the Anti-Defamation League, and the liberal Catholic groups—have joined to have a radio station put off the air, are represented on this board of sponsors. Here is an effort to silence a radio station. Dore Schary is head of the Anti-Defamation League, whose legal counsel initiated the entire WXUR matter. Roy Wilkins is of NAACP, which is one of the parties. Walter Reuther is of the AFL-CIO, another party. Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, a former president of the National Council of Churches, and John C. Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary, are on the list. Bennett is the one who says, "Communism inherits from the Biblical faith its passion for social justice" (Christianity and Communism, p. 46). Msgr. Salvatore J. Adamo, editor of the Catholic Star Herald of the Camden Diocese, is another one of the complainants. Steve Allen is just under him. For nine weeks these hearings have been dragged out. Already the cost simply to the station has been over $40,000. March 11, our side will have a chance to put in its defense. But here the FCC has definitely, according to Steve Allen, been moving along the way that the IAD has demanded. No small radio station in the country can stand being bled like this, and it is all being done not only to break a station but to intimidate radio stations all over the country so that they will not carry these so-called right-wing programs. This is political persecution.

Steve Allen says, "The extremists are now asking the U. S. Supreme Court to take away the American citizen's right to reply to vicious personal attacks." They are doing nothing of the kind. The whole constitutionality of the so-called fairness doctrine is being challenged because of the censorship which it has imposed upon radio stations and clergymen, like me! And what are these vicious personal attacks that Dr. McIntire is alleged to have made? There are none. Just the same, we are "apostles of hatred," "hate-peddlers"! I am sending you this because I want you to see with your own eyes exactly the strategy and the weapons that are being employed to try to silence men in this country.

God will not permit it to happen. We are trusting Him and we are fighting in His name and preaching the righteousness of the Ten Commandments.

Allen concludes his appeal by asking for

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Dear Friend:

Political extremism gravely threatens our democratic institutions today. Recent developments indicate that we are embarked on a period all too reminiscent of the McCarthy era.

The machinations of the radical left have, with good reason, come under close scrutiny by our free press. This is all to the good and must be continued; but another urgent danger, it seems to me, presently arises from the huge growth of the radical right. Vast sums of money--estimated at $50 million annually--are being poured into a network of far right-wing organizations and personalities. Part of their objective is to discredit our most cherished institutions--free speech, free press, free worship, equal justice. They try to destroy the reputations and livelihoods of individuals and organizations who work sincerely to improve our democracy, further social justice and attain racial and world peace. The enclosed folder lists many of the targets of these hate-peddlers.

The radical right influences the views of millions of Americans with 10,000 radio broadcasts each week. A year ago, the Institute for American Democracy became the first organization to insist on the right to reply to personal attacks from these apostles of hatred. As a result of precedent-setting challenges by IAD, the Federal Communications Commission has developed a wholly new approach to enforcement of its "fairness doctrine" with stiff penalties for offending stations. The extremists are now asking the U. S. Supreme Court to take away the American citizen's right to reply to vicious personal attacks. IAD, of course, is arguing to uphold it.

Since its announcement in late 1966, IAD has spurred the formation of dozens of local citizens' groups to combat political extremism in their communities. Courageous citizens, including many housewives, have taken on the most dangenerous right-wing elements, including the John Birch Society, the KKK, the Liberty Lobby and the Minute Men. We do not oppose honest expressions of the conservative philosophy; we do oppose reactionary extremism.

IAD believes that the only American way to thwart the extremists is by constant and effective exposure through public education. This costs money, of which we have very little. If you believe that an alert citizenry is essential to the survival of our democratic institutions, if you want to help the fight against the know-nothings and mud-slingers, please send a generous (tax-deductible) contribution to IAD today. That is one of the prices of liberty.

