

INVESTIGATION

OF WINB SHORT WAVE RADIO STATION

FCC Investigating McIntire's Overseas Broadcast: 404 Stations Air 20th Century Reformation Hour: Scrapbook No. 6 Shows Communist Control of Russian Churches

On January 29 Dr. Carl McIntire, director of the 20th Century Reformation Hour, addressed the following letter to his radio listeners, and now addresses it to readers of the *Christian Beacon*. He writes:

My dear Friend:

Just as we are rejoicing and rejoicing over receiving 400 stations for the broadcast, the announcement is published in the public press of an investigation by the Federal Communications Commission "of the right wing views" of what the press calls "an ultra-conservative Protestant fundamentalist." The Federal Communications Commission is the Government agency which licenses all radio stations. The recently established short-wave station, Red Lion, Pa., WINB (17,735 mcs), with which I have a contract for the broadcasting of our 20th Century Reformation Hour, is under investigation because it is carrying my program. The initiative in this has come, according to the published story, from the United States Information Agency, of which Edward R. Murrow is director.

I am here photographically reproducing Jack Gould's story, which is the fullest account we have seen. It includes about everything except the addition that the U. S. Information Agency has been "embarrassed" by our broadcast. This is serious. It involves freedom of speech and also monopoly by the Government. I want to inform all of our friends so that we can all get busy. I need help. Mr. Gould reports, "Some agency officials were known to feel that a different set of circumstances arose when his right wing views were regularly disseminated overseas, particularly in the distinctive context of short-wave radio listening. Most short-wave listeners tend to associate a station automatically with the country of its location."

In the United States we have freedom — freedom of speech. The individual is free to advocate his opinions. The United States must not become like the other nations with a government monopoly on the expression of opinion on radio that is transmitted overseas. The whole world must recognize that America is a land of freedom and that other opinions than that of the Government may be heard and circulated by short wave.

How our broadcast could possibly produce any confusion in regard to American policy it is difficult to comprehend. How anyone who listens to our program anywhere in the world and hears our emphasis upon God, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, righteousness, the Devil, and our militant opposition and exposure of the Communist conspiracy — how anyone could listen to this and think that it originated or that it represented Washington is utterly preposterous. Obviously there is more behind it than this.

The chairman of the FCC is

reported to have acknowledged "that one problem was the absence of the clear-cut policy lines covering the licensing of international short-wave stations operated by private groups. It is generally said such stations are expected to reflect the American philosophy of life but the matter has never been spelled out in specific regulations."

Thus this great area of freedom may have some restrictions put upon it. May God forbid. But since the question is now raised, we must face and fight it.

As I understand it, the FCC has only granted three private licenses to short-wave stations in the United States and it has announced that it does not intend to grant any more at the present. To admit openly that it would suppress other views and deny freedom of speech would be a very risky position for the FCC to take. But some technical ground as it relates to radio could be used for the discontinuance of these short-wave licenses and the Government then would, of course, have the monopoly in foreign broadcasts. Under no circumstances must the American people permit only "The Voice of America" to be heard overseas, which is controlled by the party in power in Washington.

If freedom, however, can be restricted on radio in international broadcasting by the FCC, then it can also be restricted on radio in the United States of America. The issue of freedom is involved. Whoever thought that our little broadcast, which is supposed to be unimportant and of no value, would receive such recognition and attention by these top officials in Washington!

The story indicates that one of the objections has to do with the reflections against the United Nations which we have been making. But should not the world know that there are people in the United States, and a rousing company of them as such, who question the presence of the United States in the United Nations? There is nothing wrong with this. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and if Congress can make no law abridging the freedom of speech, what right has a bureau set up by the Government to make regulations abridging the freedom of speech? They have none whatever!

