This is it!!

20TH CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR
Collingswood, N. J.

July 20, 1964

My dear friend:

We are really in trouble. Never in the history of radio, the history of the Federal Communications Commission, the history of the Democratic National Committee, has anything like this taken place. The radio stations are literally up in arms all over this country. Some are being intimidated.

Samuel C. Brightman, Deputy Chairman for Public Affairs of the Democratic National Committee, has sent four letters to radio stations of this country. It is reported that 1,300 have received them.

The first letter enclosed the article from The Nation on the "Hate Clubs of the Air." Nine so-called clubs were mentioned, with ours being listed as the No. 1. His undated letter postmarked June 22nd enclosing this slanderous attack concluded: "I thought you should be aware both of the content of these programs and the claims for time to which these attacks can make you liable."

The July 2nd letter asks for the offer of time to make a reply to my reporting what he had been doing and the opinion which I expressed about this action. He concluded: "In the event that you do not do so the matter will be brought to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission."

The third letter, July 3rd, concluded: "So far I have received no such communication from you. Unless I hear from you promptly this matter will be brought to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission."

The fourth letter, July 8th, headed "URGENT ATTENTION STATION OWNERS AND MANAGERS" (July 2nd and July 3rd letters had the same "URGENT ATTENTION"), closed as follows: "In the event such an offer is not received the entire matter will be brought to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission."

I have, of course, sent three telegrams to Mr. Brightman offering him free time on our program and urging him to come and appear on our program, make his statement, and then discuss with us the questions which he has raised. He has not accepted.

Now stations are demanding that I submit written script with each broadcast. I have never used a script and I do not intend to give up my freedom of speech in this manner, and I am sure you would not want me to change my style and approach in broadcasting by having to read my broadcast from prepared script. No, the fight is on as never before to preserve our freedom of speech.

This letter, therefore, is the most urgent appeal that I have ever made to you. We have seen this thing coming. In the meantime every station that carries my program must have local support. It must know that people want our program on the air. We must have a local McIntire committee in every area to defend our freedom, to keep our broadcast on the air, to meet the local pressures which may arise. There is no getting away from it, we need these committees now. Second, we must get each local station completely underwritten financially by you people who listen. We must keep our bills paid up, and during these hot summer months we have fallen behind as we usually do and we are in a most serious condition so far as our finances are concerned. This can be remedied and remedied quickly if you will help us with a very generous gift in response to this appeal and then will help us locally to underwrite our local stations.

Please, my friend, my freedom to talk is at stake! Your freedom to listen is at stake! I want to continue broadcasting on your station. We intend to stand up to the Democratic National Committee on this issue of our radio freedom. We intend to stand up to the FCC. We intend to stand up to these forces which would restrict our liberty. We do not intend to sacrifice one fraction of it and with your help and by our appeal to Almighty God I am confident that we can prevail. Our text for this year is, "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Gratefully,

Carl McIntire