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To everyone who ever heard me on the radio:

All I can say is thank God, this is Thanksgiving. Can we thank Him enough? Never will we be able to thank our Redeemer, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have had a tremendous victory. This is something that no one ever thought would happen. It concerns our radio and what happened to us in the awful struggle that we have had over the years. Now we thank God that He has set before us, I believe, the greatest opportunity of our lifetime.

The name WXUR goes down in history. It was taken away by the Federal Communications Commission on July 5, 1973. At that time I had 610 stations and we were reaching for 1000. We went out on the Atlantic Ocean on a ship with a 10,000-watt transmitter and cried out for free speech. Senators in the U.S. Senate spoke up on our behalf: Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, Sam Ervin. They said the constitution had been violated, free speech restricted.

On November 14, 1973, Sam Ervin, the finest constitutional lawyer in the Senate, delivered a 5000-word speech on "Carl McIntire, the Fairness Doctrine and the First Amendment." This is what he said as he spoke out against the FCC's violation of the First Amendment guarantee of free speech on the WXUR case: "When we recall the extremely controversial nature of Reverend McIntire's opinions, and the fact that the criticism the FCC received came from those who vehemently opposed his views, the real reason for the termination is clear. Dr. McIntire lost his right to speak because of his controversial exercise of the first amendment"; and then he added, "When all the legal mumbo-jumbo is cleared away, the fact remains that the FCC chose to apply highly technical rules to this single station, having been forced by outside political pressure to do so."

Fear generated for radio stations and they would not put on my program. Four hundred dropped it. The people's right to know was taken from them. It was devastating. Now to our astonishment, the FCC itself has come out with a 100-page brief saying that the Fairness Doctrine is unconstitutional. The arguments which were used to defend WXUR are now accepted as valid. The reason it put the station off no longer exists. I have said all these years, "Freedom is everybody's business . . ." I was coming through with facts, relating them to the Bible and our freedom, the gift of God. Moscow's newspaper PRAVDA rejoiced and carried a lengthy report saying: "Few Americans wish success to U.S. Anti-Communists." These liberal forces on every hand were rising up to stop us. We used these stations to bring the Marches for Victory to Washington, 100,000, April 4, and 200,000, October 3, 1970. It was just too much. But now the FCC says it was all wrong and William Henry, a later chairman of the FCC, was asked to reopen the case. Now he says that a great injustice had been done to McIntire. He spoke of it on radio WOR, in New York City. So thank God everybody!

But these forces that put us off gather now their strength to determine the mind of this country as never before. What the country is being treated with in regard to South Africa shows one thing — there is one-sided reporting. The Communists have their promoters, they are using anti-apartheid to turn South Africa to the Communists. I believe this is the situation and I believe you see it, too.

But when we get a mighty victory, a reversal of the FCC, God intends us to rise up and reach the country as never before. Let them fear freedom and us. I have dealt with these religious issues, the attacks on the Bible, attacks on Christ. They offer the apostate Christianity and their form of godliness. You have an alignment between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Church. They are doing their best to put together one false global church. You have an alliance between the World Council of Churches and the Communists. The National Council of Churches is bringing Communist agents over to our country in larger numbers than ever before. The NCC people went to Russia, some 120 of them, to have the Secretary of the NCC present the dove of peace (of all things), to the head of the Russian Orthodox Church. This church endorses everything Moscow is doing point by point.

I rejoice because those who thought they could stop us have failed. They never dreamed that there would be raised up this International Council of Christian Churches spreading the gospel and exposing the WCC in many places as never