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20TH CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR
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My dear Radio Friend:

I am photographing the letter that just reached me signed by Steve Allen for the Institute for American Democracy. It accompanied a full-page article with Hitler addressing his shock troops, "It Can't Happen Here! Or Can It?" And inside, "Extremists Imperil Our Cherished Liberties." The real theme is, "Hate the haters. We name 'em, you hate 'em." This is all coming out in what appears to be a massive campaign in advance of the coming elections.

Allen, however, reveals for the first time that the Institute for American Democracy claims responsibility for the recent actions of the Federal Communications Commission implementing its so-called fairness doctrine, "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."

We thought that this was the case; but this gives the tie-in with the FCC and all the elements which are represented on its board of sponsors. Actually, we have here the Hitler "big lie." Allen alleges, "Part of their objective is to discredit our most cherished institutions--free speech, free press, free worship, equal justice." The opposite is absolutely the case. When we are fighting for free speech, they claim we are against free speech. When we are fighting for freedom of worship, they claim we are against freedom of worship. And instead of imperiling our cherished liberties, which is the Hitler "big lie," we are helping to preserve these cherished liberties. "Freedom is everybody's business," I have been saying now year after year.

Look at the strategies used. First, the association of what they call the "radical right" with the extremists on the left. There is just a small block here in black which names the Communist Party, but this is not the concern, as is apparent from all that is printed. The concern is to stop those of us who are trying to preserve America in her great heritage of freedom. Second, the association of the so-called radical right with the American Nazi Party. The picture of George Lincoln Rockwell shown here is at the top right hand corner. He, of course, is dead. The Ku Klux Klan is placed in the middle with "Ku Klux Klan" under my picture and with my name on the side next to the Ku Klux Klan. The "20th Century Reformation Hour" is clear over on the right-hand side. In this way, the Nazis, Hitler, are associated with me and these others; and I am sure there is not a one mentioned who would not repudiate the Nazis and has not done so. Third, "Targets of the Mud-slingers," and here they include "Negroes," "Jews," "The Poor," "Our Free Press." We are against the National Council of Churches and we want the whole world to know that, but certainly we are not against Negroes, the Jews, or the poor, and we are in favor of a free press. We are not against the Presidency or the U.S. Supreme Court, as is here alleged. We thank God for our system of government with its checks and balances, but as free Americans we have a right to question some of the policies being pursued; and as free Americans everyone is called to vote for the President one way or the other. This is the smear technique being used. Not one single specific of anything that Carl McIntire has ever said is mentioned.

The WXUR hearings in which the Federal Communications Commission's Broadcast Bureau and these 19 other groups—including the Council of Churches, the NAACP, the AFL-CIO,