For this reason we recommend and urge that all of our friends contact their Congressmen immediately about this problem. Write the FCC, too! But Congress is the place for us to go. Congress operates under the First Amendment and the restraints thereof. Congress is the one which must protect us now from the FCC and these pressures from the U. S. Information Agency. Please alert your Congressmen immediately and enlist their support. We must create a public sentiment in this



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EDWARD R. MURROW

land which will understand what freedom of speech is. What a spectacle! We are spending \$52 billion of tax money to maintain our defenses for freedom and then at the same time maintaining a Government agency which is questioning the use of freedom of speech. If we are defending our liberty, we must use that liberty. If we are fighting the cause of liberty for the free world, the whole world must see a manifestation and recognize an exercise of that liberty. Telstar was put in private hands after a bitter fight, and we must fight for the right of private stations to contract with individuals for the expression of private opinions.

We have had considerable difficulty with the U. S. Information Agency over the years. I, personally, have visited the libraries and information centers in Argentina, Brazil, India, and other places in my travels, checking on these matters. We have found that there is considerable literature and material offered by the United States Government in behalf of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, and nothing whatsoever concerning the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches. We requested that this be corrected but it was not. We found that the *Christian Century* was being sent to all these libraries. This is the ecumenical journal. We filed a petition with the U. S. Information Agency requesting that this

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Of the Greatest Possible Import

The questions now being raised by the United States Information Agency and the Federal Communications Commission concerning the 20th Century Reformation Hour are of the greatest possible import. Can Government agencies take away from the citizens that which the Constitution forbids the Congress to do?

The First Amendment of the Constitution reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Congress cannot abridge freedom of speech and neither can the Federal Communications Commission. Neither can the United States Information Agency. The whole world must recognize that in the United States there is freedom. If the Western world is fighting for freedom, no authority in Washington should be permitted to deny that freedom to a single individual. And if by means of radio the issues which the free citizens are discussing in their own country can be heard in all sections of the world, the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States, should defend that liberty and defend it forthrightly.

We call upon all of our friends to bring this matter to the attention of their Congressmen immediately.

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RIGHT-WING RADIO IS UNDER INQUIRY

Broadcasts of Pennsylvania Station Are Studied

By JACK GOULD
Special to The New York Times.

NEW YORK.

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WINB is licensed to the Rev. John N. Norris, president of the Red Lion Broadcasting Company, which in addition to its short-wave outlet also has domestic radio stations on the standard and frequency modulation bands.

Red Lion is nine miles from York, Pa., and the signals of WINB can be intercepted in New York and Washington. Concern over the international distribution of Mr. McIntire's views, it was learned, originated with the United States Information Agency, which operates the battery of governmental short-wave transmitters known collectively as "The Voice of America."

Monitors of the U.S.I.A. were understood to have made tape recordings of Mr. McIntire's programs, and to have been disturbed by his remarks allegedly disparaging the usefulness of the United Nations. "The Voice of America" consistently reflects American policy supporting the world body.

Neither station WINB nor Mr. McIntire has been appraised as yet of the interest of the U.S.I.A. and the F.C.C., and it was admittedly uncertain what action the government might take.

Efforts to reach Mr. McIntire and Mr. Norris were unavailing, but at WINB it was confirmed that there had been no formal word from Washington.

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Mr. McIntire, who is pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church in Collingswood, is president of the International Council of Christian Churches. In particular he has consistently attacked the National Council of Churches. After being ousted in 1938 from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, he formed his own fundamentalist denomination.

Public Press Reports Investigation of Short Wave Radio Station Carrying 20th Century Reformation Hour Broadcast

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United States Information Agency Gave National Council of Churches' Line to Russia: Refused to Report Protests of Opposition in U.S.A.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
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April 20, 1956

Dear Dr. McIntire:

In response to your request, we are happy to send you copies of both Dr. Blake's and Cardinal Spellman's Easter messages which the Voice of America broadcast around the world in English on Easter Sunday.

Voice of America coverage of the visit of the United States church delegation to the Soviet Union in Russian-language programs included short news announcements on the group's departure for Russia, their tour within the country and their comments following their return. Their comments were to the effect that church feeling and the desire to attend church were still strong on the part of the Russian people but that officially the Communist regime was against the practice of religion.

The coverage of their entire trip consisted of straight, factual news without any editorial commentary on the subject. Opposition to the tour on the part of other U.S. church leaders was not voiced to avoid embarrassing the delegation during the time of their visit.

Sincerely yours,
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Brief . . .

