

Dr. MacRae Interviewed by Jim Neher 2-20-79

There are several things, I don't know just how to relate them together that are of interest. In connection with my leaving Westminster. That last year I was there. I did not talk a great deal. I was good friends with all the faculty. I did not talk a great deal. So they talked very freely in front of me. They were anxious that the new church that had come into existence should be what they thought was a truly Reformed church. They felt that Christian liberty, so-called, was one of the major things in it. Dr. Stonehouse was one of the strongest proponents of Christian liberty. there. He one time. Dr. Machen never smoked. We used to go to the Gregg Hotel on Saturday for lunch after our faculty meeting Saturday a.m., and then Dr. Machen used to enjoy going out and buying cigars and passing them around. Most of them smoked. But he didn't smoke and I didn't smoke. They had Dr. Laird for Day of Prayer speaker one time. He went over and we ate lunch together. And Dr. Machen did not bring out any ~~cigars~~ cigars. The next week that Dr. Machen brought the cigars he said I didn't bring any last ~~week~~ week, Dr. Laird being the speaker. I thought maybe he wouldn't like it. Stonehouse spoke up and said, Well maybe it was our duty to smoke last week. He was very outspoken on that. When he and I were students at Princeton Seminary one day the General Assembly investigated the seminary and some of the directors were there in order to meet with them. We went over to Dr. Armstrong's house-- Stonehouse and I-- because we were the national officers of the League of Evangelical Students. We went over to see Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and Chairman of the Board of ~~Trustee~~ Directors. He immediately offered us a *smoke*, and Stonehouse said, No thank you. But he said, I do smoke! He wanted to be sure there was no misunderstanding. However, I think