

## AFD Ep 350 Links and Notes - John Leavitt on the "Lavender Scare" [Bill/Rachel] - Recording Feb 14

- <https://thenib.com/the-homophobic-hysteria-of-the-lavender-scare/?t=recent>
- <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2016/summer/lavender.html>
- <https://makinggayhistory.com/podcast/episode-1-5/>
- <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=9316>
- <https://www.pbs.org/video/lavender-scare-9ugluo/>
- [https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Senator\\_Lester\\_Hunts\\_Decision.htm](https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/Senator_Lester_Hunts_Decision.htm)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boys\\_Beware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boys_Beware) An early (1961) propaganda film on pederast stranger danger abductors.
- <https://thebaffler.com/odds-and-ends/reds-of-future-past> "Homosexuality is Stalin's atom bomb to destroy America" - Arthur Guy Matthews, 1953
- <https://chtodelat.wordpress.com/2013/02/13/can-a-homosexual-be-a-member-of-the-communist-party/> (This covers comparative Soviet history, although in the 1930s)
- Key points:
  - Post World War II including Truman years & McCarthy's alleged lists of communists but intensified under Eisenhower in April 1953 and then the Army-McCarthy Hearings of 1954 a year later
  - This was a huge purge in scale
  - it didn't really have to do with communism or even the Cold War (more to do with rollbacks of permissiveness during WW2 and also just clearing out New Dealers under the first GOP Administration since Hoover)
    - Making everyone in the government into snitches actually worsened national security
  - Senator Lester Hunt's suicide turned the tide against McCarthy
  - What was the comparable situation in the Soviet Union at the time?