



The Hillsboro Story – Excerpts

It's Hard to Get a Date if You're a Communist

Tom Partridge (oldest son of Philip Partridge):

"I was called a Communist. Even worse than being a nigger lover was to be a communist. Any kind of social change, anything that shook the...at the time there was a lot of fear in the country left over the McCarthy days. People don't realize that. McCarthyism was still going on; and in a small town like this, it was still the politics of a significant number of people here."

"The FBI was looking at him (Philip Partridge) early on. I'm sure there's a file on him. I don't know what's in court and stuff, but he said people were listening to us. I have no doubt about it. Right wing screwballs are always digging around. You know what I mean? Anyone who was white and involved in civil rights in those days, believe me, was up for suspicion. It was the Commie threat that J. Edgar Hoover talked about. Anyone involved in civil rights was obviously a Communist."