

## READERS' POINT OF VIEW:

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal:

The persistent attempts of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) to see the F.B.I. files on government employees recalls a case of mistaken identity during the last war which caused me embarrassment and delay in the War Production Board.

We wanted to hire a chap as an expert on central European economic affairs. He was a German, only recently become an American citizen. He would have access to confidential and secret production information. Though we had no doubt about his loyalty, we felt it was best to have an investigation before hiring him to make doubly sure he was an anti-Nazi as he said.

In due course an F.B.I. report came back. One sentence, as I recall it, said an automobile owned by a man of that name was found in Sellersville, Pa., near the German Bund camp. That seemed to finish him. He was a Nazi after all!

But there was a possibility that he had been traveling in Bucks County, Pa., and had stopped in Sellersville for lunch or to shop or for any number of things. To satisfy myself, I telephoned him. After some general palaver about how are you feeling, how's your wife, and so on, I asked, "Have you been out in Bucks County lately?" He answered, "No," they hardly use the car because of gasoline rationing.

"Well, why don't you sell it?" I asked.  
"That would be up to Julia (his wife). The car's in her name."

So, not only had he not been out in Bucks County, but the license number which the F.B.I. had traced was somebody else's. This was verified in a subsequent check and we hired him.

F.B.I. investigators never know when a rumor or statement will prove to be significant. So everything goes into their reports. To expose the files, as Senator McCarthy asks, would be to subject thousands of government employees to gossip and rumor: "I saw it in the F.B.I. file." Correct as well as incorrect statements would become "official."  
Philadelphia, Pa. J. A. LIVINGSTON.

### More Smokers than Growers

It seems to me that in this latest tax controversy someone should speak up for the smoker as well as the grower of the "leaf."

Being a smoker and not a grower, I'm inclined to be on the tax cutting side and, of course, a cheaper smoke, but not if it means all the farms in this blessed Blue Grass State are going to be sold at the court house door. What with government price supports, crop controls, etc., that just can't happen. Yet, if your reporting of those funny noises coming out of the Ways and Means Committee hearing rooms is accurate, and I'm sure it is, someone is trying to leave an impression not too far from that extreme.

Undoubtedly, growers would suffer somewhat of

a financial loss, but consumers have suffered and will continue to do so under the present tax set-up. Perhaps, the status quo is right. Being only a smoker, I must depend on the newspapers for knowledge on the subject. But at least let's consider one thing nobody seems to have thought of—just how does the number of growers compare with the number of smokers anyway? RAY L. COLYER.  
Frankfort, Ky.

### Differs on High School Gyms

I wish to be the first to take issue with Mr. Creason's high school basketball article. If a teacher or principal is so weak that he will let the students, fans or players run their schools, then surely some fault must belong to the teacher. A basketball player is no better than his attitude toward his team and school. Certainly basketball is not to blame for this irresponsible outlook of the wayward student or player.

A \$100,000 gymnasium costs maybe \$2,500 a year for 40 years. This is a small per cent of the school budget; but the return is probably the greatest of all school expenditures. Not only are admissions charged to all basketball games to offset most of the cost, but many civic and community events are held there.

If Mr. Creason would devote more of his newspaper space to getting our underpaid teachers a raise in pay, better teachers could be lured into the profession and maybe the tail wouldn't wag the dog quite so bad.  
Louisville. ROBERT S. PICKETT.

### Agrees about High School Gyms

Thanks to Joe Creason for his article on the gym and the classroom in Kentucky high schools. The time has passed long ago for something to be done about this sad condition.

A typical example of the unequal facilities demonstrated in some of the state's high schools is found in the fourth region, where the steps leading from the school building to the new gym are rickety and unsafe for use by the pupils of the school. This general condition seems to be prominent in high schools all over the United States, not only in Kentucky, and until this country's parents and citizens wake up to the fact, educational standards are going to drop lower and lower.  
Bowling Green, Ky. WENDELL F. COUTS.

### Dunbar Trojans Day

In the many small towns of Kentucky there are many events which take place which in themselves are unimportant, but as they relate to the general well being and healthful thinking of people there are many which should not be allowed to pass into forgetfulness unsung and without honorable mention.

As many of you perhaps know by now, The