Anniversary!

20TH CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR
Collingswood, N. J.

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My dear friend:

What a blessed anniversary this is! The Monday after the first Sunday in March, 1955, when we had had our annual Every Member Canvass here in the church, "Amen Charlie" and I sat down at the microphone and started talking. For almost three years we were on one station and then a friend, who owned a station in Red Lion, Pa., kept coming to me, saying that I should make an extra tape so he could put our program on his station, and in one of those "weak moments" we said, Yes. That was a little over six years ago, and now we have moved up to 577 radio stations. It seems utterly fantastic. It is nothing but a miracle, and our blessed theme text, "For with God nothing shall be impossible," I am sure, applies to what God is doing for us.

On our way home from this recent trip around the world, Mrs. McIntire and I came to Honolulu, and what a glorious reception we were given. In the rally that night they gave us another radio station! The owner of Station KNDI met us at the airport and that night he placed the microphone on the pulpit and for two hours the rally was broadcast to the people of the Hawaiian Islands. What doors God is opening for us! Then when we landed in Los Angeles, we were met at the airport by a reporter, a television interview, and then a rally that night in Anaheim with 1500 people present. They gave us,in pledges and gifts, $7,000 for new stations. We flew home that night and Sunday afternoon in Chester, Pa., in another great rally, $4,000 was given and pledged for broadcast stations. I tell you, my friend, it is thrilling. Something is happening. The grass roots are being stirred. It is going to be up to the Christians in this country who love God to do this job of turning the tide. Our God is able, and our appeal is to Him and to His righteousness.

Yes, my soul has never been so stirred. I come home with a very, very heavy heart. I am sure that the average American does not realize what is happening around the world. We are losing the cold war. We have wasted millions of dollars. We are losing fast. The magnitude of the calamity which is before us is staggering. Americans are not loved overseas. The whole world picture has changed from what it was when I went around the world first in 1949. You find yours embarrassed, humiliated, and even insulted.

The tragedy is that we are not meeting the Soviet propaganda. In the ideological struggle the Communists are blasting away. I listened by short wave to Radio Peiping, also Radio Moscow. Constant tirades against America, capitalism! I then listened to the Voice of America. What a contrast! We are not fighting anybody! We are not exposing the Communists' fraudulent propaganda. The "No Win" policy is reflected in what is being told on the Voice of America throughout the world. It is sad.

In Bombay, India, the biggest attraction of the town was the Soviet Circus. Thousands were flocking to it. Chou En-lai from Peiping was making his goodwill trip to Burma. He went to Pakistan, then to Ceylon. One of the largest papers in Hong Kong the day we left had a great big front-page, three-column picture of Mao Tse-tung playing table tennis. How mild!

There is no campaign being carried on to defend capitalism. One comment which I saw in a paper said, "America has the military might in the Far East but it has 'no idea.'"

I have given you a separate report on the situation in Southern India with our appeal for our Easter offering this year. Christians want to fight. In a sense the same situation which we face in this country we face in all these lands, only it is worse there because here we do have a few voices being raised. In fact, God has given us this broadcast—a gift from Heaven. But the situation we face with it is constantly before us. We are buying the time. The only support we have comes from the gifts that people are sending in, and now that we have moved up our responsibilities are very heavy and very great.

God is going to give us 600 stations. Twenty-three more gifts of $1000 each will put