goes out." Freedom of speech is really being taken away in the United States by the Federal Communications Commission.

One radio station which put us off the air gave a lengthy editorial report to their people. He says, "Now many broadcasters, not wanting to stir the muddy waters of the so-called Fairness Doctrine of the FCC, simply shy away from such a program as the 20th Century Reformation Hour. Since Dr. McIntire does not like the Communist Party and says what he thinks about it, under the so-called Fairness Doctrine any station who broadcasts one of these programs must send a copy of the program to the Communist Party with an offer of free equal radio time for an answer." But what is so interesting about all of this is that apparently it applies only to the 20th Century Reformation Hour. At least it is in that area that an effort is now being made to enforce it in detail.

The latest development (I am photographically reproducing it for you) from the state of Arkansas is that the state council of churches is following Mr. Brightman's lead, and will now proceed to demand equal time every time any preacher discusses the National Council of Churches. Mr. Brightman is blazing the trail for the National Council of Churches in this field.

was heard from him.

One station manager said that the FCC ruling should squelch intemperate speakers because it becomes too expensive and too troublesome and destroys community relations for a station to allow such broadcasts and then have to prepare manuscripts and send them out.

The application of the regulation is left up to the stations. They are required only to demonstrate that what they are doing complies with the regulation giving those attacked an adequate chance at response.

'Free Time Conjectural'

One station at Little Rock said it was still conjectural whether a station must give free time for such responses. This is being litigated, he said.

Mr. Allen said most of the complaints he had received had been from the Southwest and Northwest sections of the state dealing with programs carried on Tulsa and Shreveport stations. As soon as his listening posts are set up, demands will be made on these stations for time to reply, he said.

Should a station refuse time for reply, the case then will be taken up with the FCC, Mr. Allen said.

Stations which have removed my program have found a tremendous public reaction in favor of it and we have been returned to the air in a number of instances, for which we thank God and you dear people who listen.

But, beloved, the battle is raging at the present moment as it has never raged before, and may I therefore ask you to join in it and help us.

1. Our biggest responsibility at the present time is to keep our bills paid. Stations must not have the excuse of our failure to meet our obligations - and this has come upon us of course in the worst possible time of the year. We need all manner of gifts and new people to support us. The burden of this letter therefore is that the present crisis calls forth from you as large a gift as you can give us.

2. We must have local committees organized and there must be local support known to the radio station for our program. Please be a part of some local endeavor to underwrite and back and promote the interest of this program.

3. Tell everybody you know in your circles about this development. We are getting no publicity in the newspapers. It is amazing that an issue as important as this concerning the Democratic National Committee would have a blackout with the AP and the UPI. Please let me hear from you. I would appreciate all the encouragement that you can give us.

The fight now is for freedom, freedom of speech, the free exercise of religion. The fight for our freedom is now, today. Let us keep our stations, get every station we possibly can. We can meet these gentlemen in the battle when it comes to answering, and debate, and facts, but we can't meet them if we are suppressed. Please help! My last word: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

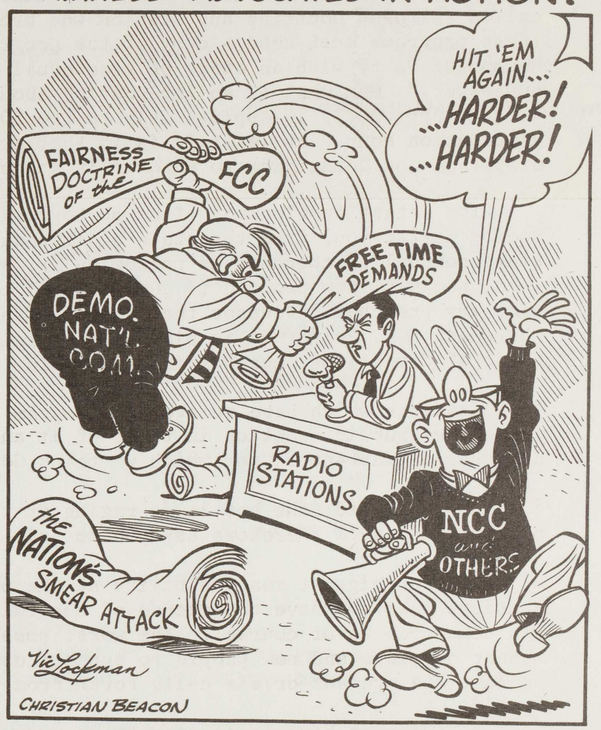
Cordially,

Carl McIntire

Carl McIntire

P. S. -

In the last six months, yes, in the last three months, the American people have lost religious programs, and other programs have not been carried because the stations have an uncertain, an uncanny fear of the Federal Communications Commission and its new regulations. Congress is the place for us to go to change the FCC. The stations of this country and the handling of opinion should be just as free as the newspapers. We do not have a federal press commission with its Fairness Doctrine hanging over every newspaper as a condition of being licensed. This is what we now have in the U.S.A., in Washington, D.C.. in the Federal Communications Commission.



Des Moines, Iowa - Pastor Arnett wrote Mr. Brightman last week:

"Having learned of your stand against Dr. Carl McIntire and your efforts to rob him of his freedom of speech, are we to assume that the Democratic Party officially persecutes Christian preachers of the Gospel? Does the Democratic Party no longer believe in freedom of speech and of religion? I shall appreciate hearing from you."

Christiansburg, Va. - I heard Brightman's reply to you. It sounded like he wanted to appear as not the attacker - but as one who is being attacked and, as one who has been deeply wounded, even went back to J. F. Kennedy.

Granite Falls, N. C. - Dr. McIntire, right after your program went off the air they put on Samuel Brightman to give him a chance to answer your attacks against him. He (Brightman) read a part of some letters he had received because of what you told about him, and they were really telling him off. He tried to defend himself, but, of course, no one believed him who had been listening to you. Those who wrote to him sure did not write love letters! How could he expect anything else after he did the things he did?

Following are excerpts from letters sent to Radio Station KFEL:

Colorado Springs, Colo. - I have learned recently of the action of the Democratic National Committee in writing to the radio stations warning them of Dr. Carl McIntire's broadcasts. What are they afraid of? I listen to his programs every time I can and I wish there were hundreds more like him who are fearless in giving out the truth. I certainly hope your station will not be influenced by this. . . ."

Castle Rock, Colo. - We want to encourage you to keep the 20th Century Reformation Hour program on the air in spite of the threats of Sam C. Brightman of the National Democratic Committee. I am sure that, when they face up to the fact that they have "their necks away out," the threats will disappear because none of them have the decency or fortitude to "face the nation" with the issue, much less the facts.

Colorado Springs, Colo. - Please, please, if it is possible, keep Dr. Carl McIntire's program on the air, as he is the only one we know of who is brave enough to expose some of the crookedness going on in this world.