The Christian Century, whose editorial, November 15th, is photographically reproduced, is the No. 1 religious journal supporting the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches in the U.S.A. It makes the false assertion that I own the station. I own nothing in any radio station anywhere in the world and have said so repeatedly. They make the amazing statement, "Now, however, the evidence is in." In the WXUR hearings the defense has not even started presenting its evidence.

The Institute for American Democracy, which the Christian Century says has produced the evidence is led by Charles Baker, its executive secretary, whom we challenged to the debate on the "Fairness Doctrine" in Constitution Hall, November 2nd. He refused, and declined to choose a member of his board to debate. Yet he came, asked to be heard; he used 15 minutes talking about himself, walked off the stage and refused to listen to what we had to say. The president of his organization, Dr. Franklin H. Littell, I quoted in my first letter. He said to the National Educational Association in Minneapolis, Minn., "Right Wingers are not a loyal opposition; their style and their stench is disloyalty. Extremists of the Right should be thrown out of whatever groups they are in--Churches, synagogues, political parties, school boards, and professional organizations. The question is not how their opinions can be changed. The question is how soon they can be muted and rendered ineffective."

Here we have the liberal intolerance and socialistic thinking. The American people do not own the ether waves; God does. And the U.S. Government has licensed to private ownership and enterprise our radio stations. Thank God!

Who are these forces that want our suppression? Are not they the ones who are provoking riots in our streets, advocating civil disobedience, and giving great aid to the Communists by their support of the Viet Cong in South Vietnam?

Hatemongers and the People's Ether

✦ ROUGHLY three years ago Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, sought and later acquired ownership of radio station WXUR in Media, Pennsylvania. His application was opposed by more than 40 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups and by several civil rights organizations and individuals. The position taken by The Christian Century at that time (See editorial, "Who's Afraid of McIntire?," January, 6, 1965, page 5) supported the right of McIntire to own the station. This position astounded McIntire — who has always considered our magazine an agent of the devil — and it certainly surprised our friends. Nevertheless, it was solidly based on our consistent opposition to prior censorship. On this principle we took the position that McIntire should be judged on what he did with the station rather than on what he *might* do with it. Now, however, the evidence is in. The Institute for American Democracy states in the October issue of its publication *Homefront* that "the WXUR audience gets bombarded with programs by McIntire, Hargis, Cotten, Munn (Lifeline), Bundy and the opinions of other professional radical right broadcasters. Nineteen organizations are protesting the renewal of WXUR's license. They claim WXUR serves private ends at the expense of the general public. The opposition testimony will come from the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, local chapters of the Anti-Defamation League, Urban League, American Jewish Congress, N.A.A.C.P. . . ." Where there was no case against McIntire before he acquired the station, there is now a strong case against him. We therefore take our stand with those who are trying to deprive McIntire of his use of the people's ether in unjust, scurrilous attacks on American citizens and organizations. In recent months the Federal Communications Commission has ruled that radio and television stations must within one week notify those who are attacked on the stations or face a fine of up to $10,000. This is a move in the right direction, but it is insufficient. Even though the people and organizations vilified over radio and TV are granted equal time, the F.C.C. ruling puts an enormous burden on them and provides them an inadequate defense. The people's airwaves should not be loaned to hatemongers. The WXUR license should not be renewed.

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Radio Pastor's License Causes Soul-Searching

Hearings in the matter of the Rev. Carl McIntire, the fundamentalist radio pastor, have now been in progress for nearly two months. The sessions are being conducted in Media, Pa., by H. Gifford Irion, one of the most experienced examiners of the Federal Communications Commission.

It is a fair bet, though doubtless uncollectible, that members of the commission hope Irion will stay in Media forever. They wish him no hard luck, but the McIntire case is a tough one. When the FCC finally gets around to reviewing the examiner's findings and recommendations, the commission's "fairness doctrine" will be put to its hardest test yet.

Technically, the only question at issue is whether the FCC should renew the broadcasting license of Station WXUR in Media. The station has been owned since 1965 by the Faith Theological Seminary of Elkins Park, Pa. McIntire is president of the seminary. He also is pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Collingwood, N. J., and president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

To several million radio listeners across the country, however, McIntire is best known as the voice of the 20th-Century Reformation Hour. His taped broadcasts at one time were heard on some 600 stations. Over the past year or so, a few of the clients have dropped out. McIntire blames this on pressure from the FCC, and the FCC of course denies the charge.

McIntire is a preacher in the old-fashioned school. A big, burly man with brimstone eyes and an organ voice, he preaches hellfire and damnation. He preaches sin and redemption. And when he is not preaching the fundamentalist line on the holy gospel, as such, he is tearing into the sinister forces he perceives in the land—communism, for example, and the National Council of Churches.

According to charges filed with the FCC by McIntire's foes, Station WXUR devotes most of its time to expounding these views. The station carries the sermons of the Rev. Billy James Hargis; it carries H. L. Hunt's "Lifeline." It carries the "Voice of Americanism" by W. S. McBirnie. It carries Pastor Bob Walker, a fundamentalist reverend who once used his air time to denounce WXUR for not hiring fundamentalists only for its staff.

One of the accusations against the station, brought by the Anti-Defamation League, is that some of these broadcasts take an antisemitic line. Jerome Bakst, director of research and evaluation for the ADL, testifed at length in October. He had classified WXUR's output in such categories as conservative, rightwing, extreme rightwing, religious-conservative, and religious with right-wing overtones. His point seemed to be that the FCC's "fairness doctrine" requires the offer of equal time to views that are liberal, leftwing, extreme leftwing, religious-liberal, and religious with left-wing overtones.

Another witness was the Rev. H. Francis Hines, director of broadcasting for the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches. He complained that other stations in the Philadelphia area give the Council free time, but WXUR does not.

By way of establishing McIntire's extremism, it was testified that he once referred to a visiting Czechoslovakian clergyman as a "Communist agent." There was no proof, it was said, that the visitor was in fact a Communist; besides, he was in the U.S. as a guest of the World Council of Churches.

Still another complaint is that the station carries opinions that are "anti-civil rights" without sufficiently airing opinions "pro-civil rights." The NAACP is among those asking that the license renewal be denied.

Difficult questions. Must every licensee seek to be all things to all people? In an area such as Philadelphia, with 23 radio stations, must each of them be hard-soft, pro-anti, yes-no? The fairness doctrine applies to "controversial issues of public importance." How fares the old-time religion? The FCC will want to pray over this one before it concludes that a licensee, having given a half-hour to virtue, must offer 30 minutes to sin.

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GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

Give ye them to eat,
I heard my Saviour say.
But, Lord, I answered,
They are so far away.

They are my lambs,
they must be fed.
Yonder they pray,
Give us our daily bread.

Give ye them to eat.
I am the Bread of Life.
I love these helpless orphans
Amid their cruel strife.

Give ye them to eat.
Lord, take these loaves I bring.
Bless them, break them, give them
That orphan hearts may sing.

Rev. Donald S. Dinnick
Ajax, Ontario, Canada

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