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held in Denver, of the American Council, said: "Carl McIntire, representing the so-called American Council of Churches."

8. The *Christian Century*, April 7, 1954, speaks of the "distracting efforts of the McIntires, . . . and other disrupting forces."

There is a constant and ceaseless effort in issue after issue, on the part of the *Christian Century*, to carry on this propaganda against the movement represented by the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches.

We do not object to the *Christian Century* doing this in a free country, it is their privilege, but we do strenuously object to the Government of the United States sending their propaganda throughout the world with tax money. Furthermore, having sent this propaganda, the Government does not make available in any way, to the same sources throughout the world, the answers or a journal which represents the opposing position, and an entirely one-sided and distorted picture of the conditions and situation in the United States on this religious conflict is presented.

On the other hand, the *Christian Century* is constantly reporting, in the most favorable terms, the program and activity of the National Council of Churches and of the World Council of Churches through its columns.

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be discontinued or if not that the *Christian Beacon* or a journal representing the 20th Century Reformation Movement be included in the libraries. [See page 5.] This was refused.

The U. S. Information Agency broadcasts religious services on its short wave. The Roman Catholics, the National Council of Churches, including Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and others, have been featured. Never once has a religious leader identified with the American Council of Churches been invited to participate. This is discrimination of long standing. We have protested but to no avail. When the National Council went to Russia in 1956, the short-wave "Voice of America" carried it in detail. When the Russians came back to the United States they also gave the report. Blake was featured as the Easter speaker, and, when we inquired about these matters and asked if "The

For the U. S. Information Agency to provide this propaganda for the World Council and the National Council, by tax money and through Government channels, constitutes, we believe, a misuse of government funds.

For the reasons stated, we respectfully request that the U. S. Information Agency immediately withdraw from its services the *Christian Century* and any other religious journal which is promoting and fostering a particular religious position.

"Voice of America" had reported the protests in this country against the Russian churchmen as Communist agents of propaganda, the answer came back that this had not been reported because they did not wish to embarrass the National Council leaders. This is managed news.

Now I have an opportunity to tell something of this record, and since things have been managed in such a way that the world has not heard about the 20th Century Reformation Movement in the United States through the Information Agency or "both sides" in the great controversy over the building of the one-world church (yet the world has heard "both sides" in the Mississippi conflicts), it is indeed embarrassing when a short-wave station begins to report the opinion and the position to the world. Read the article. It is "his views" that they are objecting to. Views—views!

I also object to the slanting of this news article by Gould. When he mentions the National Council of Churches he does not call it the "ultra-modernist National Council of Churches" but when he speaks about us we are "the ultra-conservative Protestant fundamentalist." This is your double standard in news slanting which conditions the mind of the country against the "ultras" before they even have a chance to present their views.

My views are those of the historic Protestant churches. My views are those of Patrick Henry and the patriots of this country who put their liberty above life and were determined to fight and

die for freedom.

My friend, here is the challenge. I have already spent time reporting this to our nation and on our network, and I shall continue to do so with all the strength that God gives. We shall fight any restrictions upon our freedom of speech.

Now we have reached 404 stations. Let us get the other 196 immediately. Please get busy with local committees. Please help. May I urge especially that those who cannot help in this way become regular, monthly supporters—\$1, \$2, \$5, or \$10 a month. Do help here in some way. It is this that keeps this broadcast on the air. We are an increasing company of God-fearing Americans who want freedom. Use your freedom to help. It is more urgent than ever that we place the broadcast where all may hear. And we shall use our freedom to defend our freedom. You can help. Please do it immediately.

Please remember the following:

1. February is special subscription month for the *Christian Beacon*, which sponsors the broadcast. A regular subscription is \$2, but three are offered for \$5, and seven for \$10. Send the paper to others.

2. May all ministers on February 10 preach on the Communist control of the Russian Orthodox Church. Get your pastors to join with us all on this.

3. The name of our great new conference center in Cape May, N. J., will be announced on February 16. Over 1,000 names

have been submitted. This center will do more than anything else to bring us all together, to know one another, to help one another. It will be open June, July, and August, and then permanently. We are asking 5,000 people to give us \$100. It is an investment in liberty.

