

to Eugene we stopped at the City View Cemetery in Salem for a memorial service of Mrs. Edith S. Williams of our Wheelchair Brigade. What a precious saint she was! And when the service was over her husband, Captain Williams, gave me \$500 and said that he would add another \$500 later for a radio station in her memory. In the Eugene rally, another person gave a thousand dollars. Following that rally, a man and his wife approached me and told me that they were going to deed 13 acres of land to the broadcast which we could then sell for around \$1100 an acre.

My friend, we are fighting tremendous odds. The whole establishment is against us, but God is for us, and I believe truly that "one man of you shall chase a thousand." God has laid His hand on this broadcast ministry and the very fact that we are being squeezed and abused and attacked as we are ought to be evidence to all of us that this is a token of our effectiveness and our faithfulness.

I am reproducing here the story from Broadcasting magazine, and also an editorial. At last some of the smaller papers of the country are beginning to speak up.

The FCC is the enemy of the people. I believe this is true.

Give me your immediate help, and may every person reading this letter send a contribution to help us in this fight, and may everyone who receives a blessing from the broadcast become a regular monthly supporter. We can change this situation by the help of God. Let us do it. These are difficult days for our ministry. I need hundreds of faithful pledgers. As I close this letter here in Portland, I do so with an earnest prayer to God that He will carry it into your heart! Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also.

Gratefully,

Carl McIntire

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McIntire's wrath aimed at FCC

Fairness doctrine limits conservative views by fear of FCC action, he charges

The Rev. Dr. Carl McIntire visited Washington last week to walk a picket line and address a rally, to invoke the name of God and to call for help from Congress, all in connection with his continuing controversy with the FCC. His complaint, basically, is the commission's fairness doctrine. He has long held that the doctrine is being used by liberal groups to suppress the fundamentalist religious and conservative political views expounded on such radio and TV programs as his own half-hour *20th Century Reformation Hour*. Last week, he said the commission is using the doctrine as a form of "blackmail" to force stations to drop his program, or to discourage them from taking it. (Despite such alleged pressures, the program is heard daily on more than 600 radio stations.) Underlying this expressed concern is his even older quarrel with the National Council of Churches and its

"modernist" views. The commission, he said, has taken the side of the NCC in the "historic" cleavage between that group and the fundamentalists in the American Council of Christian Churches, which he helped found, on the interpretation of the Bible. He feels the commission helps perpetuate a situation in which the networks and individual stations make what he says are vast amounts of time available to NCC and its member groups, and virtually none to the smaller ACCC.

Powerful Ally • God, Dr. McIntire appeared to feel, is on his side. "As long as we have the word of God," he told a rally of his followers at Constitution Hall Monday night (May 8), "we can make progress" in turning religion back "to the God of our fathers." But he challenged Congress, too, and asked for approval of a resolution calling for a congressional investigation of the commission. The resolution, which accused the commission of violating constitutional guarantees of free speech and free exercise of religion, was adopted unanimously.

Singled out for special mention in the resolution as forces using the fairness doctrine as a weapon to suppress conservative views were the NCC and the Institute for American Democracy. The IAD, organized in November to expose extremists of left and right, has been concentrating its fire on commentators of the right (BROADCASTING,

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The Collingswood, N. J., preacher denies he is the "extremist" he is frequently pictured. "I'm a preacher of hell-fire and damnation," he told the audience. And he demonstrated the oratorical flair to support that kind of preaching, with his voice rising to mighty crescendos as he denounced the FCC and all its works, or dropping to a hoarse whisper as he quoted Scripture.

Warm Reception • The audience loved it. Often, in fact, his points were lost in the waves of applause that rolled in from the rear of the hall before he finished his sentences.

It was the pastor, however, who was disappointed in the size of the audience. Its estimated 800 members left large gaps of empty sections in the 3,811-seat hall. "We're fighting for freedom here tonight," he said. "What's the matter here? We should have this hall packed."

Dr. McIntire opened his one-day foray into Washington at 3 p.m. Monday at the head of a line of some 60 pickets who for one hour paraded in front of the new Post Office Building on Pennsylvania Avenue, where most FCC administrative offices are located.

His aim, he said, was to focus public attention on the commission and its fairness doctrine. As his followers—some from as far off as Arizona and California—picked up signs reading "FCC Denies Religious Freedom," "FCC Denies Free Speech," "FCC Harasses [sic] Religious Broadcasts," Dr. McIntire said: "Nobody's suffered from the fairness doctrine the way we have."

However, he also said his movement is "gaining strength." And it does appear viable. The *20th Century Reformation Hour* plus related enterprises are estimated to have grossed more than \$3 million last year. Dr. McIntire said the estimate was reasonable.

Pending Action • Dr. McIntire didn't take advantage of the platform he had Monday night to call attention to his direct involvement in a pending FCC case—that involving the stations owned by the Faith Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, which he heads. WXUN-TV Media, Pa., face license-renewal hearings in the fall on a number of issues, including the question as to whether they have complied with the fairness doctrine.

But in his remarks he accused the commission of cooperating with liberal groups in applying the fairness doctrine in a manner to suppress the views of conservative commentators. He cited two cases in which he said stations, both in Pennsylvania, cancelled his program as a result of "fear" of the commission or by indirect pressures exerted.



Dr. Carl McIntire (right foreground) leads followers in picketing the FCC last week. Dr. Charles Richter, known to listeners of Dr. McIntire's *20th Century Reformation Hour* as 'Aman Charlie,' is at his right. Man in bow tie is Donald Walto, associate director, *20th Century Reformation Hour*.

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