

man who is as good as our pastor. this great man who as been our pastor the last 20 years, who ~~is~~ just died. Let's get a man here who would not think of becoming our permanent pastor. Just have him for a year interim until things settle down, and then we can pick. They got a man in there who had a very attractive personality and who knew how to hide his liberal views, and used pious terminology that didn't mean anything. Then after a year they voted to make him permanent. These four were changed from conservative to liberal within about 3 or 4 years.

Neher: In the case of this last church, did you say the minority was liberal or conservative?

AAM: Liberal. See the minority was at that time liberal in most of the churches, but there was clever ~~fe~~<sup>1</sup>angling in getting control. After all---- take the Baracah church over here, which had a church down in the city, I think, and they moved out. I understand they had maybe 1000 members, <sup>all</sup> entirely independent church. I think they had a meeting to decide whether to sell their property and to move out and there were 75 present! So a majority of 40 == out of the 800 <sup>of 20</sup> ~~((th 80))~~ could decide. The average person, they go here as long as they are happy, and if they are not they can drop out and go somewhere else. And time and again a strong minority which is active and really interested can get control. It's usually the liberals that do that rather than the conservatives. But colleges, mission boards, who denominations have gone for that reason. The ~~libtle~~ group that has been conditioned in college or seminary works to get power and then works to get control. The general rank and file goes along, if they really had their say it would be this way, but they don't feel keenly.

Neher: I've heard it argued that we should have just small local churches in order to prevent great big denominations all falling at the same time. What do you think about that?