4. Two great mass meetings have been called by the American Council of Christian Churches to protest the coming of the Russian Red clergy. February 28—East Denver High School; March 1—Prudential Auditorium, Chicago, 8 p.m. As soon as the schedule is known concerning the tour of these Russians, other meetings will be announced immediately. We expect to protest this in the most vigorous possible manner.

It is significant that the break in Washington announcing the investigation of our views came during the week that we were exposing the Russian Orthodox Church as Communist-controlled—agents of the secret police running it. This should not only be embarrassing to the "Voice of America" but it should be particularly embarrassing to the World Council of Churches to have such a church in its membership, and to the National Council to give such propagandists for Khrushchev's phony "peace" their platform to do their job inside of America.

Please help us, my friend. We are fighting in the name of the Lord, depending upon His grace and His mercy, and may God spare *America the Beautiful*.

Yours faithfully,
CARL MCINTIRE

Radio Listeners Write of Activities "for God and Country"

Many, many of the listeners to the 20th Century Reformation Hour are active, not just passive, in regard to the program. Printed here on this page are a number of letters which show the various kinds of activity in which some listeners are engaged—all for the glory of God and the preservation of our free country.

Hickory, N. C.—"I am so disturbed over what is going on in our religion and our Government. Our church belongs to the National Council of Churches and our preachers are rather looking down their noses at those of us who are concerned. Our associate pastor's wife told a friend of mine concerning you and your program, 'You know that he is disrupting our churches.' We are finding others all the time who are listening to your programs, so maybe some of us are waking from a deep sleep. . . . Please pray for us that we can help solve a terrible, terrible wrong that is being dealt us in our churches—by their remaining silent when they should be shouting from the housetops."

Bedford, Va.—"I am eleven years old. I was sick yesterday and could not go to school so I was able to listen to your program. One dollar is all the money I have right now, so I'm sending it to you. I'm glad you are trying to help those Christian refugees. My Lord saved me soon after my eleventh birthday and I want everybody to know about my Saviour. I'm glad we have good preachers like you and the good preacher at my church."

Tescott, Kans.—"God help our people to wake up out of their complacency. These terrible things grieve a person. We see the handwriting on the wall. We will soon get the same thing those poor Cubans and Russians got if people don't wake up. . . . God bless you for your stand and give you holy boldness in these perilous times."

Jupiter, Fla.—"I have heard so many people and several pas-

tors talk against you. In fact, I became interested in you for that reason. My opinion of you is of the very highest. I say it takes a devout Christian to know one, and, when you get up before the microphone and talk about our dear Saviour and preach the new birth and go into the mysteries of the faith the way you do, I say you are God-called and God-sent. True Christians will understand the depth of these wonderful truths because the Holy Spirit dwells within. I question a pastor's faith when he talks against one such as you and, believe me, their statements are anything but kind. But you know, I think you are attacking where it hurts, namely, the WCC and NCC. They haven't got what it takes to pull away. I wonder what they think God meant when He said He would take care of His own."

Mobile, Ala.—"We put everything aside at 8.30 a.m. and listen eagerly to your message as it comes over WABF, Fairhope, Ala. We are praying for you, your coworkers, and doing all we can to get others to listen. We pass the literature out in hopes that that will awaken those that receive it. How we thank God for your ministry!"

Lake Mills, Wis.—"It's wonderful to learn that the Lord blessed the Korean offering so bountifully. Let's hope that much more comes in to swell the total. . . ."

"We sure do like to listen to the reading of some of those grand letters you receive. They must thrill you upon receipt."

"We're eagerly awaiting the announcement of the new name for the Cape May conference hotel."

Lexington Park, Md.—"I just recently started hearing your program. I've talked to some people about you. Those who don't like you are those who don't like what you have to say about them. I've also noticed that most of these people are unconcerned about the state

of our great country. It seems as if people nowadays are too busy to take time to read the news and realize its taking place in our country."

"People paid no attention to Noah; they didn't approve of his message, just as some don't approve of you."

