

5500 Join Radio Cleric's Protest

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—For the second time this year, the Rev. Carl McIntire, a controversial radio minister, conducted a large protest rally on the steps of the state capitol.

Dr. McIntire and the American Council of Christian Churches were protesting a resolution adopted by the state House. It charged him with broadcasting views of an extreme nature.

The resolution adopted last Dec. 17 asked the Federal Communications Commission to investigate Dr. McIntire.

Capitol Police Capt. David Cocklin estimated the crowd at 5500. At the first rally last Feb. 12, some 4000 persons showed up, Cocklin said. He said there were no incidents.

The audience stood on the big marble steps, or sat in hundreds of lawn chairs. Many

waved American Flags and signs.

Dr. McIntire, a member of the American Council's executive committee maintained that his views were not extreme.

"I am not an extremist or a radical rightist, I am a Christian," said the minister who broadcasts "The 20th Century Reformation Hour," over a Media, Pa., radio station near Philadelphia.