Sincerely,

Steve Allen

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Member, National Committee

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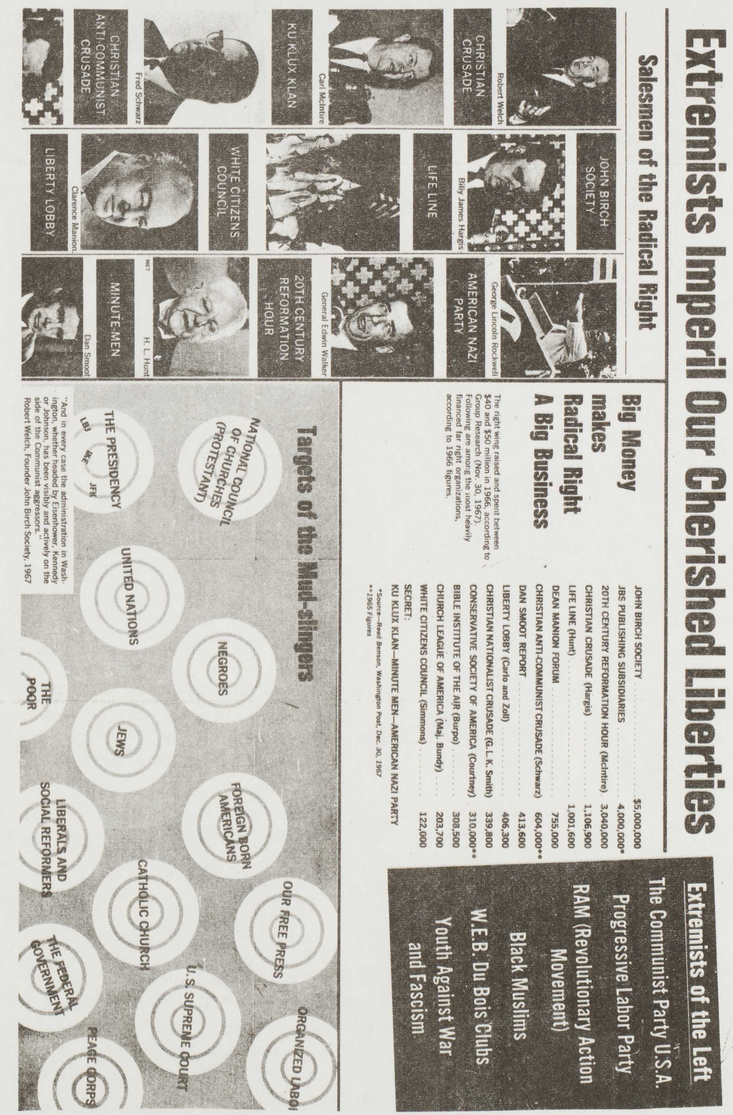
contributions to be used "against the know-nothings and mud-slingers." If words make a smear, he has them.

My friends, we are the ones who are fighting for liberty. We are the ones who need the support. And we are fighting not with mud but with facts, not with accusations but with documents, not with the "big lie" of Hitler but with the precious truth of the Holy Scriptures. Moreover, it must be said before I close this appeal that what you see here is exactly the same type of attack that is made upon us in the Communist publications over the world. It is the Communists who claim that those of us who are fighting for freedom and resisting Communism are the Nazis and the Hitlers. This is their strategy and it has been adopted by the Institute for American Democracy and those who make up its board of sponsors, including, as you can see, several United States Senators.



Let everyone who reads this hold onto it and not only use it as evidence of a miserable, deceitful strategy, but use it to convince a larger circle of friends that the voice of the 20th Century Reformation Hour broadcast and those of us who are fighting for freedom must be supported in this country.

May God help us to this end. You have been hearing me, I trust, talk about Letter Month and Station Check-Up Month. I do need to hear from you. Because of the lateness of the mails it may be that this letter will get to you even after the close of this month, but whenever you receive this letter, my offer stands, and I ask that you write me immediately assuring me of your help and your support.

We can get a thousand radio stations. I am pleased to tell you that in a number of areas where stations have been checked on by various surveys, our program has come out on top—that is, the best-listened-to station at the hour on which we are broadcasting.