The Hearings

To the innocent, newspaper-informed citizen, the Un-American Activities Committee's hearings in Boston were a startling discovery of a sinister subversive element in our society.

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