"I'm a Navy wife and have done a lot of traveling. I find people are sleeping and don't want to be awakened. To me, it does not matter if I go along with you one hundred per cent, but there is a need for someone to stimulate our sleepy minds, and you do give a lot of food for thought."

Arlington, Va.—"I have said for a long time we have another Benedict Arnold in high places in our Government. What this nation has to fear most is the danger we face inside our borders. We are very much like a wormy apple. We are being destroyed from the core out."

Wilson, Kans.—"Just a word this morning to tell you that we are praying for you and we do thank the Lord for you dear brethren. You have surely been brought to our nation for such a time as this. . . ."

"I am so glad that you are dealing with our corrupt State Department. Under God your voice can be the means of getting our country awakened while we still have this much freedom. You can be sure that they will take it away from us if they can."

Franklin, N. C.—"I listen to the 20th Century Reformation Hour broadcast every morning over the local station, WFSC. My heart and faith are challenged to the depths to face the hours ahead with a greater determination to live for my Lord and Saviour that He may be lifted up in these last days. He will call for His church very soon, for just about all the prophecies to be fulfilled before His doing so have been, or are rapidly in the process of being

so just now. The information you are giving the people is proving that more and more. It is a time when all born-again ones should walk a little closer to Him. . . ."

"I shall continue lifting you, your dear ones, and each member of your staff before the Throne of Grace daily asking the Heavenly Father to bless you and supply all your needs."

"I am so very happy for the miracle God has performed in raising the money for the Koreans. That nation has a very warm spot in my heart. I was stationed there at the end of World War II on occupation duty and saw much of the poverty and suffering there, but I am sure it has increased a thousandfold now."

Winter Garden, Fla.—"I have written every one I can think of about the Russians who are coming in February, protesting their being allowed to come here, protesting our part in the disgraceful part in the U. N.'s action in the Congo. As I see our Government continue to mistreat our friends and help our enemies, I wonder how we can stop all this. . . . I, for one, shall keep writing and you keep talking, and Charlie keep saying 'Amen,' and we'll win yet."

Kalamazoo, Mich.—"We are sending you our small donation for the broadcast we hear over WKPR. We hardly ever miss a day to hear you and wish we could send you a hundred times this much. We are not citizens, but as it is we would not like to see this great country go socialist, but we think it is on the brink."

Somers, Mont.—"We have started a study group here in the little town of Somers, Montana, and we have placed five tract racks (filled with anti-Communist tracts and other literature) in places where the public can get it. We have one in a secondhand store, one in a dry-cleaning shop, shoeshop, and a gas filling station, and at the

Somers' department store.

"Tell others about this idea of putting racks up. The public is getting informed and I feel we are doing something to awaken the people."

University City, Mo.—"My folks came from Russia as ten-year-old children; however, of Dutch descent, and I have been old plenty about Russia even prior to 1884, and good authorities of more recent dates have told me Russia under Communism is infinitely worse than it was priorly. Russia and Communism constitute hell on earth, and too many here in America seem not to understand what it is all about. To me it is the Devil turned loose. America should be the legion to fight the Devil on every turn and I think with God's help we will win, for with God how can we lose?"

Clovis, Calif.—"My grandmother and I think your program is wonderful. I've listened to it for better than six months now. Hardly a day goes by that we don't listen to it. We're both ashamed that we haven't written sooner. . . . I'm 18 years old. Like most teen-agers, at one time I was pretty apathetic and ignorant about world events. Your program woke me up. Ever since I first heard your program, I've become more keenly aware of world conditions. Both my grandmother and I are Christians and will be praying for you and Mr. Amen Charley. God bless you and your work."

Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa.—"I surely am glad I was ever led to turn to your program this morning, I thought surely 'thou art come . . . for such a time as this.'"

"Your faith and zeal are inspiring, and how God is working! 'Faith without works is dead. . . . One without, the other does not work. Still much more to be continued to down these Communists. I wish every radio broadcast had your program on to awaken people."

SCRAPBOOK NO. 6

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



PATRIARCH ALEXIUS OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

HOW THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IS PROMOTING COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD

BRIEF PRESENTED TO UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, APRIL 13, 1954

We, the undersigned, representing churches affiliated with both the American Council of Christian Churches in the United States and the International Council of Christian Churches, respectfully present the following petition to the U. S. Information Agency:

I.

