a rich broker with offices in both New York and Washington, was called before a congressional committee investigating a big shake in the market. Some congressmen got to banging the table and hollering at him. Ned did likewise.

"I said, 'Don't yell at me because I will keep on yelling back and we will get nowhere.'" Ned Hutton said. "Then I heard some guy laughing behind me and I looked around and it was Bernie."

Mr. Hutton had a correspondent in his Washington brokerage office who was related to Wilson's wife. There were rumors that Baruch, because of an appearance of intimacy with Wilson, who was now very intimate with anyone, had been given an advance peek at Wilson's state paper. Hutton says brokers' loans were very high, the market was due for a tumble and no leak had anything to do with the case. Anyway, Congress kicked up a row and Baruch, in his examination, described himself as a speculator. The Republicans had control and they wanted to make some medicine against the Democrats with the leak scandal.

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