We request that the U. S. Information Agency desist from using United States funds and the name and offices of the United States Government in its propaganda service attacks upon the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches.

In the United States, in which we have equality and freedom of religion, it is not the province or function of the Government in any way to promote the interests of a particular religious group, or to oppose the interests of any other particular religious group.

At the present time the U. S. Information Agency is providing, in its services throughout the world, the *Christian Century*. This Protestant weekly has been carrying on a constant attack upon the American Council of Christian Churches, the International Council of Christian Churches, and leaders in these councils. These attacks are designed to discredit in the minds of people throughout the world the movement represented by the American Council in the United States and by the International Council throughout the world. These issues of the *Christian Century* have been examined by representatives of the council in various centers throughout the world and the Agency admits that it supplies this publication.

This attack made in the *Christian Century* has not been incidental but has been major. It includes featured articles announced on the front cover pages.

1. The *Christian Century*, April 15, 1953, contains an article entitled, "Attacks on the Churches." Efforts to oppose subversion and false teaching within the churches were twisted to represent an attack upon the churches. This 5½ page feature entirely misrepresented the picture within the United States as

it relates to the American Council.

2. The *Christian Century*, April 8, 1953, on its front page announced an article, "Ministry of Disruption." This three-page feature misrepresents again the facts concerning the American Council, the struggle over the Revised Standard Version, and attacks particularly Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

Replies submitted to the *Christian Century* to these attacks were refused publication.

3. The *Christian Century*, October 14, 1953, carried a direct and specific reference to the International Council of Christian Churches and its project of floating Scripture over the Iron Curtain by "Bible balloons," and called upon the press and radio to give attention to "these slimy citizens," as allegedly exposed in the book, *Apostles of Discord*. For the Government to circulate propaganda calling a group of its religious leaders "slimy citizens" is intolerable.

4. The *Christian Century*, October 21, 1953, features a story headed, "McIntire Fails at Disruption," which is supposed to be a report of a conference of the India Bible Christian Council, in Landour, India. The Council is one of the groups affiliated with the International Council of Christian Churches.

5. The *Christian Century*, March 17, 1954, heads another story, "McIntire Carries Discord to Chile." This is supposed to be a report of the Second Assembly of the Latin American Alliance of Christian Churches, an affiliate of the International Council of Christian Churches.

6. The *Christian Century*, September 16, 1953, heads another story, "McIntire Group Confuses Japan." This is supposed to be a report of the second meeting of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches, also an affiliate of the International Council of Christian Churches.

7. The *Christian Century*, December 24, 1952, in an erroneous and twisted report of a meeting

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INTRODUCTION - SCRAPBOOK NO. 6.

This book consists primarily of photographic reproductions taken from The Russian Orthodox Church -- Organization, Situation, Activity, published by the Moscow Patriarchate, Moscow, U.S.S.R. Entire chapters of this 230-page book are reproduced: The Church and the Soviet State; Exarchates, Dioceses, Missions and Other Bodies of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad; The Russian Orthodox Church and the Christian World (Relations of the Russian Orthodox Church with the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches, Relations of the Russian Orthodox Church with Christians of Other Confessions); and The Russian Orthodox Church in the Struggle for Peace. This is the fortieth anniversary publication of The Moscow Patriarchate to "serve the great cause of rapprochement between the peoples in the spirit of peace and mutual understanding."

It is the finest possible evidence revealing the phony "peace" line and the constant eulogizing of the Soviet State.* The book itself could not be published without the approval of the State, and the government made available the paper for the printing. It is particularly significant to see the world-wide network the Communists have through the Russian Orthodox Church in many lands where they control the churches which are subject to the Moscow Patriarchate.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake is featured, as are other church leaders from the West, and here is the use which the Communists have made of these church leaders from the West who have been giving the right hand of Christian fellowship to these traitors to the cause of Christ, who, as the record here reports, actually provided leadership for the government in the destruction of the anti-Communist clergymen.

This publication came into the hands of Dr. Carl McIntire, director of the 20th Century Reformation Hour broadcast, January 8, 1963, from the Middle East. It gives the lie to the reports which leaders of the National Council of Churches have been making in the United States concerning the status of the Russian Orthodox Church, and even the line that the church is "suffering." Here the church repudiates any thought that it has been persecuted or is being persecuted. It is free and separate!

Moreover, this record confirms what former secret police have said under oath before the Security Committees of the United States Congress about the Russian Orthodox Church being under the complete control of the Soviet secret police and serving as a tool of the Communist Party. The "line" which is here presented is the one the Communists are preaching in the official Communist publications - The Tribune in Canada, The Worker in the U.S.A., and others throughout the world. "Peace and mutual understanding" is a tactic of theirs to win the cold war.

The book from Moscow was written before the World Council of Churches received into its membership the Russian Orthodox Church, November 20, 1961, in New Delhi, and it shows the consolidation of all the Orthodox churches behind the Iron Curtain under the direction of Moscow. The following churches are now in the World Council of Churches: Russian Orthodox Church, Georgian Orthodox Church, Armenian Orthodox Church, Polish Orthodox Church, Russian Baptist Church, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bulgarian Orthodox Church, and Rumanian Orthodox Church. There is a particularly strong emphasis upon Christian unity. This is also a cover used by the Reds to ingratiate themselves with the leaders of the ecumenical movement. Unity takes its place alongside of such words as "peace" and "understanding," as a prostitute church makes its contribution to strengthening the world-wide apostasy in twentieth century Christendom.

This compilation is especially significant to the United States in view of the visit of thirty or more Communist churchmen to the United States for three weeks under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches, beginning January 27, 1963.

Since the publication of this book, Metropolitan Nicolai has died. The report of his death is given in the end of this Scrapbook. (Scrapbook No. 1 dealt entirely with him.) Young Archbishop Nikodim, trained under him, has taken his place. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Arthur Michael Ramsey, held a "summit" meeting with Patriarch Alexi, July 31 to August 3, 1962, which produced world-wide publicity, and the Patriarch himself has received the Red Banner of Labor Award, the second highest award given by the Supreme Soviet, for his efforts in behalf of peace.

This book is a major Soviet publication in their psychological warfare. The underscoring and all the handwritten notes in the book were made by Carl McIntire.

The testimony of Yuri Rastvorov, April 12, 1956, "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States," and of Petr S. Deriabian, May 5, 1959, "Communist Controls on Religious Activity," both given under oath before the United States Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee, may be had free by addressing 20th Century Reformation Hour, Collingswood, N. J. These witnesses completely expose the fraud represented by this book, The Russian Orthodox Church.

May this documentation be valuable to church leaders, Government authorities, security forces throughout the Western world in exposing what is unquestionably a major thrust of the Communist conspiracy in its lying propaganda. There should be no talk of "peace" until the cold war is won. The understanding which must be had of Communism is that it is a total evil and it contaminates and destroys all that it comes in contact with. Peaceful coexistence with it is the road to the destruction of the West and the triumph of Communism.

The president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Mr. J. Irwin Miller, told the General Board in Louisville, Ky., on his return from Moscow, "It is through the church, and the church alone, that we have any chance of beginning an understanding between the two most powerful nations in the world today."

The Russians are co-operating with him in this program. In fact, they started the program first. It is their strategy, and the National Council and the World Council are giving these churchmen from Moscow their platform from which to present their deception. The churches of the Western world should be telling the nations that the godless conspiracy known as Communism is determined to destroy all that Christianity represents. Indeed, this program of the National Council of Churches is contributing to the destruction of Christianity and is giving the Communist churchmen the recognition which they need to carry on their wicked work.

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Order from 20TH CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR, BOX 190, COLLINGSWOOD, N. J.

This is Scrapbook No. 6. The other scrapbooks in the series are:
No. 1 - Metropolitan Nicolai, Agent in Soviet Secret Police
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No. 3 - Communist China, A Documented Appraisal of Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
No. 4 - The Russian Baptists, Propagandists for Stalin and Khrushchev
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